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Reindeer Rest in Canada As Santa Flies to Robert Lee To Turn on Gas Here Today

Officials of the Lone Star Gas Company and of the City of Robert Lee will join in a ceremony at the city limits at 10:00 o'clock this morning, Thursday, when Mayor Robert Vaughan will turn the valve at the Lone Star city gate station on Highway 158, west of Robert Lee.

This will turn gas into the system serving the residences and the business houses of Robert Lee. Also representing the City will be Commissioner Vaughan Davis and Commissioner Freeman Clark. Lone Star will be represented by E. L. Buelow of Abilene, West Texas Regional Manager; W. H.

Octerbeck of Dallas, Chief Engineer of their general division; Norman Langham of Abilene, West Texas Regional Engineer; Mack Young, San Angelo District Manager; Cliff Daniel, service engineer of the Miles subdistrict; and Porter Bryan of San Angelo, Plant Superintendent

Without any chimneys big enough for even Santa to come down, modern heating and some modern gadgets like automobiles and airplanes may be making some changes in Santa's travels. Report is that somewhere up this side of the ice cap, Santa will

give his reindeer a rest, let them nibble at some of the tender green winter grass while he takes a jet plane for West Texas.

He will be met by Robert Lee's big spanking new red fire truck and brought right up main street by the Robert Lee fire boys, bag of candy and all, Saturday of this week.

Between now and then those who are doing advance shopping for the big hearted old fellow can deposit their names in boxes at the stores in Robert Lee for one of the prizes.

Committees are at work on the Christmas party, sponsored by the Board of Community Development.

Notes From The Oil Field

Eldorado Oil & Gas Co., Dallas, has rescheduled to 6,800 feet, apparently for tests of the Ellenburger at the No. 1 State Lease No. 50783, former 6,550-foot project in the I. A. B., Northeast multipay field of Coke County, one mile north of Sanco and 3-8-mile northwest of the recent Ellenburger pay opener and lone producer from that pay.

Location is 328 feet from the southwest and 1,020 feet from the northwest lines of Fred Campbell, Scrap File No. 14932.

The Ellenburger opener, Standard Oil Co. No. 1-1 Reid, et al, was finished Dec. 3 for 38 barrels of 46.5 gravity oil, plus two barrels of water, through perforations at 6,694-6,714 feet.

Chambers & Kennedy 1 Burns, 5,849 feet in lime.

Special Assembly Friday, Class Christmas Parties At R. L. School

According to announcement by Supt. Dorman Thomas, the school tax office will be closed Dec. 23, 24, and 25, and January 1, 2, & 3.

Classes will be dismissed Friday at 3:00 o'clock until Thursday, January 2.

Room Christmas parties will be held at 2:00 o'clock in the elementary grades, and in the High School there will be a Christmas assembly program at 2:15, with students and teachers giving musical numbers, public invited.

4-H clubbers plan to go Christmas carolling at Bronte and Robert Lee Monday night, visiting shut-ins and elderly people.



TWO CHRISTMAS ISSUES; NEXT WEEKS OBSERVER WILL BE PRINTED EARLY

In order to avoid danger of getting out too late for Christmas next week, we have published Christmas greetings this week, and any that did not reach us in time will come out next week, making actually two Christmas issues.

Next week's Observer will be printed Monday instead of Wednesday so as to get it out on the routes Tuesday, just a jump ahead of Santa.

Please get anything you wish in next week's paper to us by Friday night or earlier. The first issue after Christmas will be published at the usual time.

Osa Faries Buried Last Week at Itasca

Bronte — Osa Faries, 82, died in Robert Lee Hospital at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday of last week after a long illness.

Mr. Faries was born May 2, 1881 in Hill County and had lived in Runnels County prior to moving to Coke County in 1924.

Services were held at Sam Williams Funeral Home at 4 p.m. Thursday with burial in Itasca.

BIRTHS

MUNOZ — Marie Munoz was born at 11:05 a.m. December 11 at West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee. She weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces. The father, Jimmy Munoz, works on J. L. Brunson ranch at Bronte.

The new system is expected by the company to bring gas to approximately 300 residences and business houses here. Including Robert Lee, Lone Star will serve over 485 cities and towns in an area covering 148,000 square miles in Texas and Oklahoma.

Lone Star began work in Robert Lee at the last of October, and in about six weeks had placed the network of service lines in town and the supply line from near Bronte to Robert Lee.

Robert Lee Girls Win Two Make It With Wool Firsts

Charlotte Smith will represent this district in the senior division of the "Make It Yourself With Wool" state contest at San Angelo College January 11.

Miss Smith, Robert Lee High student, won first in the district contest senior division Saturday of last week. Another first was Katherine (Kitten) Dean of Robert Lee in the sub-deb division, but there is no state contest in this division.

Members of the Future Homemakers chapter here, they are students of Mrs. Fred Cooke, teacher of homemaking.

A large delegation of Concho livestock men toured Coke County Tuesday to look at feed lot operations here at the Clarence Arrott, Will Percifull, and Simpson Brothers ranches.

Meet Santa Claus Saturday at Robert Lee.

View Plans for Medical Center

A firm of architects has drawn up tentative plans for renovating the old hospital building and adding a 20-room structure on the west.

This has been done without expense to the West Coke Hospital district and is part of their preliminary study before presenting a definite proposition to the voters.

R. B. Vandiver, Hospital Administrator, showed the plans, along with plans of a nursing home which the architect proposed to build and operate, separately and apart from the hospital as an enterprise of "First America Properties," in case the people want it.

This nursing home would care for Type I and II nursing home cases, while the proposed new hospital structure would provide rooms for Type III elderly patient, to qualify under the Hill-Burton plan for \$100,000 dollar Federal grant to match \$100,000, to be raised by district bond issue, in case this plan is adopted by the Board of Directors and approved

by the voters.

It was emphasized that this is still in the discussion stage, and that another firm of architects is to present plans before the Board acts.

This particular plan would call for a total bed capacity, old and new of 52 patients, two to the room, under crowded conditions, or 42 patients, one to the room, adding 20 rooms for patients to the 12 in the present hospital.

Mr. Vandiver said he had letters from a doctor and a dentist indicating their intention of moving to Robert Lee in the near future, and hoped to be able to make a more definite announcement shortly.

It was brought out in the discussion that definite location of a dam site near Robert Lee would be a considerable factor in estimating the size of hospital needed here to care for the needs during the next fifteen years, and that the plan was so drawn as that additional space could be added if the growth of the town and the services rendered by the hospital

made it necessary.

The starting of a nursing school and the organization of a Hospital Auxiliary are booked for early in the New Year, and also prospects brightened for an additional doctor and a dentist for Robert Lee, as several architects worked on tentative plans for improvement and enlargement of the West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee.

Hospital Administrator R. B. Vandiver said he had received and was studying an outline of requirements for qualifying for a Hill-Burton grant from Federal funds to supplement local funds to finance the enlargement and improvement.

The nursing school is to offer a one year's course, with instruction by Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, registered nurse.

The Hospital Auxiliary, composed of women interested in the hospital is to be organized soon after the first of the year, and women interested in becoming members are asked to contact the administrator between now and February 15.

Wall Wins Couple From Robert Lee

Both Robert Lee Basketball teams bounced off the wall Tuesday night with a couple of defeats by the Wall Hawks, there.

With Jerome Glass scoring 14 and Randy Gray and Johnny Krupapa tossing in 16 each, the Hawks won the game from Robert Lee 57-42. Terry Thetford notched 19 for the Steers while teammate Pistol Hood scored 8.

Score by quarters:
Robert Lee: 6 10 10 16-42
Wall: 16 6 14 21-57

Wall also took the girls game 40 to 24 as Karen Wilde hit 19 for the winners. Rhonda Gartman scored 12 for Robert Lee and Kay Havins had 10.

Score by quarters:
Robert Lee: 2 12 8 2-24
Wall: 13 7 7 13-40

The managers for the Hi-Lighters are Sandy Thomas, Rosalind Bradham, and Shirley Roe.

The boys managers (or student trainers as they are technically referred to) are Bobby Blaylock and Eddie Parker.

