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## Expect Record Entries For Coke Stock Show

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County Agent

Annual Coke County Livestock Show will be held at the Show barns in Robert Lee on Monday, January 12. Approximately 35 F. F. A. and 4-H boys and girls will be exhibiting 15 beef cattle, 70 hogs and 120 sheep for the top honors and prize money.

Judging the show will be Dawson Coleman, V. A. teacher at Miles, who judged the show in 1958. John Atkins, district salesman for an insurance company and a former V. A. teacher, will classify the animals. In order to keep the showmanship judge's name a secret, it will not be published this week.

Judging of the prize animals will begin at 10 a. m. with the judging of swine. Sheep judging is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a. m. followed by the beef cattle judging at 2 p. m.

Twenty-five lambs and hogs will be offered for sale by auction after the show. Each boy or girl qualifying an animal for the sale is allowed to sell one animal. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend the show.

Directors of the County Stock Show Association responsible for preparing for the show are: Buster Burson, Crowley Harmon, Douglas Gartman, Nolan Pentecost, Leslie Wink, J. F. McCabe, Edward Cumbie, D. K. Glenn, R. H. Sims, Hollis Ensor, Marvin Corley and J. P. Arrott.

Superintendents of the various division's in Monday's show are: Beef cattle — Douglas Gartman and Nolan Pentecost

Sheep — Hollis Ensor and Crowley Harmon

Swine — Buster Burson and

Marvin Corley

4-H club members who will enter animals are as follows:

Calves — James Bird Pentecost, Sanco, one hereford steer (has two in Odessa); Gaylon Pitcock, two hereford steers; Eddie Glenn, Bronte, two hereford steers; Kathy Preslar, Robert Lee two Angus steers; Kay Wink, Sanco, one shorthorn steer; Robert Wink, Sanco, one shorthorn steer; Kenneth Wink, Sanco, one hereford steer; Dee Arrott, Tennyson, one hereford steer.

Sheep — Jerry Burson, Edith, three fine wool lambs; Cynthia Davis, Millican Camp, one fine wool lamb; Dawnie Boykin, Robert Lee, four fine wool lambs; Bennie Boykin, Robert Lee, four crossbred lambs; Raye Jean McCutchen, Robert Lee, two crossbred lambs; Melinda Percifull, Valley View, two fine wool lambs; Malcom Johnson, Maverick, four crossbred lambs; Juanita Johnson, Maverick, four fine wool lambs; Dee Arrott, Tennyson, four crossbred lambs, three finewool lambs, three southdown lambs, and three commercial breeding ewes; Bobby Blaylock, Lometa, two Rambouillet ewes and one Rambouillet buck; Sidney Eubanks, Jr., Bronte, one Rambouillet buck; Jimmy Wells, Bronte, three Rambouillet ewes and three Rambouillet bucks.

Swine — C. L. Sparks, Jr., Robert Lee, three gilts; Clyde Byrne, Robert Lee, one barrow; Prescilla Wylie, Friendship, two gilts; William Ray Hood, Robert Lee, one gilt; Robert Wink, Sanco, one gilt; Gaylon Pitcock, Sanco, two gilts and one sow; Malcom Johnson, Maverick, one gilt; Juanita Johnson, Maverick, one gilt; Dawnie Boykin, Robert Lee, one gilt; Dee Arrott, Tennyson, one sow.

over the previous statement published for Sept. 4.

G. C. Allen, bank president, states the increase is due to the general trend of an improved economy in this area. During the same period loans have increased about \$25,000.

Deposits at the end of the year were \$1,774,337, an all time high for any previously published statement. However, Mr. Allen said there had been days when that figure was surpassed.

Banks are required to publish statements four times a year, the exact date being set by the state superintendent of banking.

Robert Lee State Bank has enjoyed a steady growth during the past ten years. In January of 1948 the deposits were \$863,000, about one-half what they are today. Capital and surplus then was \$50,000, and that figure has been increased to \$100,000.

Mr. Allen, a stockholder since the bank was organized, became active in its management in August, 1958. He was elevated to president two years ago.

The increase in business made it necessary for the bank to enlarge its quarters and a fine modern \$50,000 building was erected in the fall of 1957.

While deposits made a big jump in recent months, loans were also increased \$24,000. The bank's loans are up \$210,000 over a year ago.

Annual stockholders meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday.

### SPRINGERS RETURN HOME

T/Sgt. and Mrs. H. L. Springer and their five children recently returned to the States from a three-year period in France where Sgt. Springer was on duty with the U. S. Air Force. They went immediately to California to visit Mr. Springer's parents and have since returned to Robert Lee and San Angelo. Mrs. Springer is the former Dora Richardson and is a sister of Mrs. Roy Wyatt. Their father, Jake Richardson, resides in San Angelo. The Springers' youngest child, a daughter, was born in France. Sgt. Springer's future assignment will be at Wichita, Kans.

### Bud Thetford Heads List Of New Officials

W. W. (Bud) Thetford was sworn in Jan. 1 as Coke County Judge and Ex-officio School Supt. for the only change in the county's roster of principal officers. He succeeds Jeff Dean, who retires after 10 years.

Two new justices of the peace are Roy P. Ross of Robert Lee and J. S. Liles of Bronte. Ross replaces E. C. Davis, while Liles succeeds C. E. Bruton.

County officials beginning new 4-year terms include J. L. Tinkler, county and district clerk, Mrs. Gertrude Gray, county treasurer, Howard Brock, commissioner Precinct 2, and Claude Ditmore, commissioner of Precinct 4.

Pete Gentry is the new constable in Precinct 2, having been named by a write-in vote at the November election. He filled the vacancy caused by the death of T. F. Sims.

Frank Dickey Sr. was recently appointed to fill out the remaining two years of the county attorney's term, succeeding his son, Frank Jr., who resigned.

Next year Coke voters will choose a sheriff, tax assessor-collector, county attorney, commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3 and constables in Precincts 1 and 2.

Judge Thetford presided over his first session of the Commissioners Court Monday, when claims were audited and paid and county business matters were discussed. Another session will be held next Monday. Commissioners hold regular sessions the first and second Mondays of the month.

### Auto Pins Man Against Fence

W. F. Fikes, well known Robert Lee resident, is hospitalized with a bad leg injury received in a peculiar accident. Last Wednesday he drove to his farm a few miles north of town and stopped to open a gate. After he got out the auto started to move and he made an effort to stop it. As a result he was pinned against a woven wire fence by the vehicle. He finally extricated himself and drove to Coke County Memorial Hospital. Mr. Fikes was suffering from pain and shock and examination disclosed a fracture of the small bone in his left leg between the ankle and knee, a large cut and bad bruises. He is still in the hospital.

Holiday guests in the H. C. Preslar home were Mr. and Mrs. Benny Whiteside and son, Tracy, of Evant. A former resident of this locality, Benny is a son of T. K. Whiteside and is a cousin of Mr. Preslar. He is high school principal at Evant.

## March of Dimes Campaign Begins

A double-barrelled education and solicitation campaign is being launched in Coke County this week for the March of Dimes.

Formerly intended to aid only victims of infantile paralysis, money raised starting this year will go to help prevent and treat children's diseases occurring at birth, arthritis and rheumatism and diseases which attack the central nervous system, causing both brain and body defects.

