

# Robert Lee Observer

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## EXCHANGE GREETINGS OF GOOD WILL

### Christmas Observations

Ulmer Bird

*Yes, there are new and shining things.*

*Progress moves along.*

*But 'mongst them all there come to mind*

*An old time Christmas song.*

*Amidst the new gifts and the old*

*Each 25th December*

*Friendly hands and kindly hearts*

*We remember, we remember.*

## Tight 83-B Basketball Loop for '65 Season

The Steers met some tall Cats Saturday when they played San Angelo's Junior Varsity in the Eldorado Tournament. A combination of Bobcat height and cold Steer shooting meant the difference between the Bobcats' 47 and the Steers 32, in the tournament finals.

Terry Thetford and Dennis Gartman were named to the all-tournament team, along with the Bobcats' 6'5" Don Hill, Eldorado's 6'6" Richard Preston and 6'3" Gary Derrick, and Norton's David Porter.

In this game, Hood hit for 11 points, Gartman for 10, and Askins for 6.

### Win Over Eldorado

To reach the finals, the Steers came from one point behind Eldorado's tall Eagles, with 45 seconds left as Terry Thetford hit two free tosses and Gary Sam Williams came on with 3 points to put it in the bag.

The Steers came through under pressure with 7 of 9 important free throws in the 4th quarter, a total of 16 for the game, and edged out with a close total of 54 to 51.

### Started With Mertzon

Three days after their hard fought football loss to Wheeler at Shamrock, the Steers launched into the basketball season at Mertzon on December 8, moving to a 36-23 half-time advantage, then Mertzon and their lack of basketball conditioning caught up with them for a loss to Mertzon of 57-54.

This loss they avenged on Dec. 10, as they hit their pace, with Robert Lee 53, Mertzon 48, with Thetford hitting 24, Hood 12, Gartman 11.

That was at the Christoval tournament. Then on the next day they moved to an early lead with

Bronte, added to it, and came out RL 53, Bronte 36. In the tossing, Thetford scored 18, Gartman 13, Hood 10, Askins 8, Royce Lee and Jim Morrow were high for Bronte with 14 and 13 respectively.

### Christoval Tourney Dec. 12

As in football, it takes defense to check the opposition scoring as well as offensive play to score, and in the Christoval tourney the defensive work was tremendous, though the Steers lost first place in a nip and tuck battle with Water Valley 34-33.

Dennis Gartman, named most valuable player in this tournament, did a tremendous defensive job on Water Valley's Wayne Fincher, holding him to only 10 points.

### Third With Mertzon Dec. 15

Steer defense held tough in a low scoring battle, the third with the Mertzon Hornets in 8 days. The Steers again nudged the Hornets but not without feeling their sting — a two point margin R.L. 35 to their 33.

The RL boys managed to keep a slim lead throughout the game with Norton at Eldorado on December, to the final score of RL 44, Norton 42. This earned them the right to meet Eldorado, then San Angelo Junior Varsity in that tournament, as described above.

### WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY

Most of the places of business and all the offices within the city limits of Robert Lee will be closed on Christmas Day and Saturday, following.

The Observer will be closed Christmas Day and over the weekend. Any items for next week's edition should be turned in by Thursday night. If the place is closed, items written out may be slipped under the door.

Shooting, killings, riots and wrecks? Floods, fires, feuds, famines? Failures in hearts and homes.

Is there no GOOD NEWS — GOOD TIDINGS THAT BRING JOY?

Well, maybe there was 1964 years ago. But Now? Today?

Now look. When a community turns out to exchange kind greetings of good will to each other, that is good news — today.

From forty homes, including many in business and professional life here in this issue come best wishes to loved ones, neighbors and more distant friends to all readers of this newspaper.

### Robert Lee Firms Give Thirty-Two Items Worth \$140

Following Santa's visit here Saturday, the following gifts from Robert Lee firms went to the persons indicated.

Robert Lee Observer—1 year subscription—B. B. Pierce.

Farris Drug—\$2.50 Merchd. — Judy Williams.

Baker's Groc.—\$5.00 Groceries — Katherine Geist.