Long Illness Claims Mrs. Pearl Mathers At Sierra Blanca

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mathers of Silver, and Mrs. Thad Walls of Blackwell attended the funeral of Mrs. Pearl Mathers of Sierra Blanca, sister of Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Walls.

Mrs. Mathers, 65, wife of Frank Mathers, many years a ranchman at Sierra Blanca, Texas, died at 5 a.m. Monday, December 9 at the home of a daughter at Kermit, Mrs. C. A. Cerboskas, following a long illness.

Funeral was held Tuesday afternoon Dec. 10, at Millican Memorial Church in Sierra Blanca, with burial in Sierra Blanca Cemetery.

Born in Coke County Feb. 17, 1898, Mrs. Mathers moved to Sierra Blanca in 1930.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Cerboskas, Mrs. Arlene Nardine of Sierra Blanca and Mrs. Mildred Craddock of Eules; the sisters, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Walls; and five grandchildren.

Sam Fowler was the highest bidder on the 1950 Chevrolet pick-up advertised for sale recently, paying \$225 for it.

Meet Santa Claus Saturday at Robert Lee.



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NO SORROW LIKE UNTO THIS?

A few weeks ago someone wrote, "This is the saddest Thanksgiving we have ever seen in our country."

Without detracting from the reality of this tragedy, we deny that it was the saddest time of all, or that this will be the saddest Christmas. I saw seven more sorrowful seasons than this, three of them in World War I, and four of them in World War II.

The one I saw up closest was in the Ardennes country, in the Duchy of Luxembourg. True there was not a caisson drawing away from the White House, with a riderless horse or a procession of earth's great leaders.

But out at Hamm, near Luxembourg, one after another they came. Their caskets were not of bronze.

Drab army ambulances, trucks, whatever we had, brought them there. A cold winter sky that touched the Gothic-arched green fir trees mantled with snow formed the roofless cathedral. The organ music was far away in some department of the stars, and the choir was in that same church, formed of angels, not of men.

The muffled drums rolled down along the Mozelle, up around Bastogne, and nine miles up the way at Echternach, heavy, like the thunder of the ages.

Wrapped in sheets, placed in strong pine boxes, or no box at all, they were lowered beneath the green earth, and the aerial salutes they had B-17's or P-47's on their way to avenge the dead.

Soft and white and gentle lay the snow on the firs, white and clean in the woods. They came and went and came again, and each time brought back the price that was paid to have presidents and Congress and elections and people free to choose their way. They brought back that price and placed it there.

Not ONE widow to be brave and hold her children's hands, but a million widows who never made the front page of any newspaper or had any sums contributed to funds raised by the publicity of their deaths, left to rear their children best they could.

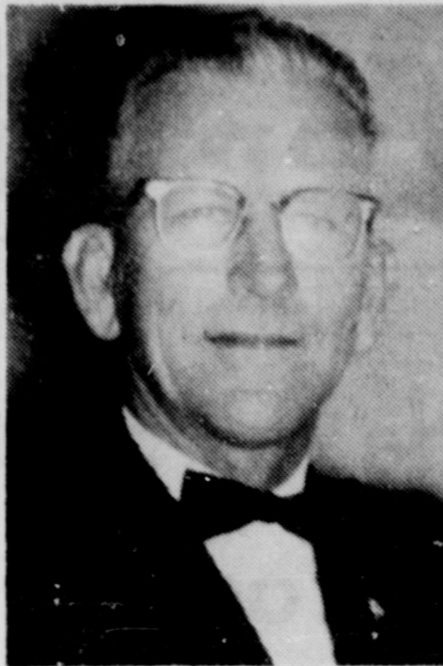
Brave officers there were, too, who, in line of duty did their duty, that was all. When April brightened the fields with fresh green, we moved on up the Rhine and left them there.

Among them were men who could have been presidents. I saw hundreds in wards, their feet swollen to the size of my thighs. I saw them lying, for days, on pallets on the concrete floors.

I saw them, blue faced and cold on tanks knifing into the north wind on the road from Luxembourg up to the Oure.

An infantryman who had come back from that river front turned his hurt and weary eyes to me at the 194th Evac, and what did he say? Can't you do something for me? Why don't they have something better for us? O, no, he didn't. An anxious look came into his eyes, and he asked, "Sir, have you heard whether the boys got across the river?"

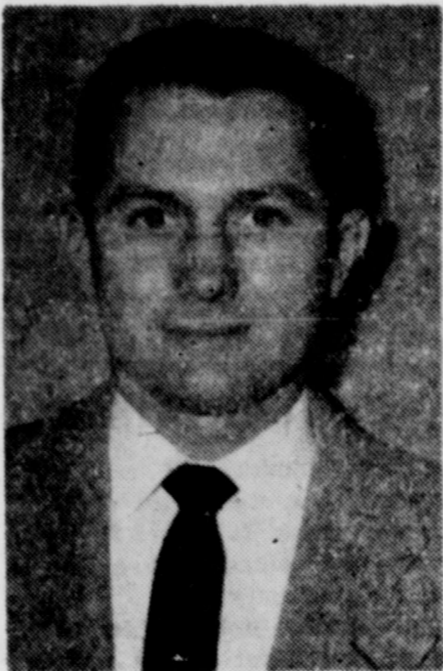
Saddest time we ever knew? Oh, no. Somebody has either forgotten so much or seen so little.



SAM WILLIAMS

During the last months of 1963, several business changes have taken place in Robert Lee. Sam Williams, above, who has spent most of his life here, became owner of Clift Funeral Home in Robert Lee and Bronte.

Wm. H. Allen, below, who grew up here, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Allen, added by purchase the Clift Insurance Agency to the insurance service operated as Allen Insurance Agency.



WM. H. ALLEN

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank every one of the many friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown at the time of the death of our loved one. We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and may God bless each of you.

The Family of Floyd R. Higgins
 2404 Garden City Highway
 Midland, Texas.

There was never a time when the world didn't have something to worry about. But now we know it quicker.

Jim Dobbs, Republican, carried by 684 votes in the entire district Austin and Travis County in a special election for Congressman in the first election — 14,386 to 13,702. He and Joe Pickle went into the run-off Tuesday. Pickle was ahead of Dobbs. **TAKE A LOOK AT THE ADS. THEY'RE FULL OF BARGAINS.**

THE DAVID KEYS

Mr. & Mrs. Nelan Bahlman AND FAMILY
Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Mahon

On this glorious Christmas occasion we rejoice in the knowledge that it is a day of remembrance and thanksgiving, a day to be grateful of the blessings that have been ours to enjoy.

Jack & Juanita Trimble

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

ROACH'S DRY GOODS
CHRISTINE AND BILL TOM

SANTA CLAUS

And Friends at Robert Lee Cordially Invite You

Saturday
This Week

DECEMBER 21
COME SPEND THE DAY



Christmas
Party

FREE Show FOR CHILDREN UP TO 18 AT 1:00 P.M.
"THE THREE STOOGES MEET HERCULES"

Santa Will Be Here at 3 P.M.