In addition the National Foundation will continue to care for past victims of polio, as well as the minority of children and adults who do not build up a resistance to polio virus through the Salk vaccine shots.

Robert Vaughan of Robert Lee, Coke County chapter chairman, says all local funds were exhausted last year and that the National Chapter aided in the work for this county. Four patients who are still receiving at least partial treatment will continue to be helped by March of Dimes money. They are located one each at Bronte, Tennyson, Silver and Robert Lee.

In charge of the March of Dimes campaign is Matthew Caperton of

Mrs. Nell Pruitt returned Friday to her home at Paris, Tex., after a two weeks' holiday visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. and family.

### Farewell Party For Judge Dean

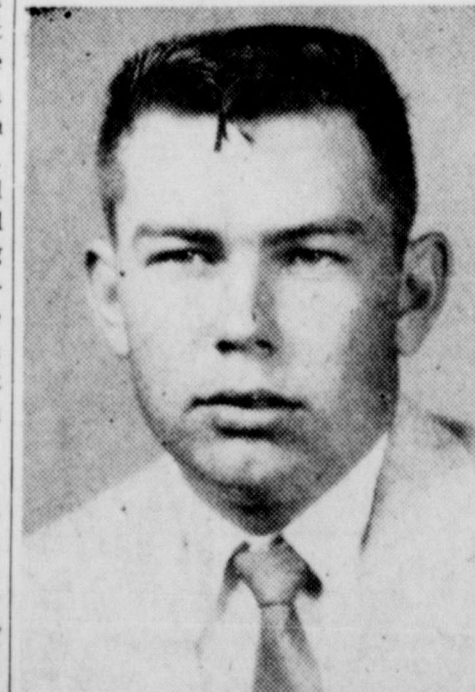
Jeff Dean was presented with a wrist watch by his fellow officers Wednesday afternoon, when he spent his last day in the County Judge's office.

The entire court house group got together and gave Judge Dean a party to show their esteem and appreciation of his ten years of public service.

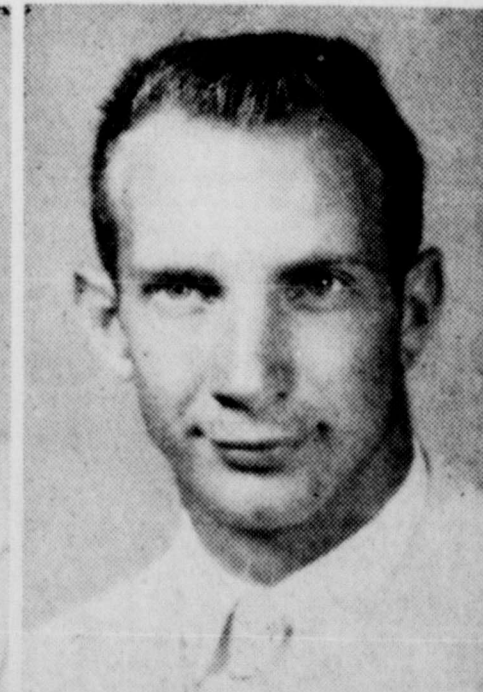
Mr. Dean was elected in 1948 and took office Jan. 1, 1949. During recent years he has been in ill health from arthritis.

He is being succeeded in the judge's office by W. W. (Bud) Thetford, who won the Democratic nomination in a three-way race last July and was elected in November without opposition.

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MELVIN DUNCAN



FREDDY McDONALD

Bronte, assisted by his brother, R. T. Caperton, while Cumbie Ivey Jr. is chairman for Robert Lee and the west half of the county.

Workers are being lined up to assist in the drive and many who have been helping in the past have volunteered to work again this year. Special events will be announced later, but the drive is expected to be well under way within a week.

The campaign chairmen will outline to workers that one of the major problems will be to explain the foundation's new role to the public, to remind county residents that (1) past polio victims—150,000—still require treatment; (2) there are 250,000 children born each year with defects caused to the human cells, which could be prevented if foundation sponsored research finds the cause, as it did with polio and (3) there are 11,000,000 sufferers of arthritis and rheumatism, afflictions for which no cure or preventative is known, and affecting three times as many women as men.

The foundation also will sponsor research, using past experience with polio virus research, aiming at preventing other virus diseases which affect millions of people.

The foundation was originally formed when Franklin D. Roosevelt, himself a victim of polio, was president; the new mission for 1959 and following years was adopted in 1958 when mass Salk vaccine shots eliminated infantile paralysis as one of the major crippling of children and adults.

### Two Robert Lee Footballers On All Area Teams

Two Robert Lee high school athletes received signal honors the past week when they were named on the Abilene Reporter-News all area Class B football teams. They are Melvin Duncan and Freddy McDonald, both seniors.

Duncan, 190-pound tackle, was chosen for the first team. He was pointed out as a defensive specialist.

McDonald, 155-pound halfback, was selected for the second team. Freddy was handicapped with a leg injury during the latter part of the season.

## Silver News

Silver school resumed classes Monday after a two weeks' holiday vacation. Mid-semester exams are slated for the last two days of next week.

Silver junior high boys and girls basketball teams entertain Robert Lee teams here Thursday night of this week. Next Monday night Silver boys and girls play at Sterling City.

Supt. Paul Ashby left Wednesday for Austin to attend the mid-winter school administrators' conference. He made the trip with Robert Lee and Water Valley school men.

A. T. Holt and family made a weekend trip to East Texas Tuesday, returning home Sunday night. They visited Mrs. Holt's parents at New London and with Mr. Holt's father, J. E. Holt, at Henderson. The latter is 78 years of age and is recovering from a serious heart ailment.

Jack Burgess has been transferred by Sun's gas department to LaVerne, Okla., where the company is constructing a new gasoline plant. He has been a construction foreman at Silver several years.

Bob Edwards and family enjoyed a weekend trip to Seminole, Okla., where they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edwards.

Ross R. Cone Sr. of Dallas came out during the holidays to visit his son, Ross Cone Jr. and family at Tubb Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vinson and daughter, Carolyn, spent a part of the holiday period with Mrs. Vinson's kinfolks at Jacksonville.

Silver public school has been given the use of a new Ford by Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee. It has been assigned to the driver education class which is taught by Prin. Guy Wheeler. The class of 13 pupils studied safety and related subjects during the first semester and each of them made passing grades in written tests. The second semester will be devoted to driving experience.

Silver P-TA held its regular meeting Tuesday night when the program was featured by an illustrated talk, "Margie Briefcase", presented by Helen Archer of Big Spring, a representative of Cosden Petroleum Co.

Mrs. J. B. Higginbotham and children returned home last Friday from a week's visit with kinfolks at Bloomington and Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bowman left last week for Washington, D. C., where he will serve in the army motor pool at Walter Reed Hospital. Martin completed basic training at Ft. Carson, Colo., and was home to spend the holidays with kinfolks at Munday and Silver. His wife is the former Barbara Clifton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clifton.

Weekend guests here of their son, Wayne Goodwyn and wife, were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goodwyn of Waco.

The Charlie Arnolds went to Baird Sunday, returning home with their son, Jimmy, who had spent a week on the ranch there with his brother, Butch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bussey and family of Fresno, Calif., visited here during the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Delbert Coal-

son, and family.