Bahlman Cleaners—\$5.00 Cleaning—Mrs. J. L. Roe.

Brown Lumber Co.—\$5.00 Merchd.—Drexel Skipworth.

Ivey Motor Co.—\$8.95 Floor Mat—Winnie Pitcock.

Trimble Recreation Center — \$2.00 cash—Mrs. Jeff Blair.

Williams Funeral Home — \$5.00 cash—Mrs. Bill Blair.

Olene's Beauty Shop — Hair Spray—Bobby Roberts.

McDorman Service Sta.—10 gal. gas—Oscar Collett.

Jones Barber Shop—Hair Cut—Mrs. Joy Dale Dean.

Coke County Officials—\$5.00 cash —Doris Payne.

McCutchen Variety Store — Toy —Annie B. Mitchell.

Vaughan Chevrolet—\$7.50 Merchd.—Mrs. Pat Rives.

Henry's Bar-bu-cue—2 lunches —Rosemarie Davis.

West Texas Utilities—\$5.00 cash —Mabel Mundell.

Roach's Dry Goods—\$5.00 merchd.—Mrs. Jesse Gloria.

Denman Station—10 gal gas—Mrs. Jeff Dean.

Lone Star Gas Co.—\$5.00 cash—Mrs. Jett Hood.

Reba's Beauty Shop—\$2.00 can Bubble Bath—Chris Wilkes.

Ross Station—10 gal. gas—Waymond Robertson.

Froggy's Cafe—\$2.00 cash—Bessie Hallmark.

Wallace Grocery—\$5.00 Groceries—Chanda McBroom.

Fran-cilla Flowers—\$5.00 flower—Fagan Parker.

Sparks Texaco Station—wash & grease—Mrs. Sloan Boone.

Robert Lee State Bank—\$10.00 cash—Mrs. Mary Prine.

Coke County Butane—50 gal. butane—Rickey Hatch.

Add Davis Grocery—\$5.00 groceries—Mrs. Gene Baker.

Adams Abstract Co.—\$5.00 cash —Verna Allen.

Butane Sales Co.—50 gal. butane—Mrs. Gene Hinnard.

Jack's Bait Stand—\$5.00 Merchd.—Mary Sue Roe.

Mack McGinley Gro. & Laundry—\$5.00 Merchd.—Pete Davis.

Editor's Comment: Now in regard to that \$10.00 cash from the Robert Lee State Bank, won by

## Austin Hearing Will Re-open January 4th

The hearing before the Texas Water Commission at Austin on the application of Colorado River Municipal Water District to change their permit to build a dam on the Colorado from a Mitchell County site to one about 2 miles up the river from Robert Lee was recessed for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

### NEWS YEAR'S EDITION TO BE PRINTED EARLY THIS YEAR

In order to give newspaper folks, including those in the shop a few days off during the holidays, the New Year's Edition will be printed several days early.

Material to go in it is already going to the printer as we complete the Christmas edition, and anyone wanting anything in the New Year's Edition, please get it in to us as soon as possible.

We need to have it before Christmas Day, which means by tonight, Thursday (Christmas Eve).

### TREASURER OF COKE COUNTY WEDS CASS COUNTY TREASURER

Mrs. Inez Burns and Mr. Roy Davis were married last Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, in the home of Bro. and Mrs. James Rogers in San Angelo with Bro. Jimmy Rogers officiating. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Harmon, of San Angelo. The bride wore blue with black accessories and a pink carnation corsage.

The wedding party ate supper at the Holiday Restaurant.

The bride is treasurer of Coke County. The bridegroom is treasurer of Cass County and lives in Linden, Texas. The couple met at a treasurers' convention in Corpus Christi.

Mary Prine of the Robert Lee Observer, Foy Askins, Buster Pierce and Husband Junior Prine quick decided how they could spend it.

January 4 was the date set to reconvene the hearing. Efforts of Lower Colorado River Authority and associated attorneys to have the application dismissed were unsuccessful, and LCRA is expected to bring the main force of their opposition to bear when the hearing re-opens.