Prizes-Prizes-Prizes-Over 30 Prizes

Those Entering Christmas Lighting Contest Call Mrs. J. D. Harmon Before Saturday Night

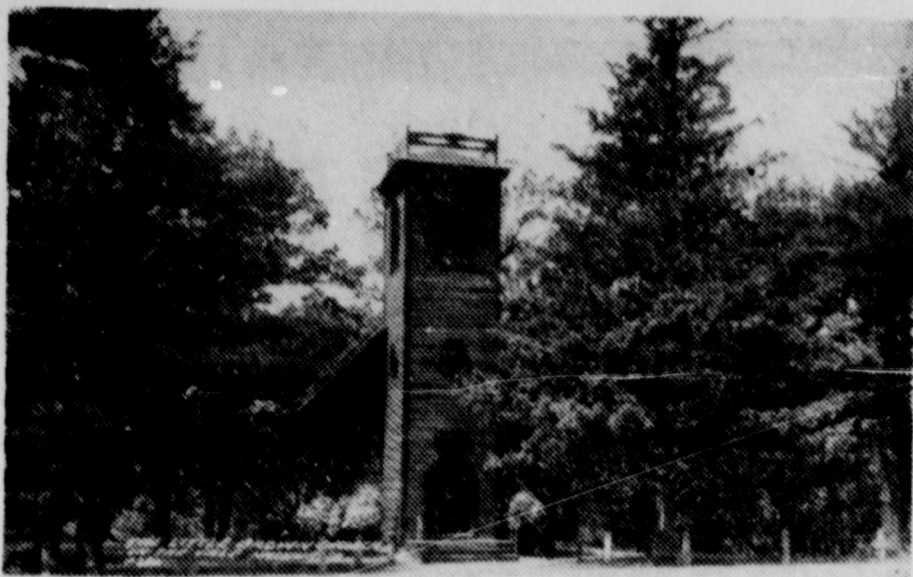
Drawing in Front of Observer Office

This Special Invitation Compliments of These Firms

Wallace Grocery
Robert Lee State Bank
Woody's Econ-o-Wash
Jones Barber Shop
Hillcrest Laundry
Sparks Texaco Station
O. T. Colvin
Richards Grocery & Station
Jack's Bait Stand
Ivey Motor Co.
Sam Williams Funeral Home
Butane Sales Co.
Farris City Drug

Reba's Beauty Shop
Baker's Grocery
Ross Service Station
Coke County Officials
Trimble Rec. Center
Buzz Sawyer
McCutchen Variety Store
Olene's Beauty Shop
Bahlman Cleaners
West Texas Utilities
"Y" Cafe
Froggy's Cafe
Add Davis Gandy Products

McCabe Service Station
Adams Abstract Co.
Coke County Butane
Vaughan Chevrolet Co.
Robert Lee Observer
Fran-Cilla Flowers & Gifts
McDorman El Paso Station
Roach's Dry Goods
Brown Lumber and Supply
Alamo Theatre
B&T Well Service
Lone Star Gas Co.



Story of Little Brown Church in the Dale

By A. J. KIRKPATRICK

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood

As the little brown church in the vale.

Most all of us have sung and enjoy hearing the well known song, "The Church in the Wildwood." During a number of years' residence in northeastern Iowa we visited "The Little Brown Church" on numerous occasions, and return to the scene on our visits to that area.

Having resided within 20 miles of The Little Brown Church it almost became commonplace.

"The Little Brown Church in the Vale" was organized in 1855. It was the First Congregational Church of Bradford, Iowa. This pioneer northeast Iowa town is now extinct, but the church is a rural shrine.

It is located two miles northeast of Nashua, Chickasaw County, Iowa. Nashua is about 40 miles northwest of Waterloo and 11 miles south of Charles City.

Rev. Ozias Littlefield was the organizing pastor and served two years. There was no church building and the people worshipped in a log house, a lawyer's office, a hotel dining room, a school house and an abandoned store with doors and windows gone.

The members of the church were few in number and poor in purse, but they were inspired by the young pastor to try to build a church. A site was donated and a "bee" was called to quarry rock for the foundation which was laid ready for the frame when the Civil War broke out.

A SONG IS BORN

Work was discontinued until 1862. Truly "hard times" has come. But members pitched in, trees were felled for the dimension timbers and rough boards were hewn for the whole church. Gifts

and loans made it possible to finish the edifice and a bell was donated by an eastern friend. The church was dedicated on Dec. 29, 1864.

The history of this church is not complete without the romantic story of the writing of its sacred song by William S. Pitts. Here's the account in his own words:

"One bright afternoon of a day in June, 1857, I first set foot in old Bradford, Iowa, coming from stage from McGregor. My home was in Wisconsin. The spot where the "Little Brown Church" now stands was a setting of rare beauty. There was no church there but the spot was waiting for it. When back in my home I wrote the song "The Little Brown Church in the Vale."

"I put the manuscript away. In the spring of 1862 I returned to Iowa and settled at nearby Fredericksburg, inasmuch as my wife's people were there. In the winter of 1863-64 I taught a singing class at old Bradford. During intervening years the church had been built.

"While I was holding the singing school, near its close in the spring, the class went one evening to the church. My manuscript of the song I had brought with me from Wisconsin. It had never been sung before by anyone but myself. I sang it there. Soon after I had it published in Chicago. It won a speedy recognition locally and with the years won its way into the hearts of the people of the world."

FAVORITE WEDDING SCENE

The town of Bradford is no more, as it was moved to Nashua when the railroad came through. Rev. Glenn L. Utterback, a Congregational minister, is pastor of the church as well as having a pastorate in Nashua.

The Little Brown Church is the scene of 1,000 or more weddings each year. The first Sunday of August is observed as marriage

reunion Sunday. At this time couples who have been married there return to renew their vows.

Iowa law provides that marriage licenses must be secured in the county where the wedding is to take place. Hence, couples must go to the court house at New Hampton, county seat of Chickasaw County, before they can be married at the Little Brown Church.

Robertson Reunion Held Here at Park Thanksgiving Day

The Robertson family gathered Thanksgiving time at the Robert Lee Coke County Park. Present were Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Page and P. M., Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. James Page; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, Tommy and Jerry; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and Dave; Mrs. C. V. Pittman and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Bell, Bobby and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glasgow, Travis, Ann, and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Marjion Hicks, Johnny, Jeanie, Dena, Cathy and Danny, Mrs. James Robertson, Kathleen and Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Robertson, Herbie, Fonda, Rita, Janet and Tony, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ray Robertson, Debra and Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Robertson, Corky and Zenita, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. King, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boones and Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, Leta and Doyle, Jim Robertson, Elaine Robertson, Mrs. Bruce Allen and Melvin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAdams, Vickie and Glen, Wellington, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hambricht, Terry and Tammy, Hamlin, Texas.

We have to sympathize with Congress trying to get loose for Christmas. But whoever heard of Santa Claus taking Christmas off?

Christmas Closing Of Court House Announced

County offices at the court house will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, all day both days. Most of the business houses in Robert Lee plan to be closed Christmas Day.

Mail goes to the boxes on the routes the day before Christmas but not on Christmas Day.

The Air Force is going to track Santa Claus on radar all the way from the North Pole, using the Distant Early Warning network.

But whether it will be in time to protect Dad's pocket book is another question!

Meet Santa Claus Saturday at Robert Lee.

EARLY CHRISTMAS AT TINKLERS

The J. L. Tinklers had their Christmas early, with Paul home from Navy duty at Alameda, California, and Jerry from basic training at Camp Polk, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paul from Silver, and Mrs. Lula Morrissey, Mrs. Tinkler's sister, from Goldthwaite. Betty, now working in Adams Abstract office, is at home this year, and Mrs. Mattie Tinkler at the center of the family circle.

Advertising has told Americans the story of America's progress. It is business news for those who buy, those who sell, and those who build. More and more as time goes on, the advertisements in this newspaper will carry information every reader will find worth while.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

TO

Our Friends at Silver and Robert Lee

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Stewart and Vicki

ALAMO THEATRE

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Evening Show Starts at 6:15

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DEC. 19, 20 & 21

Hayley Mills, Burl Ives, Dorothy McGuire in

Walt Disney's "SUMMER MAGIC"

(In Color)

Also Cartoon

SUNDAY 1:30 MATINEE & MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 & 23

Natalie Wood, Karl Malden, Rosalind Russell in

"GYPSY"

(In Color)

Also Road Runner Cartoon

Greetings

AND
BEST WISHES
FOR A
HAPPY
HOLIDAY
SEASON

From

**WALLACE
GROCERY &
MARKET**

Mr. & Mrs.
J. C. Wallace
Proprietors

Lela Ray McAdams
Cashier

WALLACE GROCERY

Weekend Specials

These Prices Good Thru Dec. 24

NICE CRISP	STALK
CELERY	19c
WASHINGTON	
DELICIOUS APPLES - Lb.	15c
GOLDEN FRUIT	2 LBS.
Bananas	25c
POP RITE	10 OZ. CANS
POP CORN - - 2 Cans	37c
FRESH	
CRANBERRIES - 1 Lb. Box	25c
HIPO-LITE	PT. JAR
MARSHMALLOW CREME -	35c
SNOWDRIFT	3 LB. TIN
Shortening	59c
KOUNTY KIST	
CORN, 12 Oz. Can - 2 for	35c

Market Items

FRESH GROUND	
HAMBURGER - Lb.	49c
SLAB BACON - Lb.	49c
HAMS, Half or Whole - Lb.	59c

Wishing a

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

To Everyone

Headquarters for Fishing,
And Fireworks

JACK'S BAIT STAND
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

35 Sun Employees Receive Special Christmas Present

Dallas, Texas, December 17 — Christmas will be merrier this year for some 35 employees of the Sun Oil Company organization in West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

Each of them, having 30 years or more of service with the Company by the end of this year, will be presented with a 14 karat, inscribed gold watch during special meetings to be held in Snyder and Midland, Texas.