Glenn Wilkes, who was recently transferred to St. Bernard, La., by Texas Natural Gasoline Corp., came home for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilkes Sr.

Bobby Hugh Odom and wife came from Beaumont for a few days' Christmas visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom, and with other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen were happy to have a number of their children and grandchildren home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Shingleton recently visited their son, D. W. Shingleton, and family at Delmita.

Mrs. Ruth Gerr and son, Donald, returned Sunday from a holiday visit at Turnertown with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Patsy Coulter, and children.

G. A. Jameson and family of Big Lake were holiday guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mason came from Dallas for a Christmas visit with their daughter, Mrs. George Fugate, and family.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest E. Brown visited a few days here recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown. He was enroute to a base at Phoenix, Ariz., having been transferred from Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lindsey and sons spent Christmas with relatives in the San Antonio area. Their son, David, went on to George West to visit in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Leroy Riser, and family.

Visiting recently with the David Haight family at Vealmoor were Mrs. Frank Mullican and Larry

Don and the Delbert Coalson family.

### RETURN TO COLLEGE

Silver college students have returned to their classes after spending the holidays with home folks. The list includes the following:

North Texas State, Denton — Charles Palmer, Joe Windham, Rex Mason.

Texas Woman's University, Denton — Wanda Lea Koonce.

Texas Tech, Lubbock — Tommy Stewart, Elaine Higginbotham.

Texas A & M, College Station — Sonny Palmer, Bobby Koonce.

Seaton School of Nursing, Austin — Anne Reed.

Shannon School of Nursing, San Angelo — Yvonne Higginbotham.

Sul Ross, Alpine — Tommy and Jerry Wilkes.

San Angelo College — Mary Anne Caldwell, Edward Lee Mullican.

San Angelo Business College — Caroline Holt.

### PERKINS-PROTHRO CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCallie and children, Peggy and Jackson, spent Christmas day in Breckenridge with his parents and then visited in Anson with the Joe Haines family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox and family, Linda, Gary and Susan enjoyed Christmas week in Tulsa with relatives.

Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr. and family, Daphne and A. J. 111, are in Honey Grove, Texas, this week visiting her parents and family. They expect to return Friday.

The Wilbern Millican family family spent Christmas day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Whitaker and sons had Christmas in Colorado City with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Duncan and daughter, Phyllis, spent the holidays in St. Jo., Texas with her parents.

The Paul Burns spent Christmas Day with relatives in Robert Lee.

Mrs. Milton Pate, sister of Billy M. Jones, passed away Monday evening, Dec. 29, in Sweetwater after a year's illness. The Jones family attended the funeral on Tuesday. Also attending from Perkins-Prothro were Leslie Copeland and Eddie Beal.

## Methodist Church News

The Methodist Men's Bible Class elected new officers recently. Those elected to serve were: Mr. Otto Wojtek, president, Mr. Earl Smith, vice-president; Mr. Delmir Sheppard, secretary-treasurer and the assistant secretary, Mr. Linzy McDorman.

The young people of the Church observed the New Year with a Communion Service at the church. This has become an annual service at the church. Thirty-four young boys and girls of the MYF participated in this service.

The two W. S. C. S. Circles met on Tuesday for a joint meeting. The topic for study was "Christian concerns in Government." Their next study will be "Understanding Other Cultures."

Next Sunday, January 11, the MYF sub-district will meet in the Methodist Church at Silver. A large group from our church plan to attend this meeting. Time 2:30 p. m.

The Men's Bible Class painted

the Fellowship Hall and some of the other classes have painted their rooms.

The Church wishes to thank Mr. Cortez Russell for the new sidewalk. This is a wonderful and much needed addition to the Church.

The Choir has been rendering some wonderful specials for the worship service on Sunday morning. Next Sunday the Boy's quartet will bring a special number. For the fine contribution the Choir members have been giving the Church is most grateful.

The following boys will serve as ushers for the next quarter, Clark Godwin, Rex Spencer, John Jacobs, Jimmy Caraway, Rankin Roach and Tony Dean.

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**COKE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS**

**Present Supervisors —**

C. N. Webb, chairman; Robert Walker, Vice Chairman; D. K. Glenn, Secretary and Treasurer; Bryan Yarbrough and W. E. Burns.

Aubrey Denman, Bronte, has made application for assistance under the Great Plains Conservation Program. A soil survey has been made on his place to facilitate working out his plan to meet the needs of the land.

A Great Plains Conservation Plan has just been completed by M. R. Stewart, Edith. His plan includes rootplowing, range seeding, deferment, and constructing a net wire cross fence, concrete storage tank and trough.

Coke Soil Conservation District's accomplishments for the year of 1958 include: technical assistance and counseling given to 300 district cooperators of whom 216 applied one or more conservation practices during 1958; 51 miles of new terraces in the district and 346 miles repaired under the flood repair program; 1800 acres of new contour farming, 21,883 feet of new diversions and 134,102 feet rebuilt; six new stock ponds; 42 new ponds put in as replacements of flood damage; 26 ponds repaired; and 5,872 feet of net wire diversions.

District cooperators have planted some 9,240 acres of cover crops during the year and managed some 6,531 acres of stubble and crop residue for soil protection and improvement. Approximately 44,000 acres of range land was deferred and properly used. Range seeding was practiced on about 2,762 acres. Over 1700 acres of cedar and mesquite were mechanically controlled last year.

Various cooperators set aside a total of 44 acres for the exclusive

use of wildlife on their farms and ranches last year and at least 9 ponds were stocked with fish.

**RESOLVE** — to meet the needs of YOUR land in 1959. Information about the Coke Soil Conservation District, the Great Plains Conservation Program, and assistance with conservation practices can be obtained from the local Soil Conservation office in the Court House.

**Court House Rainfall Record**

This month	0.0
This year	0.0
1958 total	21.71
1957 total	26.30

**Lemley To Sell 2,000 Stocker Cows Jan. 12th**

Joe R. Lemley, San Angelo Angus breeder and calf order buyer, has planned an unusual stocker cow sale in San Angelo, Monday, Jan. 12th. Facilities of the Producers Livestock Auction Company have been leased for the event which starts at 11 a. m.

The unusual thing about the sale is this: the cows do not have calves at side and are obviously not about ready to calve will be pregnancy tested by qualified veterinarians. Also, the cattle that are four years old or older will be toothed for age by the "vets." The cattle will be shaped into uniform lots according to quality, age and date of calving. The bulk of the consignment will sell in truck load lots but there will be a number of lots of 5 and 10 head for those ranchers who only need to replace a few of their cows before breeding season begins.

The consignment will consist of about 1,200 Angus and 800 Hereford cows and some 500 stocker calves and yearlings. There will be pairs, heavy springers, late calvers, open cows and bred and open heifers. A goodly number of the cattle will be strictly choice quality—good enough to suit anyone.

A number of area ranchmen and breed association representatives have expressed a keen interest in seeing a test sale of this sort in order to compare with consignment sales where responsibility, quality and true value of the offerings are so difficult to establish.

"I may take a pretty good country boy's licking on this sale," Lemley said. "We haven't had much time to advertise. Also, those Vets may find some open cows among those I bought as bred and some gummurs in place of those I bought for not over "eight year olds." The packers will sure be the leading contenders on these."