It is not known here just how determined the opponents will be in relation to this dam or how far they will carry their opposition. It is known that people in the lower valley are alarmed over West Texas proposals to appropriate all the water upstream from the "Winchell Gauge" near Brownwood.

LCRA officials have organized a large delegation from the Buchanan Dam-Austin area to attend the hearing and protest the Robert Lee dam.

## Hollis Serves In Fleet Operation on Oiler USS Chipola

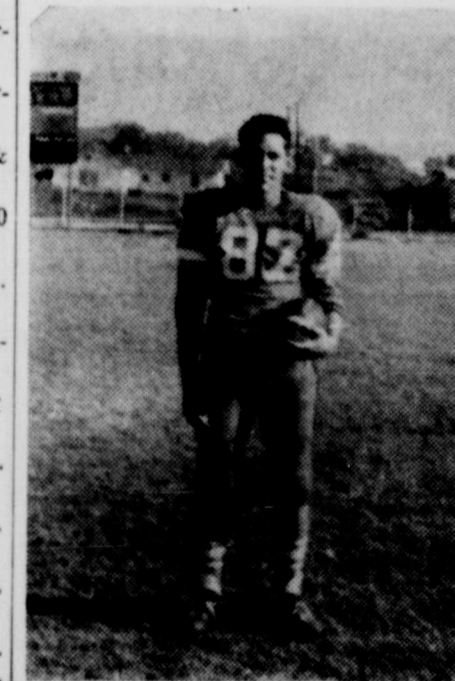
USS CHIPOLA (AO-63) —Electrician's Mate Fireman Michael G. Hollis, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie E. Hollis of Robert Lee, Tex., participated Dec. 9-12 in a large scale fleet training operation in the Western Pacific called "Operation Tall Back" while serving aboard the fleet oiler USS Chipola.

The exercise, under the direction of the Commander of the Seventh Fleet in the Far East, was designed to increase the readiness of Seventh Fleet units in strike, anti-aircraft and anti-submarine warfare. Twenty-three surface ships, three submarines and several land-based Air Force and Naval air units participated in the exercise.

Two task forces, each with an attack aircraft carrier as its hub, opposed each other.

The operation was conducted to test and evaluate Seventh Fleet units under the most realistic operating conditions.

## Two All-District Steers



RICKY HATCH



GLEN ROACH

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## What Is Christmas?

(By the Editor of the Observer)

If we were to just go out on the street and ask that question, the first reply probably would be—"It is the day the Christian world has chosen to remember the birth of Christ."

Add to that "It is the day we remember in a special way those we love, those who loved us, and also the stranger without gates."

For the Mother with her children and a broad circle of relatives and friends, it is sometimes hectic—a time when she has to crowd into two weeks the speed of ten.

For Dad, with his limited pocketbook it has its worry as well as its joys, and there are always those who would ask, "Is it worth the cost?" and even some who count it as a pagan observance and would mark it off the calendar.

But of olden time the groves of trees were God's until they were put to pagan use. Yet, when God takes back his trees, Joyce Kilmer can write "Only God can make a tree."

Somehow, in all due respect to those who find fault, we still love Santa Claus. He may be only a symbol, but he is a symbol of something very real.

When Fleagle with his evil eye shoots down Santa Claus, maybe the cartoonist has brought forth another symbol. In that part of the world where "power comes out of a gun barrel," where missionaries are slaughtered, where Christians have been buried alive, it is a sorry life indeed.

With all its stir and stewing about, we just believe we still want to live in a country and among people with hearts tender enough, souls big enough to remember, first of all, that Christ was born in Bethlehem, and along with that the first to bring gifts were wise men.

With all its bother, history will probably put us down as wise to keep Christmas.

As to Santa Claus, he does not take the place of Christ. But that spirit of beneficence, that looking with love upon the little ones—that will to give and help others live has come to symbolize something Christ did place in the hearts of men—stronger the year around because of what we feel at Christmas time.

For some it may have become more of a revelry than it should. Nothing good ever came to man but that it has been possible to pervert, misuse, or abuse it.