On December 18, some eight employees of Sun Pipe Line Company will receive their watches at a luncheon to be held at the Town House in Snyder. Locations represented will be the Snyder and Jameson (Silver) Districts. On hand to congratulate the recipients will be James E. Ford of Beaumont, Texas, vice president of Sun Pipe Line and manager of the firm's Crude Lines Department.

A second luncheon will be held December 20 at the Midland Country Club in honor of 27 Sun Oil Company employees. Locations represented will include Odessa, Colorado City, Amarillo, Jameson (Silver), Robert Lee, Midland, Abilene, and Pampa, Texas, and Hobbs and Roswell, New Mexico. Presentations will be made by Cecil A. Colville of Dallas, assistant manager of Sun's Southwest Production Division.

In all, Sun Oil is presenting 1,676 men and 63 women employees throughout its entire operations with similar watches. Production employees receiving watches are located as far away as Pakistan and Venezuela.

Beginning next year, Sun employees will receive gold watches on their 30th service anniversaries, rather than upon retirement with 30 years or more of service, as has been the Company's policy. Watch recipients and their number of years with the company include:

P. E. Langley, Abilene, 37; Frank P. Baird, Amarillo, 34; Loyd Kownslar, Midland, 30; O. F. Bradham, 38, A. E. Hendrix, 33, C. G. Walker, 32, Henry Baker, 32, George E. Crabb, 31, all of Silver.

Thomas W. Anderson, 41, W. E. Stearns, 36, John J. Bell, 33, James C. Brown, 33, John A. Gray, 33, all of Colorado City; O. D. Albright, 39, Everett Puckett, 38, William A. Preston, 33, Jean Rowland, 31, Tom D. Sanders, 31.

D. L. Etheridge, 30, all of Odessa. W. V. McArthur, 41, E. O. Moore, 35, John M. Sweeney, 31, Pampa; Ottis W. Gatlin, 35, N. J. Keith Jr., 34, Jack W. Higginbotham, 31, A. L. Patterson, 30, Hobbs N. M.; Hans Winkler, 32, Roswell, N. M.; H. A. Johnson Jr., 31, Snyder; Willie F. Simmons, 32, Earl R. Robertson, 32, Harry H. Newton, 30, Snyder District; Marshall J. Jennings, 31, Clay Mullins, 30; Ronald F. Theis, 30, William E. Moore, 30, Jameson (Silver) District.

SPACE FILLED WITH GREETINGS!

We didn't plan it that way particularly, but response to greeting ads this week ran beyond the news we could get written and set in the time we had.

We appreciate this, and know each reader will appreciate the fine, good will that goes out in these Christmas greetings this week.

COST OF PUBLIC SERVICE

According to the Publishers Auxiliary, newspaper publishers trade publication, both newspapers and the broadcast media report losses of many millions of dollars as a result of the assassination of President Kennedy.

For almost four days the TV networks dropped all their paying programs, and the cost to them will reach \$40 million dollars.

Their coverage of those days may be classed as the greatest single piece of public information service ever in the history of man.

Local report is that the Standard No. 1 Lura Reid well in the Ellenburger is to be put on the pump soon.

Sun is drilling now on their Menelle near Sanco west of Highway 208.

Meet Santa Claus Saturday at Robert Lee.



"Momma says three stamp pages worth of anything so she can get her steam iron today!"

Want Ads

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

HOUSES FOR RENT OR SALE: One three bedroom, 2 baths, all conveniences, furnished or unfurnished. One two bedroom, all conveniences, furnished or unfurnished. Call Frank Dickey.

WANTED: Have electric 7 drop shearing machine. Try our service. For more information call MY3-2708. Edward Gonzales, Rankin, Texas. 6t

Pheasants for sale on foot, for breeding purposes, or dressed and frozen. A. B. Sheppard. tnc

FOR BURIAL insurance see Sam L. Williams. tnc

MAN WANTED to serve consumers in Coke Co. with Rawleigh Products. Steady good earnings year around. NO capital required. Write Rawleigh T X K 1230-11, Memphis, Tenn. 4tp

WORK WANTED: Housework, baby sitting or other part time work. Vera Allen, 453-3791. 2tc

MOTHERS—NEED MONEY Earn the convenient way Choose your hours. Above average earnings. Write Avon, Box 1629, San Angelo, Texas.

1961 Riverside Scooter like new, \$195. See at Ivey Motor Company.

Meet Santa Claus Saturday at Robert Lee.

Coke County 4-H boys will enter 48 lambs at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, and will have entries at Houston, Abilene, San Angelo, and El Paso.

All GOOD Things for Christmas



- GOOD Friends
- GOOD News
- GOOD Luck
- GOOD Health
- GOOD Times
- GOOD Thoughts

Sparks Texaco Service Station

Calvin, Cova, C. L. & Bucky



You have been most considerate of our firm in the past and we are truly grateful. Merry Christmas, all!

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

J. L. "CHILLY" TINKLER

WINNIE WALDROP

MILDRED WALLACE



SOMETHING DIFFERENT

- Electronic Kits
- Microscopes
- Toys for Men and Boys
- Gifts of Scientific Interest

Barbie Dolls and Related Items

Wide Selection of Miscellaneous

Gift Merchandise

Brown Lumber & Supply

GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE

We Have All Kinds of Fireworks

WE HAVE IN STOCK GIFT WRAPPING MATERIAL

Come in and Register for \$5.00 MERCHANDISE

MACK'S STATION, GROCERY & LAUNDRY



PANHANDLE RANCHER HEADS
QUARTER MILLION MASONS

John R. Collard, Jr. of Spearman is shown the chair he will occupy as Grand Master of Masons in Texas during 1964. Jim W. Weatherby of Kerrville, who served in that position in 1963, makes way for Grand Master Collard.

The new Grand Master, who heads the quarter-million Masons of Texas' 965 Lodges, was elected during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas held in Waco December 4 and 5.

Grand Master Collard has ranching interests and other business activities in the Texas Panhandle. He has been active in Masonic and civic endeavors for many years.

Other officers elected at the Communication included: J. Carroll Hinsley of Austin as Deputy Grand Master; H. W. Fullingim of Odessa as Grand Senior Warden; and Dr. J. D. Tomme, Jr. of Fort Worth who was elected Grand Junior Warden.

Steers Squeeze By Christoval

The Robert Lee Basketball teams journeyed to Christoval last Thursday night to play the host team in their annual tournament.

The Robert Lee boys posted a 42 to 39 win over Christoval in a contest that was too close for comfort. The tally on the scoreboard raced back and forth as both teams played a hard game. Toward the last five minutes, the fans were all standing on the rail. Shooting in the double figures were Dennis Gartman with 15 and Pistol Hood with 12. Making all but two of the points for Christoval were Gary Bivens, who notched 19, and Rudy Menchacha, the boy wonder, with 18.

Score by quarters:

Robert Lee:	10	4	15	15-42
Christoval:	12	7	8	12-39

The Hi-Lighters toppled Christoval 46 to 20 with Rhonda Gartman and Edith Ruth McGinley pacing the winners with 10 points apiece. Mag Soto was high for Christoval with 11.

Score by quarters:

Robert Lee:	19	14	7	12-46
Christoval:	0	4	11	5-20

Happy Christmas Party For Five HD Clubs at Park

The Coke County Home Demonstration Clubs had their annual Christmas party December 10 in the Recreation Building at the Coke County Park, with each of the 5 clubs taking part.