**CALF SCRAMBLE**

(PAT CONNER)  
(JO ANN MILLICAN)

On February 28, 1959, Morgan Ashworth and Clint Austin will be taken to Houston by Mrs. Ashworth to enter in the "calf scramble."

In the calf scramble there are twenty boys who will be scrambling for ten calves. The boys who catch a calf will receive a \$125 certificate with which they will buy a calf to show next year at the stock show in Houston.

**GROWING UP**

(EUNICE BLAIR)

Today I seem to know where I am going. I know what I want to do. Tomorrow's so strange; everything's changed. I'm undecided and blue.

One day I seem to know what is right. I think I know what is wrong. The next, I'm not sure; my judgment is poor, And all my convictions are gone.

Kinfolks here have been advised that Jack Thetford is now a Navy flying cadet at Pensacola, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thetford of McCamey and is a student of Sul Ross College.

**Needed: A New Gym**

(BRENDA COWLEY)

"WE NEED A NEW GYMNASIUM!" This statement is being made by many students at RLHS and it is very true. The gym has "seen its better days" as the saying goes. It was fine a few years ago but now there is a great need for a new one.

The facilities in the gym are not "up to par." If a person sits on one of the seats he may find himself on the floor. Heating the gym is another problem. When the gym is heated the girls or boy end up with black noses. Also the floor has to be fixed every few weeks. The tiles break or come unglued.

The school has been trying to schedule tournaments but other schools refuse to come because the gym is not the type they want to play in.

The dressing rooms are also a problem. The shower facilities are poor and the dressing rooms are inadequate. The boys have to dress in the football room and walk outside before entering the gym.

As anyone can see, a new gym is very badly needed for the school. The old one degrades from the new school building. A new gym would improve the appearance of the school and the town.

**RLHS ENJOYS SNOW**

The snow that fell the morning of December 30 gave the students of RLHS the opportunity to throw things, snowballs, that is, at other students without too many hard feelings. Even the teachers did not escape the flurry of snowballs which were flung into the air and down people's collars.

Even though the snow made highways slick, no major accidents were reported. Most of the teen-age drivers were cautious when driving on the slippery streets.

When the sun came out, it made some people happy, some people sad. For the snowballers, it meant their fun would end. But in spite of all the sun could do, the basketball games with Blackwell that night had to be cancelled.

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**NOTICE TAXPAYERS**

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## Future Farmers Ready Entries For County Show

The Robert Lee FFA Chapter will exhibit 66 fat lambs, 8 commercial ewe lambs, 50 market barrows, 12 breeding hogs, 1 fat steer and 2 registered Hereford heifers at the Coke County Livestock Show Monday, Jan. 12.

This is the largest total number of livestock ever to be exhibited by the FFA Chapter. The 139 head of livestock are owned by 22 different individuals. Seventy-five per cent of the chapter's membership will have one or more entries in the County Show.

The feeding period on some of the animals began as long as a year ago. The fat lambs and market barrows have been on feed approximately four months.

On exhibition will be the registered Hereford heifer won by Douglas Ashworth at the Houston Fat Stock Show Calf Scramble last year. The heifer was purchased from Lee Campbell of Dublin, Texas.

Also Clint Austin and Kenneth Wink will have on exhibition two Hereford calves out of the herd of local rancher, Douglas Gartman of Sanco.

Lamb exhibitors include: Douglas Ashworth 4, Morgan Ashworth 7, Clint Austin 6, Jerry Calder 3, Rocky Counts 9, Bobby Cowley 3, Leon Gregston 2, James Harmon 3, Royce Hood 3, John Kinsey 2, Donny Robertson 4, Butch Service 6, Kenneth Smith 5, Mack Tubb 2, and David Waldrop 8.

Commercial ewe lambs will be exhibited by Butch Service, showing a pen of 3 commercial ewes bred by Nolan Pentecost; and David Waldrop exhibiting a pen of ewe lambs bred by Foster Sims Price of Sterling City.

James Harmon will exhibit a registered Duroc sow that is a full sister to the barrow exhibited by Dennis Blair to first place in its class at Houston last year.

Frankie Blair will exhibit a registered Duroc boar that is from one of the most outstanding Duroc herds in this section of the country. The boar was purchased last spring.

Other breeding swine exhibitors will be: Rocky Counts, Frankie Blair and Douglas Robertson.

Boys exhibiting market barrows will be Douglas Ashworth 4, Morgan Ashworth 3, Frankie Blair 10, Rocky Counts 3, Carlton Boone 4, James Harmon 3, Joe Jones 3, Jerry Quisenberry 2, Douglas Robertson 5, Jamie Schooler 6, and A. J. Summers 3.

Many of the same animals exhibited at the County show will go on to other stock shows throughout the state. The Robert Lee FFA Chapter will exhibit animals at Abilene, Houston and San Angelo.

### COLDEST IN YEARS

Coke County along with the entire southwest area experienced the coldest weather in eight years over the past weekend. Unofficial temperatures were reported around five degrees both Sunday and Monday mornings. No moisture has been received in this section.

## PERSONALS

Wallace Clift left Monday for Berkeley, Calif., where he is a student at an Episcopal Seminary. He made the trip by plane. His wife and baby will remain in Texas two more weeks visiting his parents in Robert Lee and her kinfolks at Austin.

Relatives from a distance who were present for a family gathering in the home of Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman on Dec. 28 were Pete Hickman and family of Ozona, Ed F. Hickman and family of Killeen and the Austin Sandusky family of Bronte.

R. H. Richards went to Winters Wednesday to attend funeral services for his uncle, John McKown. He was a well known stock farmer in the Oak Creek locality and recently had lived with a son in San Antonio. Mr. McKown was 79 years of age.

Robbie Ann and Frank Craddock spent several days last week here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock, they came to Robert Lee with their paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock of Colorado City, who had spent Christmas at the Bill Craddock ranch near Medina. Mr. and Mrs. Clark took the children home the last of the week.

Bob L. Davis visited Robert Lee relatives and friends briefly last week while enroute from Austin to his home in Amarillo. He was accompanied by his friend, Claude T. Shelton. The latter is retiring as Swisher County Judge at Tulia and is a candidate for appointment as a State Highway Mayor W. D. McAdams is out and around this week after recovering from virus pneumonia which caused him to be hospitalized a few days.

### P. T. A. News

Mrs. Travis McNair gave an interesting and important talk to the PTA Dec. 18 on "Abiding Values—Spiritual, Social and Cultural."

Mrs. Jeff Dean furnished entertainment with the first six grades singing Christmas Carols and the Bachelor Quartet sang special numbers, with the entire group joining in. The PTA purchased the fence that runs by the elementary playground. We still need your help in acquiring the coffee maker.

Next meeting will be Jan. 15 and at night. So make your plans to attend. The first grade won the canary.

## To The Editor

There has been some criticism concerning the nightwatchman about the robberies in Robert Lee on Christmas night. If the parties who feel that the night-watchman was not properly attending his obligations and could have prevented the act will only stop a minute to consider some facts they might change their minds.

I am sure that there is no one who regrets such a thing happening more than the law enforcement officers do themselves but it is impossible for any human to be perfect regardless of the efforts they put forth.