Christmas is too much for me. I can't get around to all of it. But believe me, I am not about to shoot down Santa Claus—SO TO ALL—

## Happy Christmas

May hope and peace, and above all, good cheer, be yours at this **best** happy season; and may unhappiness be forever unknown to you and yours. **wishes**

**FRAN - CILLA FLOWERS**  
 TOBY & MARY MAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Snead and children, David and Angela, are here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, and her mother, Mrs. Dan Middleton, and Mr. Middleton.

Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey Salter and children, Gary and Mike, left Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Salter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brice, at Sulphur Springs.

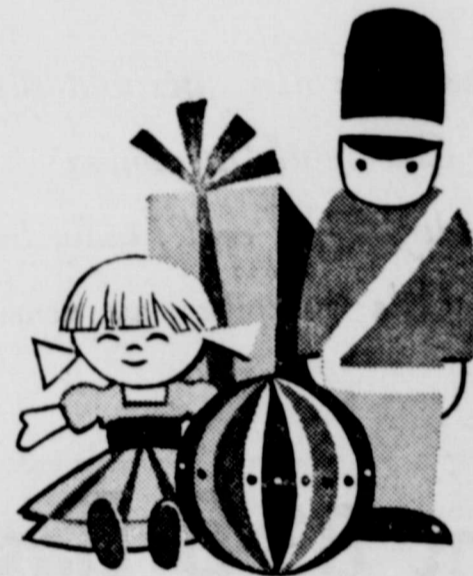
Robert Holland, of Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, is home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Latham and children of San Angelo visited in Robert Lee Sunday.



**ULMER AND JOSEPHINE BIRD**



... a thousand "Thank You's" for your trust and patronage  
 ... a thousand "Best Wishes" to you during every Christmas moment