The Green Mountain Club decorated the tree, furnished by the Garden Club. The Friendship Club decorated the refreshment table with a bright green table cloth and old fashioned coal oil lamp covered with wire net and Christmas spray of flowers, fruit, and pine cone with a candle inside.

Refreshments were punch and Christmas decorated, home baked cookies.

Robert Lee Club was in charge of the program. Mrs. Kenneth Lackey gave a reading on why and how Christmas was first observed by the tree, shepherd scenes, and the shining star. Songs were sung by the group between readings.

Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Mrs. Royce Smith, and Mrs. Dale Wojtek read parts from the Bible.

Bronte Junioe Club had the recreation, with Mrs. Grace Ditmore furnishing two games, and the winner of each got a gift. Bronte Senior Club was in charge of the exchange gifts and also selected and passed out the council members gifts.

Christmas Candlelight Communion Service At Methodist Church Sunday

The Methodist pastor, Rev. Dempsey Salter, has announced the annual Christmas candlelight communion service at the Methodist Church for 7 p.m. next Sunday, December 22. All who desire to come and participate are welcome.



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...and the best of good wishes

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The Jack Walkers



GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Season's Greetings

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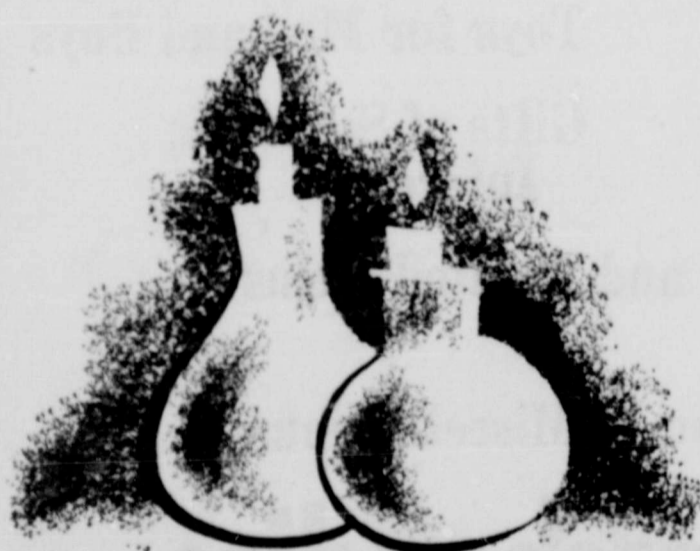


Merry Christmas

TO EVERYONE

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May all the days of your Christmas season be bright with Peace and Happiness.

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Merry Christmas



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Melvin Childress

Jesse Parker

Evelyn Flanagan

To wish you a very Merry Christmas



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

Margaret's Hobby Shop

Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Roane & Myna Kay

Here He Was in 1962, and He's Coming Back Saturday



Santa, above, was pictured here in Robert Lee when he met the kiddies last Christmas. Do you see yourself in that crowd? Well, maybe growing a whole, long year hasn't made you forget Santa or stop being interested in seeing him again when he comes here this coming Saturday.

FIVE COUNTY SEATS IN HISTORY OF THIS COKE COUNTY COUNTRY

Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough reminds us that this county, or the area that is now Coke County, has had five county seats. The first was at San Antonio when all this vast country was a part of Bexar County.

Next, after Tom Green County was organized and separated from Bexar, the county seat was at Ben Ficklin, and was later moved to San Angelo. Then when Coke County was established in the spring of 1889, the county seat was established at Hayrick, and in 1891 moved to the new townsite of Robert Lee.

HOSPITAL NEWS

- Dec. 9 — Mrs. Jimmy Munoz admitted. Mrs. Henry Childress dismissed.
- Dec. 10 — Mrs. Oscar Collett admitted.
- Dec. 11 — Baby Munoz born at 11:05 a.m. Mrs. Elmo Bell, Tony Olivas dismissed. Mr. Osa Faries expired at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 — Mrs. Oscar Collett dismissed.
- Dec. 14 — Mrs. Frances Seltz, Baylor Walker admitted.
- Dec. 15 — Mrs. Jimmy Munoz and baby dismissed.

"I just want good government. American government." So Fulton Lewis, radio commentator told a San Angelo audience in the municipal auditorium, Dec. 7.

May Santa stop at nothing to make your Christmas the Merriest

To You whose confidence and good will we treasure, we wish the joy and peace of Christmas to be with you always.



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Words cannot express our full appreciation for your patronage this year of '63

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For this Holiday Season let us use this means of saying "thanks" and wishing for one and all a Joyous and Festive Christmas and for the Coming Year 1964, may yours be bountiful with happiness and prosperity.

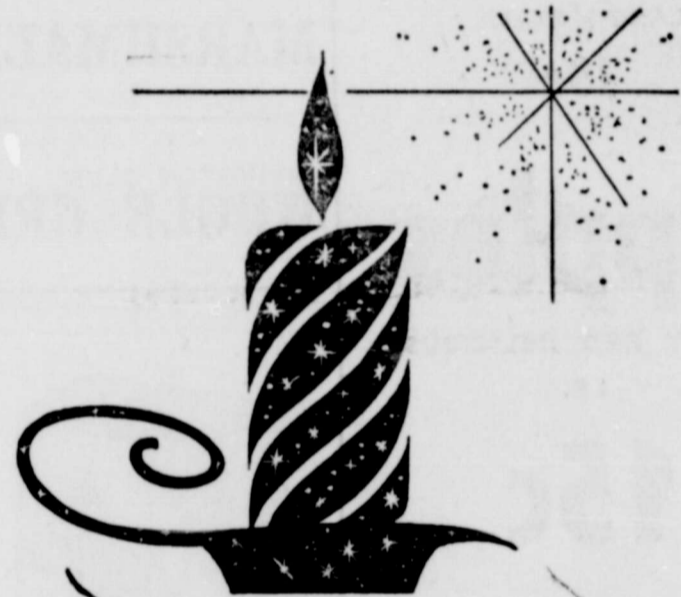


COKE COUNTY BUTANE

Bob, Dale, Tooter, James



"Clever of you to teach them to beg like that . . . but I don't want a puppy!"



Merry Christmas

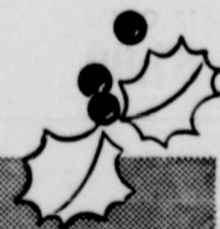
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Karo syrup **pt.** **29c**

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Dear Santa,
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Debbie L. Dawson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Tickle doll. Or a transistor radio. Or a bicycle. My school work is good. You are good to us, Santa. I love you, Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Nadine Davis

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie dream house and Tammy, please. I want Midge doll cloth, too, please. You are very kind and nice. I love you. I want a Barbie case.
From your friend,
Sherrill Ann Davis
Good-by.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a Tammy doll and house shoes for Chrisatms. Have I ben good? I love you, Santa.

Love,
Sue Lindsey

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a Tammy doll and some dishes. I have ben good. I like school. I love you.

Your friend,
Phyllis Wojtek

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a bicycle to ride to school and Tammy and Tickle for Christmas and a transistor radio for Christmas.

Love,
Donna Payton

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a 22 gun. Santa, you or kind. I love you, Santo.

Manuel Abalos

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Midge. I love you. I know you will not for get us. I need a baby bugy. I want a Transistor Radio. You are kind to us. I need a Babie case and close.

Your friend,
Wanda J. Prine

Dear Santa,
I want a Midge doll. I love you, Santa. You are kind. I thank you for pretty. You are nice.

Your friend,
Rhonda Sue Askins

Dear Santa,
I want a football and a 22 rifle and a B-B gun. I love you, Santa.

Love,
Bill Rowoldt

P. S. Please come to see me.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Midge and Barbie and Ken close.

I have fun in school. I love you. You are king to us.

Your friend,
Audrey Dee Walker
Box 473

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a bicycle. My Daddy has a bicycle but it is too big. I like to ride a bicycle. Sometimes it makes my face red because I ride fast. I love you. And I want a Civil War Set, too.

Your friend,
David E. Beaty

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll and bicycle. I want a baby bed. I am good, too. I like you, Santa Claus.. I kind you, Santa Claus.