Law enforcement, like any other thing, can be measured by the proverb, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." One of the foremost duties of an officer is to prevent crime happening but as in most other instances they are never given credit for the prevention of crime, probably because there is no way of knowing how many were prevented.

But, on the other hand, the majority of people are quick to criticize them if they do not catch the offenders. If they were able to do this, crime would be dead. There certainly would not be any point in attempting crime if the sure outcome was arrest. But there are many unknown crimes never committed because of the fear or possibility of being caught.

We cannot remotely visualize what life would be like if we did not have the protection of our law enforcement officers. We probably have never stopped to think of the many things that would have happened to us had not the fear or possibility of being caught been present.

It is not fear of the person or persons a criminal is planning to attack that causes him to hide out, it is the law he is afraid of.

Robert Lee has been fortunate in the past as far as crime waves are concerned. Very few crimes have been committed here. And a very small percent of these have gone on without being cleared. But do any of us know how many have been prevented because of the presence of law enforcement officers?

A night watchman works double for his pay. He has to perform his duties and then take two or three days making rounds to collect payment for his work. All of us who go to bed at night free from worry and fear should think of this.

There are flaws in every human being and a great deal of good in most of them but if you stand around and listen for a while you will find you have heard about all the flaws and very little about the good characteristics. Let's try in 1959 to reverse that fact, or at least be honest enough with ourselves to answer the question "Could I have done any better?" —Contributed.

Mrs. H. A. Nichols came from Abilene for a day's visit last Friday with her mother, Mrs. John C. Snead Sr., and other kinfolks. While here she renewed her Observer subscription for 1959.

The Leslie Wink family enjoyed a Sunday visit from their long time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perry of San Angelo.

Forrest L. Wanker and family returned this week from Andrews where he had been employed on a drilling rig for several months. The rig had been stacked.

FOR SALE — Brand new Philco 9-ft. refrigerator, reg. price \$369.50. Our price for quick sale is \$269.50, a savings of \$100. See T. W. Farris at the Drug Store.

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### NEW FARM HOME

A new modern home is being completed for Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek at their farm, a short distance north of Robert Lee. It is located on a knoll about 200 yards from the old house. The new structure has three bedrooms.

## Robert Lee Wins 2 From Mertzon

Robert Lee Steers won their first District 24-B tilt of the season as they edged Mertzon, 43-42, here Tuesday night.

Paul Tinkler paced the winners with 20 and Jerry Tinkler iced 14. For Mertzin Bobby Helmers netted 19 and Billy Sawyer hooked nine.

Robert Lee's next tilt is at Christoval Friday night in district play.

Robert Lee won the girls game, 41-29. Bonnie Butcher paced the winners with 10 and Pat Fowler added nine. Carolyn Lauder milk sank 18 for Mertzon and Ann Brooks bucketed six.

## BIRTHS

POE — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poe of Gainesville are parents of a daughter born Dec. 30. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and has been named Kyla Denise. She has a brother, Rodney, 2½ years old. The mother is the former Joan Vestal. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vestal and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Poe, all of Ballinger.

## Local News

Mrs. Grace Murtishaw of Bronte stopped by The Observer office Tuesday to set her subscription up another year. She is a long time reader of this newspaper which has been in their family continually since she was a small girl. Mrs. Murtishaw was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Sparks and the latter's daughter of Colorado City. Mrs. Murtishaw has been spending some time in her daughter's home this winter.

Bonnie Quisenberry remains a medical patient in Coke County Memorial Hospital where she has been under treatment since Christmas Day. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry Jr.

## Kinfolks Here For Gathering New Years Day

A reunion was held at the recreation hall in the County Park on New Year's Day for the Lewis-Davis-Williams families. Approximately 80 persons attended and several friends came by during the day to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Duke of Waco were present. Mrs. Duke is the former Mary Lewis. Others attending from out of town were Juanell (Jay) Richardson and family of Odessa, Mabel (Jay) Blaylock and family of Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jay, San Angelo, Billie (Davis) Zoet and family, Houston, Irma (Schooley) Casey, Bronte, Wanda (Lewis) Eastman, San Angelo, Ione (Davis) Pierce and family, San Angelo, Add Davis and family, San Angelo, and Nellie (Williams) Jay and family, San Angelo.

The extreme cold weather prevented many from being here.

Attending from Robert Lee were G. E. Davis, the Sam and Robert Jays, the Dick Skipworths, Emory Davis family, Mitchell Davis family, Wesley Kinseys, Charley Vowells, Elmo Bells, Marvin Jones family, D. D. Walkers, Joe Ross family, Alfred Jones family, Javan Vosburgs and Sam Williams family.

It was decided to try to make the reunion an annual affair but no date was set.

Dianne McClure underwent an appendectomy Tuesday at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Her condition was reported yesterday as very satisfactory. She is the 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams of Valentine spent the weekend with Robert Lee relatives. They were guests in the Sam Jay home.

First Lt. Jack Snead and his family departed Friday for Stillwater, Okla., after a holiday visit with home folks in Robert Lee.

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 \$8.95 to \$10.95 Value  
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# THE OBSERVETTE

Published by Students of Robert Lee High School

## THE ELEMENTARY MAKES NEWS

(MARIAN MASON)  
(SUE PARKER)

First grade students were thrilled over winning Tweetie Pie, the canary. Tweetie Pie is placed in the possession of the class who has the largest per cent of parents at the PTA meetings. Many students in the first grade were absent from school last week due to sickness and snow. Mrs. Naomi Powell, the first grade teacher, had an enjoyable Christmas in Harlingen. Mrs. Powell reported the orchards and country to be very pretty and scenic.

Mrs. Roberta Kincaid attended the Cotton Bowl Game in Dallas, January 1.

Snowmen were made by the students in the third grade. These were not real snowmen, but snowmen made of paper. This is the start of the Eskimo scene which is going to be constructed on the bulletin board in their room. Information concerning the Eskimos will be gathered as a result of the study of them.

Bob Lomas, a student in the fourth grade was recently admitted to the hospital with pneumonia. Captains for the point system last week in the fourth grade were Larry Casey and Kathy Preslar. The fourth grade received two new games from their room mothers. The students have received much enjoyment from

them. Miss Melba Brown, fourth grade home room teacher, gave the class a pinata, cold drinks, and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Melinda Percifull is taking expression lessons in San Angelo. She cited the following poem to the class.

**A HOLE IN THE DOUGHNUT**  
I felt very hungry  
And I thought I'd eat  
So I went to a lunch cart  
On the corner of the street.  
I picked up a doughnut  
And scraped off the grease,  
And threw to the waiter-girl  
A five cent piece.  
She looked at the nickle  
And she looked at me.  
"That's no good here, no siree,  
There's a hole in that nickle and  
it goes right through."  
Says I, Huh, there is a hole in the  
doughnut, too."

A new girl has enrolled in the fifth grade. She is Diana White from Odessa. Each student in the fifth grade wishes to thank the room mothers for a wonderful Christmas party.

Leroy McGallian was the reporter in the fifth grade.

Shirley Roe, the reporter for the sixth grade, reported that the Christmas holidays were enjoyed by everyone; but they wished it had been longer. A student who checked out from the sixth grade is Darline Owens.

## Mondays Are Here to Stay

(BETTY HOOD)

"Monday morning!" Those are the famous last words on the lips of many students on Sunday night. Last Monday was worse than usual. The students had had a week's vacation. Many had been able to sleep later than usual. They were able to snack all day and do as they pleased. Monday stopped all of that.

If you had stood and watched the looks on the faces of the students who came through the doors going to their classes Monday, you would have probably laughed or cried with them. From these descriptions you can see why. Some were laughing, other were only smiling, next came the sleepy looking face, and then the nonchalant look. Of course, some still haven't recovered from the shock that vacation is over, some never will, but that's normal.

The students are not the only ones who dislike Mondays, so do the teachers. The teachers enjoy hunting and visiting as much as the students. Of course they always manage a smile for everyone.

By Friday the smiles are genuine by both the teachers and students, but again they are lost on Monday. However, that is life and we must learn to wake-up and live with it.

## BAND STUDENTS VISIT LUBBOCK

(JAMES BLANKENSHIP)

On December 12, four band members and band director, Mr. Robert L. Jay, went to Lubbock to attend the Texas Tech Band Clinic. The four students were: Ronnie Sims, trumpet; Sam Skipworth, baritone; Jerry Dean, trombone; and Don Weathers, saxophone. Ronnie and Don are juniors; Sam and Jerry are seniors.

The purpose of the clinic was to teach students more about their instruments.

## New Year's Resolutions at RLHS

(JERRY TINKLER)

Since 1959 is here it is time to make some more New Year's resolutions. Here are some resolutions for the students and teachers at RLHS.

1. All the reckless drivers try to drive more carefully.

2. All the idiots study harder and make school more fun.
3. All the students try to treat the teachers kinder because they may become teachers someday.
4. All the teachers stop giving so much homework.
5. All the students try to keep quiet in study hall.
7. All of the underclassmen resolve to take the subjects that will do them the most good, instead of taking all of the easy ones.
8. All the kids who gripe about coming to school either quit griping or quit school.
9. The student council put some of its capital to good use.
10. The wood carvers and artists stop demolishing the school furniture.
11. All students resolve to get to class on time every day.
12. The students quit making paper airplanes and paper wads and throwing them on the floor for the teachers to pick up.
13. Everybody resolve to stop cheating on tests.

## The Observette

Published by the Journalism Class of Robert Lee High School.  
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Club Interview Joydell Dean  
Humor Section Jerry Dean  
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# WATT'S AHEAD IN '59?

## BETTER LIVING — ELECTRICALLY

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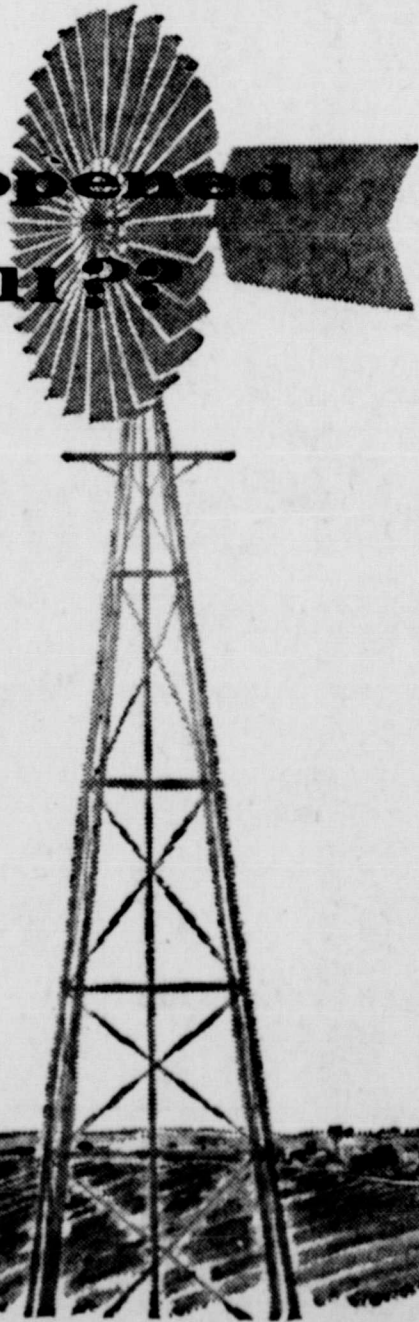
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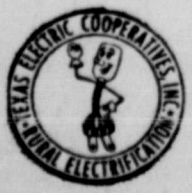
# Whatever happened to the windmill?



Old "High Lonesome" has virtually disappeared from the rural scene along with the wood stove, cistern and kerosene lamp, swept into obscurity by rural electrification. They are remnants of a romantic past. In their place is the new way of life that electricity brings.

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# Students Vacation Across N. America

(JANE AUSTIN)

(Editor's Note: This is the last article by Jane Austin telling of her New Brunswick trip with her sister and brother, Sgt. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor).

New Brunswick, New Brunswick — that is all I have written about for nine weeks. Now I will attempt to tell of our trip home-ward.

From Millville, N. B., we cruised along to Woodstock; there we left the pine and fir country. A few miles south of Woodstock, we crossed into the state of Maine through the customs.

Maine, being a small state, was quickly passed as we left beautiful potato fields in bloom, behind us.

Our planned stop was Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. Hampton Beach is a summer resort town situated on the Atlantic Ocean. There Hants White, Charles' uncle, owns a restaurant and motel. We spent three days there visiting Mr. White, his wife and three teen-age children. Plenty of good sea food, hospitality, and a sandy ocean beach will remain a prominent memory of our stay at Hampton Beach.

We rambled on down the country in our little Rambler station wagon — stopping for gas or a few minutes to relax, making as fast time as we could.

Through Connecticut we came into the state of New York. New York City has always been a

mystery to me. Perhaps I can someday visit the Empire State Buildings, United Nations, Statue of Liberty, Grand Central Station, museums and the many, many places of fame that city has to offer.

The New Jersey Turnpike aided us in making time toward Georgia, where we planned a week-end visit. The Howard Johnson tourist centers along the turnpike provided a relaxing rest and delicious food when needed.

West Virginia's scenic drives offer much to the tourist. While stopped viewing the pretty countryside we soon realized we were in warm country and the climate would continue to get warmer.

North and South Carolina were driven through during the night time so I can not report on that part of the country.

We arrived in Albany, Georgia, our week-end destination, exactly two days after we left New Hampshire. We were a tired bunch, but friends were so wonderful to us, we soon forgot our fatigue and spent a most enjoyable two-day stay there.

"Texas or bust" could have easily been our motto after leaving Georgia. About two days later we pulled up to my home near Robert Lee, Texas.

Guess the saying "there's no place like home" is true, but take it from me, if you ever want to try a second best place — try traveling.

## TOUCH AND PASS CAN BE ROUGH

(JERRY TINKLER)

Jimmy Bell, a junior at RLHS, has been playing football for the past two years without getting more than a few scratches and bruises. This year, right after football season was over, Jimmy decided to try his luck at touch-and-pass with the P. E. boys. He hadn't much more than got started when he fell and cracked his ankle. This just goes to show you that you can get hurt as badly in touch-and-pass as you can in regular old football.

## Students Enjoy Christmas Gifts

(KENNEY SAWYER)

Among the students at RLHS a few of them were asked what one nice gift was received for Christmas and who gave it to them. Most of the most treasured gifts were from one's boy friend or girl friend.