Patricia

Dear Santa,
My I have a Wenchester gun? I do not have a Wenchester gun so may I have 1? Goob-by.

Your friend,
Don Sparks G. D. S.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Army set and a white hat and a winchester. Get Mother a warm coat. I love you. Good by.

Mary Dean

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Lea and Hadley

As Christmas approaches . . .

. . . all of us see many changes in this world of ours. But the relationship with the people we serve remains unchanged . . . for we can progress only as we earn your friendship. The Christmas season, dedicated to good-will among men, is an appropriate time for us to voice our thanks, and to tell you how much we have enjoyed serving you. All of us here at General Telephone wish all of you and yours a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A GOOD NEW YEAR

GENERAL TELEPHONE OF THE SOUTHWEST




Observations

(A Personal Word
By The Editor)

For several years, this editor has been receiving the Congressional Record regularly, and has kept it for reference, stored for use by himself and others doing research.

No one could read all the Congressional Record each day and do much of anything else, but it does contain a wealth of facts accumulated by very able men, some of the material admittedly rather irrelevant to the business of government, but a great deal that is relevant, decidedly so.

I am looking it over every day nowadays.

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Some very important facts included in the Record are somehow not getting attention in the daily press.

One of these is the information brought to light on Krebiozen by several senators, one of whom is a physician.

Another is the actual content of the Civil Rights Bill of 1963.

If space and finance permits, we would like to publish, abbreviated, some of these facts which are being generally ignored by the press services, and believe it would be a distinct service to our readers.

Much is going on and situations change. There is the matter of the tax reduction bill. Most all business men (see article, Observer, last week, "Washington and Small Business" by the National Federation of Independent Business Men—most business men, farmers and many others want to see taxes reduced.

What has given them pause is that along with the tax reduction bill, some of the greatest spending measures we have ever had were introduced in the same Congress and pushed by the same people.

Now that Johnson is going for reduction in operating expenses of government, people who have been wanting taxes reduced a long time have the best chance they have ever had or may ever have to get that done.

With this in mind, I wrote the Congressman from this district, O. C. Fisher, a few few days ago, suggesting the time may have come for Congress to go ahead and pass a tax reduction bill, and follow it by holding a tight rein on expenditures.

Following is a personal letter received from the Congressman which, although it was not written particularly for publication, I am taking the liberty to publish in this connection.

Washington, D. C.
December 9, 1963

Mr. Ulmer S. Bird
The Robert Lee Observer
Robert Lee, Texas
Dear Mr. Bird:

I have read your letter of December 5, and have also read the editorial which you enclosed. I think it is very timely and sound. Certainly we need to keep the matter of government policies in proper perspective and not be influenced by the terrible tragedy. It appears quite likely now that the Senate will approve the tax bill early next year, with some changes. President Johnson has spoken out for a retrenchment in spending. I hope that is translated into action. If so, it will help to justify the substantial tax cut that is now in the works.

With best regards, I remain
Sincerely yours,
O. C. Fisher

Continuing with our observations, I would think any great cut in government spending without a tax cut along with it might start some sort of recession, by cutting down jobs and money in circulation.

But with a retroactive tax cut, it would release considerable money into private hands for spending and for business investment employing more in private business, and would make up for the cut back in government expenditures, and now is a wonderful time to get both of these things done.

My belief is that the Conservatives as well as Liberals should go along with the tax cut, but not permit a lot of deficit spending, with the burden thrown on the

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Treasury Department to get out here and float more bonds or use some other method of borrowing more money.

This is, as I understand it, also the view of the Federation of Independent Business men, arrived at by a poll of their membership. We understand a good many local business men belong to this organization.

FORMER BAR HEAD SAYS NEW "RIGHT" BILL MADE HARSHER

"The bill now pending in the House of Representatives is, by far, more severe than its predecessors, yet people believe it is a more moderate offering, a 'watered down' version."

So writes John C. Satterfield, who was president of the American Bar Association in 1961-62.

"Every material restriction and every penalty that was incorporated in the first bill is to be found in the new legislation now under consideration. Moreover, new powers have been granted the Attorney General."

JERRY TINKLER HOME ON LEAVE, NOT JERRY CRAIG

In those unconscious or half conscious hours when the editor is putting the last touches to the newspaper, he can mix things up right well.

Last week it was when we had Jerry Craig home from Fort Polk, when it was Jerry Tinkler visiting HIS parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tinkler.

Jerry Craig was a far piece from here, with the U. S. Navy.

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Silver All Around The Peak

By MRS. GEORGE FUGATE

Silver Schools Out on Dec. 20
 School will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Dec. 20. In the afternoon of that day, the classes will have their Christmas parties at the school. Classes will resume on Jan. 2, 1964.

Silver Wins One Game, Loses Two
 The Silver girls basketball team defeated Bronte last Thursday evening. Scorers for Silver were Susan Newell, 9 points; Rose Ann White, 10; Lynn Brubaker, 4; Judy Gartman 2; and Phyllis Davis, 2 points.

The Silver boys "B" team were defeated at Bronte 26-17. Scorers were Gene Kincaid with 5 points; Quinn Conley, 2; Mike Parish 3; Bob Thomason, 2; Larry Sockwell, 1; and Steve Williams, 4 points.

The Boys "A" team was also defeated, 15-14. High scorer for

Silver was Donnie Higginbotham with 4 points, followed by Ricki Whitaker with 3 points; Robert Mathers, 3; Larry Paul, 2; and Carl Bloodworth, 2 points.

Silver will be host to Sterling City, Dec. 19. Game time is 6 p.m.

Bridge Club Meets

Mrs. Hale Kincaid was high scorer at the Silver Bridge Club last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Woodrow Koonce was second high scorer and consolation went to Mrs. Jerry Eubanks.

Hostesses for the party were Mrs. Fred Beaty and Mrs. Phil Wall.

Mrs. Jerry Eubanks and Mrs. George Fugate will be hostesses for the next meeting, Jan. 14.

Silver News Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore and

Mrs. Barbara Matheny and children recently spent a week in Marlow, Oklahoma visiting relatives.

Recent patients in the Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City were Mrs. Lawrence Feaster and Mrs. Jim Herford.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paul, Billy and Larry spent Sunday in Brady with her mother, Mrs. Frances Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Walker, Jr. and son, Mike of Kermit, were recent guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Walker.

Ladies Night

Members of the Silver Lions club and their wives enjoyed an old-fashioned box supper Tuesday evening at the Silver School.

Lion Hale Kincaid was presented a plaque for outstanding work in the Lions Club. Mr. Kincaid is a charter member and a former president.

Representing the Girl Scout Troops of Silver at the meeting were Cheryl Keller, Brownie; Jenny Mullins, Junior; Nona Ramsey, 2nd class; Kathy Denman, Cadette; and Cynthia Davis, senior scout. These scouts presented the Lions an appreciation award for their many years of sponsorship of the Scout troops.

Church Class Has Christmas Social

The Faith Sunday School class of the Baptist Church met in the Fellowship Hall, Friday evening, for their Christmas social.

A turkey dinner was served to the members and their husbands and special guests, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Smith.

Mr. Earl Cook gave the invocation. Following the dinner, Rev. Carl Smith brought the devotional. Special music was presented by Mrs. Ronald Faust, Mrs. Curtis Parish, and Mrs. Homer White accompanied by Mrs. Harold Keller. Christmas songs were also sung. Mr. Les Copeland gave the closing prayer.

Live Nativity Scene

The Silver MYF will present a live nativity scene in front of the Methodist Church, Dec. 21-23. The time will be from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The youth plan to go caroling Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. and would like to invite the youth of the community to join them.

CARD OF THANKS

I sincerely wish to express my thanks to each and every one for the many kindnesses extended in my recent sorrow. The doctor and nurses, beautiful flowers, cards, food and all the love and friendship shall always be remembered by me. May God's blessings rest upon every one.
 Effie Murray

Take a Look at the Ads.
 A little time spent in reading them is time well spent.



You're on our list...

To Receive BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

ARTELL, REBA, & KAYE ROBERTS

MERRY CHRISTMAS



A friendly Christmas "Hello" to all our wonderful friends. May this season be a happy one for you and yours.