Below is the completed list: JoAnn Hood — An overnight case from her sister.

Jerry Sparks — A red sweater suit from her mother and daddy. Lavina McDaniel — A bracelet from John.

Sandra Baker — A pearl ring from Melvin.

Peggy Boone — A blue sweater from her sister.

Marilyn Reid — A sweater from her sister.

Lois Eubanks — An upright typewriter from Santa and her sister.

Frances Wylie — A skirt from Mike.

Sue Parker — A pearl ring from Don.

Paul Tinkler — A red sweater from Bonnie.

Jane Austin — A blouse purchased at Neiman Marcus in Dallas from Howard Bruckner.

Eunice Blair — A bathrobe from her mother.

## Football Sweetheart Chosen This Week

(SANDRA BAKER)

Jo Ann Millican, a senior at RLHS, was chosen for this week's interview. She transferred from Big Spring to Robert Lee in November of her sophomore year. Before attending school in Big Spring, Jo Ann went to Silver School. There she was art editor of the Silver annual and was in the pep squad. Jo Ann played basketball and volleyball in Silver.

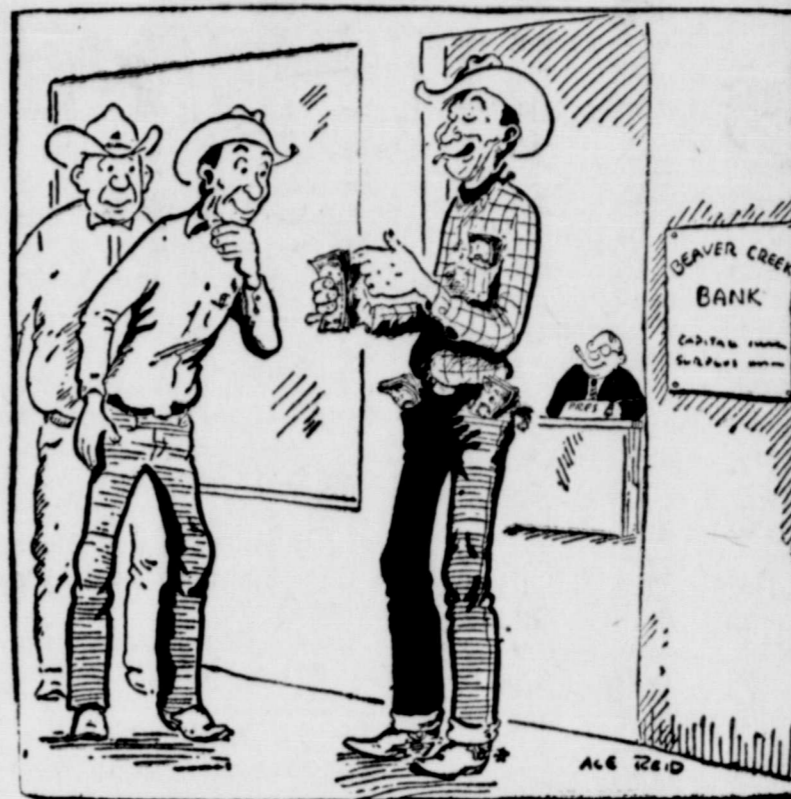
Jo Ann was elected football sweetheart of the Steers for 1958-

'59, and she is on the annual staff and newspaper staff this year. Jo Ann participated in basketball when she was a sophomore and belonged to the FHA during her sophomore and senior years.

After graduation she plans to go to work and then perhaps to a business school.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Millican of Silver, Texas.

GOOD Today,  
BETTER Tomorrow;  
ROBERT LEE!



"Naw! Moneybags wasn't tight. He was tickled to learn I plan to buy cows at Joe Lemley's Stocker Sale, Monday, January 12th, at the Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas. Calves are high and we got the grass. Boy that's a sale! He's going to have good cows shaped up for quality and have Vet's. tooth and test them for age and pregnancy. You can't beat it!"

## Practice at RLHS Leans to Tradition

(FRANCES WYLIE)

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America."

Thus begins each Wednesday morning of the school year. The practice of the weekly devotional which was started last school year has become one of the best assets of RLHS.

"Will everyone rise and face the flag?" are the first words spoken over the public address system to the student body each Wednesday morning. Jamie Scholer, a senior and student council president, then leads the students in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Headed by the student council, each class is asked in turn to give the devotional. Following the pledge, a student selected by Jamie, reads, quotes, or gives in his own words the devotional of the week, ending in prayer.

Vicki Wojtek, a sophomore, gave the Christmas devotional the Wednesday before school was out for the holidays. Along with the Christmas message, the Bachelors sang "Silent Night."

For the devotional on New Year's Eve, Superintendent Frank Coalson was invited to give the message. After wishing everyone a prosperous and happy new year, Mr. Coalson talked of the beauties of nature about us.

Through this new practice at RLHS, the students become aware of the presence of God in their daily lives. This practice has meant a great deal to the school and in the future years it is hoped that it will become an RLHS tradition.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Jan. 6 J Mertz, there, 7:00 p. m.
- Jan. 8 — Sterling City Jr. High, there, 6:30 p. m.
- Jan. 9 — Boys A and B vs. Christoval, there, 7:00 p. m.
- Jan. 12 — Coke County Live Stock Show at stock barns, all day
- Jan. 13 — Eldorado, here.
- Jan. 15 — PTA meeting.
- Jan. 15 — Sterling City Jr. High, here, 6:30 p. m.
- Jan. 16 — Bronte, here, 7:00 p. m.
- Jan. 20 — Wall, there, 7:00 p. m.
- Jan. 22 — Silver Jr. High, there 7:00 p. m.
- Jan 23, Miles, here, 7:00 p. m.

## RLHS GOES COON HUNTING

(RICHARD SIMS)

A new sport has been going strong around RLHS. A large number of Robert Lee boys have been going "coon hunting" during the holiday season to pass away their time. It has proved to be a very exciting and amusing sport.

Some of the first-class coon hunters at RLHS are Freddy McDonald, Ronnie Sims, Garland Davis, Don Weathers, Mack Tubb, Clint Austin, Richard Sims, Melvin Duncan, Butch Service, Freddie Ross, and plenty more.

You're just not in style unless you have a hound dog and have gone "coon hunting"; so get in style.

## Resolutions Are Made

(SAM SKIPWORTH)

Every New Year many resolutions for the oncoming year are made by people of all kinds and descriptions. Some of these resolutions are good, and some are not. These yearly resolutions are either kept, altered, or forgotten. I wonder what will be the fate of the following resolutions.

Don Weathers — I resolve not to pour tea on Sue's blouse for the whole year.

Ronnie Sims — My resolutions are to get at least part of my homework and to keep later hours at night.

Sue Parker — I resolve not to make Don wash dishes for the whole year.

Douglas Robertson — I resolve to try to do a little better in English.

Coach Manire — I resolve to get up each morning at 6:30, lose 25 pounds, speak only soft words, but carry a large stick.

Sandra Baker — I resolve to try to keep the resolutions I made last New Years.

Kenney Sawyer — I resolve to be nicer to everyone and try a little harder in my school work.

Bill Mundell — I resolve to try to be a little nicer to everyone and try to make better grades.

Shelia Spencer — I have resolved first to pass English and second to hold back my temper.

Eunice Blair — I resolve to keep my mouth shut unless I am asked a question!

### Statement of Condition

## Robert Lee State Bank

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

DECEMBER 31, 1958

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts .....\$ 630,089.26	Capital Stock .....\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts ..... 1,115.71	Surplus ..... 50,000.00
Banking House ..... 47,190.00	Undivided Profits ..... 19,468.06
Furniture and Fixtures ..... 11,838.83	Deposits ..... 1,774,337.90
Federal Reserve Bank Stock .... 3,000.00	
U. S. Bonds and Securities ..... 442,437.88	
State and County Securities ..... 207,779.80	
Cash and Exchange ..... 550,354.48	
<b>Total .....\$1,893,805.96</b>	<b>Total .....\$1,893,805.96</b>

### OFFICERS

G. C. Allen, President

T. A. Richardson, Vice President and Cashier

Wm. H. Allen, Vice President

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Zelda Caraway, Assistant Cashier

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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Glad the holidays are over and we can get down to business again. Of course I'm not against Santa Claus by any means. He was good to me.

To keep the record straight, here's the number of years our present county officials have been in their respective offices:

J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler, county clerk, 3 years, 2 months.  
Gertrude Gray, county treasurer, 6 years.  
Claude Dittmore, commissioner Prec. 4, 10 years.  
Howard Brock, commissioner Prec. 2, 6 years.  
Paul Good, sheriff, 12 years.  
Ed Hickman, commissioner Prec. 3, 6 years.  
Fern Havins, commissioner Prec. 1, 2 years.

Just thought maybe you would like to know.

Our good friend, Frank Bryan, sends in a check to renew his paper and reports it was cold there, too. Six degrees above zero Sunday morning. A long time Robert Lee resident, Mr. Bryan and his family moved to greener pastures in Bosque County a year or two ago. They retain their holdings here and we still consider them home folks.

Jeff Dean leaves the county judge's office with a good record and with sincere wishes from friends all over the county that his health will continue to improve.

Continued drought in this locality has knocked out winter grazing of grain fields which proved so valuable last year. The grain has not been damaged by freezing weather, so everyone is still hoping for moisture.

Two of Robert Lee's leading business firms report their 1958 business set a new high record for volume. We continue with this slogan in 1959:

GOOD Today,  
BETTER Tomorrow—  
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## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan and daughters, Vernay and Paula, returned Sunday from a few days trip to Victoria where they visited Mr. Vaughan's parents and Mrs. Vaughan's sister, Mrs. D. W. May and family.

Mrs. Ernest Varnadore returned Monday from a stay of two weeks at Beaver, Okla., with her daughter, Mrs. Lonnie Thompson and family. Mrs. Thompson, the former Colleen Varnadore, and son, Paul, returned to Robert Lee with Mrs. Varnadore.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Harmon of Farmington, New Mex., visited here this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb. Delbert is engaged in the trucking business at Farmington where the oil play is still booming.

Supt. Frank D. Coalson and Judge W. W. Thetford left early Wednesday for Austin to attend the state-wide conference of school administrators.



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## ROACH'S BIG SALE

Roach's Dry Goods is advertising a big January Clearance Sale to start Friday morning, Jan. 9. Their complete stock of apparel for all members of the family has been marked down for this outstanding merchandising event. Read the advertisement in this newspaper.

## 314 POLL TAXES PAID

While this is an off election year, 314 poll tax receipts have been issued thus far in the office of Paul Good, sheriff and tax collector-assessor. Most poll taxes are paid in January, according to Deputy Sheriff O. B. Jacobs, who said around 900 receipts are normal for off election years in Coke County. Deadline for paying poll taxes is Jan. 31.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 30—L. H. Blankenship dismissed.

Dec. 31—W. F. Fikes admitted. Mrs. Lupe Sanchez and infant son, Billie Joyce Peeples, Mrs. Fred McDonald Jr. dismissed.

Jan. 1—W. D. McAdams admitted.

Jan. 2—John Allen admitted.  
Jan. 3—J. A. Childress admitted. W. D. McAdams dismissed.

Jan. 4—Diane McClure admitted.

Jan. 5—Mrs. Lowell Roane, W. B. Clift admitted. John Allen dismissed.

Jan. 6—Rex Spencer admitted. Osa Faries, Mrs. Lowell Roane dismissed.

Jan. 7—J. A. Childress, Mrs. Della Freeman dismissed.

## PERSONALS

Visiting in the A. J. Kirkpatrick home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. John V. Helm of Lincoln, Neb. They had spent two months with a son in Dallas and were enroute to points in Oklahoma before returning to Lincoln later this week. Mrs. Helm is a cousin of Editor Kirkpatrick.

A/2 Bob Watkins and his wife and their son, Johnnie Bob, left Saturday for their home at Cabot, Ark., after a week's visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Watkins is the former Johnnie Beth Snead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr. Airman 2nd Class Watkins is stationed at a base near Little Rock and is taking some college studies in connection with his training.

Jake Richardson underwent major surgery Wednesday at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. His daughters, Mrs. Roy Wyatt and Mrs. H. L. Springer, were at his bedside. A former well known Robert Lee resident, Mr. Richardson has resided in San Angelo the past few years.

Mrs. Melrose Russell and son, Byron, visited last week with their son and brother, Morgan Russell, and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Russell is teaching at Prentiss and Byron is a student at Kingsville A & I College.

B. C. Goodwin was over from Abilene Saturday visiting friends and attending to business matters. A former Robert Lee school superintendent, Mr. Goodwin is now a teacher supervisor in the Haskell County schools. The family continues to reside in Abilene where Mrs. Goodwin is teaching. Their daughter, Sue, is attending Texas Tech.

Betty McDaniel of near Decatur spent the weekend in the L. E. Wink home. She left Sunday with Leslie Nell Wink for Lubbock, where both are students at Texas Tech.

G. F. Powers, Mrs. Fred Ashworth and Larry and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hood went to Brownwood Monday to be present at a ceremony when Mrs. N. C. Montgomery graduated as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Mrs. Montgomery is the former Opal Dean Powers, and is a daughter of George Powers and a sister of Mrs. Ashworth.

## Firemen Start Study Course In First Aid

Sam L. Williams began a first aid course for members of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Monday night. It is hoped that at the end of the course all 25 members of the department will have earned their First Aid Certificates.

Mr. Williams is a certified instructor and also a member of the department. He is well qualified to teach the course. He says that he would like to conduct a school for the women if enough were interested to make a class. He is an apprentice mortician with Clift Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman and daughter, Brenda Sue, motored to Galveston for a weekend visit with their daughter and sister and her family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek of Goldthwaite visited Robert Lee relatives and friends Friday and attended to business matters. They also stopped by to renew their Observer subscription. Mr. and Mrs. Meek took a month off last summer and went to California where they visited a daughter at Richmond.

## ALAMO THEATRE

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Rory Calhoun, Barbara Bates, John Dehner in  
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BLACKBERRIES, Kimbell, No. 303 Can - 5 for \$1.00

PORK & BEANS, Jack Sprat - 10 Cans \$1.00

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GLADIOLA  
Flour 5 lbs. 49c

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GOOCH THICK SLICED  
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