The Adams Abstract Co.

Skinny & Elsie

Stanley & Christi

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

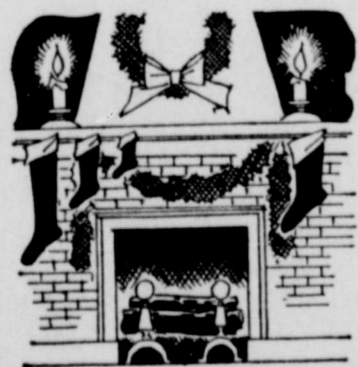


Coke County Tax Collector's Office

Mr. & Mrs. O. B. Jacobs

Bess Hendley

Jerry McCutchen



A Merry Christmas to All

and

A Happy New Year



McCabe Humble Service Station

Our Home Circle

By Fay C. Roe
Home Demonstration Agent

Anyone desiring a copy of the revised "Christmas Time at Home" Bulletin may have a free copy by writing or calling my office. This bulletin contains many recipes that will be good for Holiday eating as well as all through the year. It contains menus, recipes for appetizers, beverages, breads, cakes, candies, confec-

tions, cookies, desserts, main dishes, pies, pudding, and salads.

Planning to serve poultry for Christmas dinner and wondering how much to buy for the crowd? Chicken, broiled or barbecued, 1/4 to 1/2 bird; fried, roasted, or stewed, about 1/2 pound; turkey, 3/4 pound.

Pick the poultry you want, then of course, multiply by the number of people you intend to serve.

The average person in India consumes about a dime's worth of food a day. An American eats \$1.07 worth.

Ida Lee and Jerry Parker, Bronte 4-H club members were honored Wednesday in San Angelo at the District Gold Star luncheon. Ida Lee and Jerry were selected for the Coke County award for 1963.

The Gold Star winners parents are Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parker.

The luncheon was sponsored by West Texas Utilities Company of Abilene. The Utility company annually sponsors the affair to honor the Gold Star winners of the twenty counties of District 7.

Mr. James "Curly" Hays of West Texas Utilities Company was awarded an honorary 4-H membership for the many things he has done for the boys and girls of this organization. Attending the luncheon with Ida Lee and Jerry were Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parker Mrs. Fay C. Roe, home demonstration agent, Sterling Lindsey, county agricultural agent, and Mrs. Lindsey.

FOR NEXT FEW DAYS
SURPLUS COPIES OF
1963 OBSERVERS FREE

At the Observer office we have completed our files for 1963 to date and have a stack of surplus copies that will be destroyed within the next few days.

Anyone wanting these may have them for calling at the office, all or any part of them. We will not undertake to hunt out issues for anyone, but those wishing to find particular issues are welcome to come and look through them and take whatever they want. — Editor.

SPEAKING OF SPEAKING

"Senator, your speech was superfluous, simply superfluous," a woman admirer said.

"I'm glad you liked it," he said, tongue in cheek. "I hope to have it published posthumously."

"Wonderful! Just wonderful," she replied. "I hope it will be soon."

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Mrs. G. C. Casey is reported doing fair at Clinic Hospital in San Angelo following an operation in which her left leg was amputated just below the knee at 10:00 a.m. Monday.



FOR YOU, OUR FRIENDS

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



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Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Gardner



We like to remember our friends at Christmas

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vaughan



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WE CHERISH-

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

Best Wishes



THE ADD DAVIS FAMILY

COUNTRYSIDE

By STERLING LINDSEY

The 1964 Coke County Fat Stock Show is just 25 days away. This edition should be one of the finest ever and also the largest. Approximately 225 head of sheep, cattle and swine will be on exhibit and competing for honors in this year's attraction. Between 60 and 65 girls and boys from the FFA Chapters and 4-H clubs will be entering animals they have spent many hours preparing for this show and the others coming later. We hope the weather will cooperate and a larger crowd will be on hand to witness the action, come January 13.

The show directors are in the final stages with their preparation. They are to be commended along with numerous others for

their support of and contributions to this and other youth activities.

We should wind up the brucellosis testing soon. Mr. Parks has all but one or two herds that are required for Coke County to be recertified. Our present certificate expires on January 12.

Here's a new wrinkle — birds in hay lofts (and I suppose other buildings) can be driven away with the use of a flashing light. A revolving cylinder with two amber and two clear lenses placed over a 75 watt bulb will annoy the birds and drive them away, the report states. Don't burn the light at night — from a distance the flashing amber and white

lights make the barn appear to be on fire.

The directors and officers of the Coke County Livestock protective Association have met twice since the general discussion and organizational meeting was held early in December. They have the organization ground work layed and going. They are pleased with the members joining the Association to date and are hopeful that the tide will continue. A large membership will make the organization more effective and helpful to the county.

December and January are good months for having your soil analyzed. The soil testing laboratories generally are not as rushed at this time of the year and can return your analysis within a week. If you would like information on how to take a soil sample or need the forms that must go in with a soil sample, give us a ring. More

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and more Coke County operators are considering the use of fertilizers each year. A soil analysis could give you the information you need regarding the plant food available in a certain field.

Agriculture, the nation's biggest industry, is composed of 3.7 million independent producers.

Only 14 cases of screwworms were found during the last report-

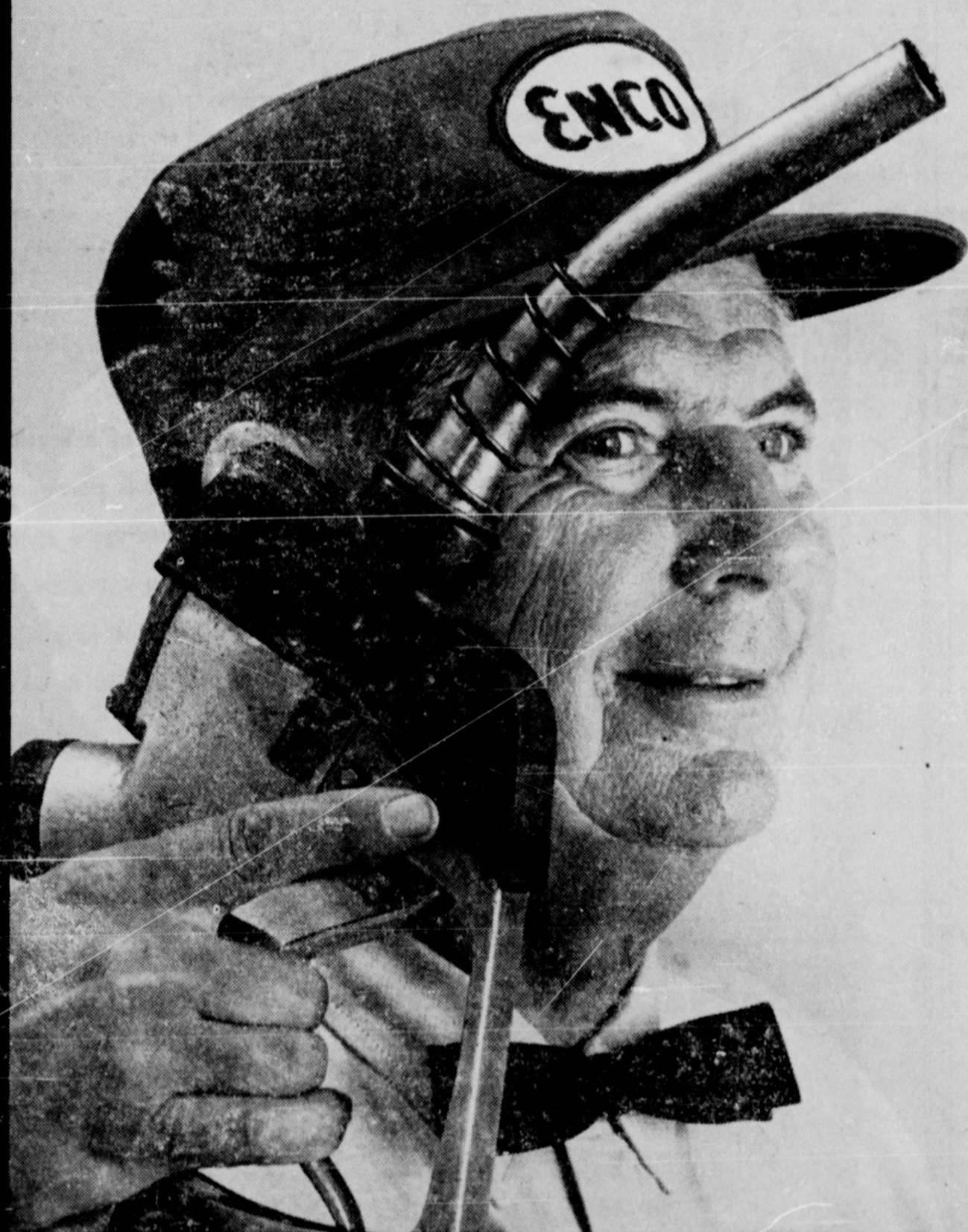
ing week. All of these came from counties below San Antonio. The authorities are concentrating the sterile fly drops in the buffer zone in Mexico. They hope to push the screwworm back and be abreast of the situation when the northward begins again, probably in February.

In case of fire Dial 453-4291.

Warm wishes for a very Merry Christmas

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Enco Extra's winter formula prevents stalls due to carburetor icing! It helps you start easier, warm up faster, gives you full power faster in stop-and-go driving.

extended-Life UNIFLO MOTOR OIL



Instant lubrication protects your engine from friction damage caused by cold starting. Uniflo lasts longer — exceeds the requirements of every car manufacturer.

ATLAS Perma-Guard ANTI-FREEZE



This guarantee goes with Atlas Perma-Guard: If your anti-freeze protection varies more than five degrees above the protection point you originally specified, we'll add the necessary anti-freeze at no cost.

ATLAS Plycron TIRES

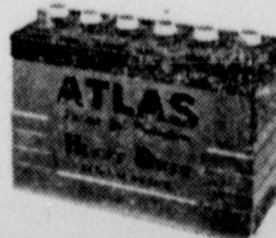


Atlas Plycron tires put more rubber to work for you the whole year long. Enjoy easier steering, a smoother ride and up to 25% greater comfort. Driving is easier, and safer, too!

HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY
America's Leading ENergy Company



ATLAS Perma-Ful H-D BATTERY



This Atlas Heavy-Duty battery puts out all the power your car needs. Its extra-long life means low cost-per-mile, too.

LETTERS TO SANTA

When we publish letters to Santa, we like to explain to the writers that Santa doesn't always come up with everything we ask. It maybe sometimes we ask too much, or maybe Santa has to divide his gifts out to a lot of other girls and boys.

Anyhow, we go along with the children who want to write Santa, and the following are from Second Graders in the Robert Lee school.

Here's two girls didn't ask very much, and we're sure Santa understands that last part better than we do. It's from Mary Lou Landin and Nora Landin.

Dear Santa, you are kind to me bicycle and a Barbie and a Pony Tickle.

Dear Santa:
I want a bazooka and a machine gun and a bicycle and a B-B gun. I want a army set.
I like you.
Cliff Cole

Here's one has the name up at the top, all printed big and plain, and Santa wouldn't even have to have specs to read it.

From Terry Wayne Wojtek
Dear Santa,
Santa I want a bicycle. Santa I want a machine gun. Santa I want a 30-30 rifle. Santa I want a Winchester. Santa, I want a army set. Santa I want a B-B gun. Santa a Bazooka. Santa I love you.
Santa, North Pole 99701

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Barbie car and a Transistor Radio and a Barbie drem house and a Barbie bed. thank you Santa Claus from Sherry McClellan
I Love you Santa Claus.

Dear Santa:
I want a bicycle and a B-B gun please for Cresms. I love you, Santa. From Denzil B. Hoek.

Dear Santa
I want a b-b gun. I have one but it is broke and I want an other one.
Tom Gloria

Dear Santa:
Please give me a doll.
Please give me a Ken.
Please give me a toy pony.
I love your very kind.
Love, Melissa

Dear Santa Claus
I want a B-B gun and a Transistor Radio and a Civil War set and a Winchester and a 20-2 and 30-30. I love you Santa Claus.
Jesse Eads

NATURALLY
Fortune Teller: "You'll be poor and unhappy until you're 40."
Woman, excitedly: "Then what will happen?"
Teller: "You'll get used to it."

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a Tammy doll and some house shoes. Please give me some dishes and a dress. And please give me a Transistor Radio.

You are nice to us. I love you very much.
Love,
Your friend—Terri Kinsey

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a machine Gun. You are kind to us.
fome Jim Jacobs

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a bicycle to ride to the hospitle after school. I've wanted to have one for a long time.
Your friend,
Jeff Neal Eubank

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Loo.
I want a Machine Gun.
I want a Bazooka.
I have ben good. I ben learning. So long.
Your friend,
Jon Bill

Christmas Greetings
OLENE'S BEAUTY SHOP
VIVIAN AND OLENE

OUR BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES TO ALL
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr.
And Family



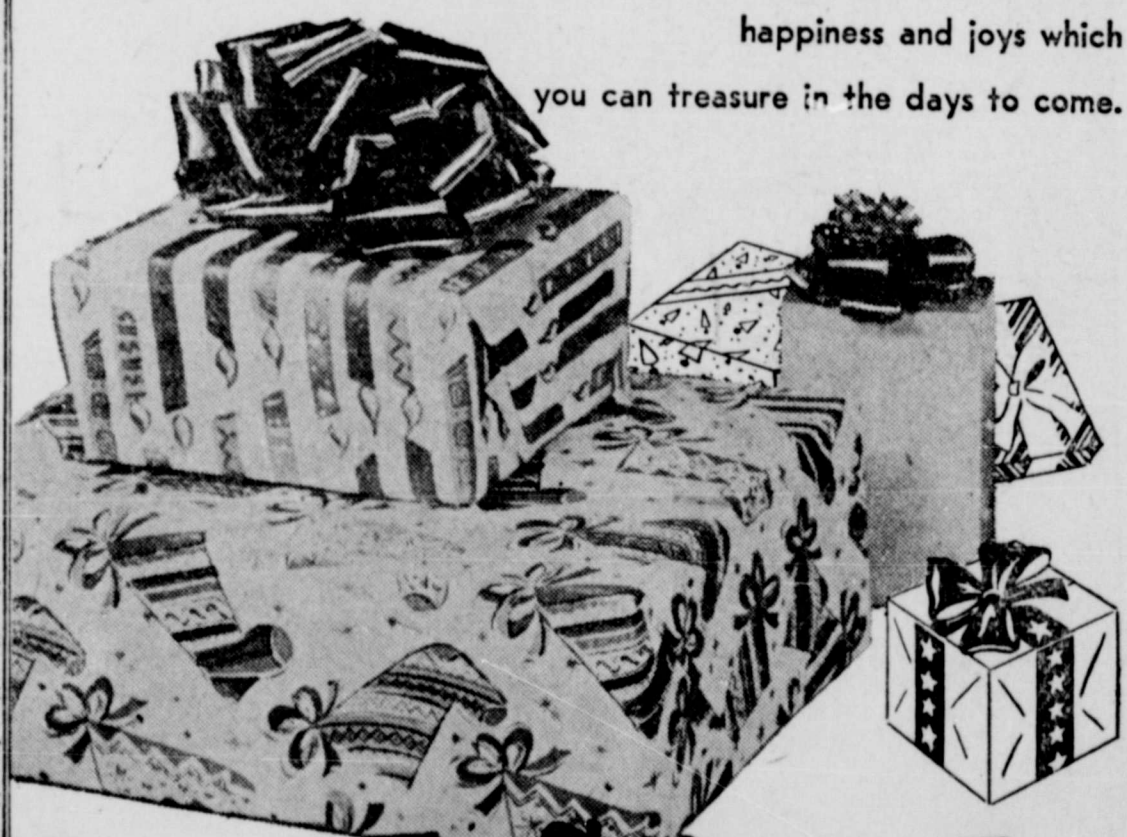
JONES
Barber & Beauty
Shop



ERNEST CLENDENNEN
AND FAMILY

a happy christmas

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



to our friends

Robert Lee State Bank