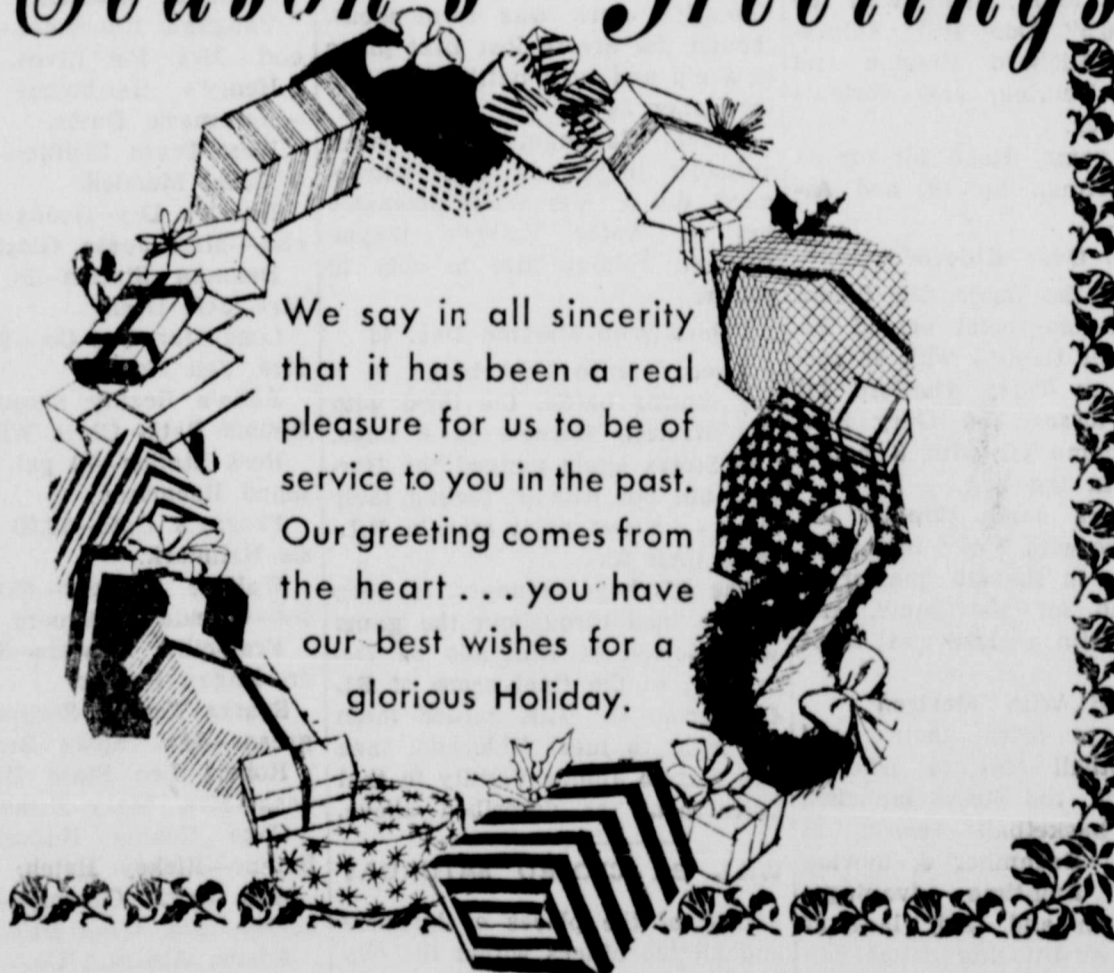
**SPARKS TEXACO SERVICE**

CALVIN  
 COVA

HERSHALL  
 C. L.

BUCKY

## Season's Greetings



We say in all sincerity that it has been a real pleasure for us to be of service to you in the past. Our greeting comes from the heart... you have our best wishes for a glorious Holiday.

# Ivey Motor Company

# Neighborhood News

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Burton were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Burton, and boys, Danny, Clifton, and Duron, of San Angelo. Other recent guests have been Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Elwell, of Huntsville, Ark., and their daughter, Sandy of T.C.U. Their son, Guy Mike, has been staying with the Burtons for several weeks and attending school in Robert Lee.

Gayle Lewis, daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr., is living in Aikin, South Carolina, and working in the accounting department of Corning Ware Plastics.

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins is here to spend Christmas in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bill Matlock, Mr. Matlock, and family.

Dale Hamby will spend part of the Christmas holidays with his parents in Coleman. Mr. Hamby is a teacher in the Robert Lee School.

Mrs. Zelma Millam and son, Joe, of San Angelo visited in Robert Lee Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farris returned to San Angelo with them to stay a few days.

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**THE QUISENBERRY'S**  
 Gene, J. E., Jerry & Pam



### Scenes of Christmas

No matter what scenes of Christmas you cherish... we hope you'll add this one along with our thanks and our heartiest wishes for a Christmas of contentment and a new year of success.

**FARRIS**  
 City Drug

# Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa  
 I want a bicycle and a watch, a BB gun, and a pony. Your friend,  
 Manuel Abalos

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Marx dump truck and a Jhonny seven OMA and a auto transport that hauls nine new cars. I have really tried to be good. Your friend Jon Bill Brock

Dear Saanta,  
 Please send me a BB gun and a tent, football, so I can play football with my cusin (cousin). With my tent I can go camping sometime. Your friend  
 Tom Gloria

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a shield (shield) and a B B gun, a bicycle. I hope you have fun. Your friend, Alvaro Morales

Dear Santa,  
 I have tried to be a good boy. I want a watch, football, and a gun. What are your raindeer doing. What are your elfs doing? Your friend, David E. Beaty

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Farris, of Mesquite, are parents of a baby daughter, Angela Kaye, who was born Dec. 14, weighing 4 pounds, 6 ounces. She will remain in an incubator until she reaches 5 pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buster Farris, of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, of Dallas. Larry Farris is a pilot for Delta Airlines. The couple have a son, Mark, 4 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jones and sons, Kent and Keith, of Winters, spent Sunday here with Mr. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones.

Robert Lee Zip Code Number is 76945.

## A FRIENDLY GREETING



May this Yuletide be one of resounding joy and good cheer

**THE ROBERTS**  
 Reba, Artell & Kay

## Happy Holidays

We are always conscious of our many friends but sometimes we get so busy we don't take time to put it into words just how much we appreciate them. Happily, Christmas gives us a special opportunity to think of our friends and wish them well.

We're happy, now, to express our appreciation for your friendliness and good will, as we wish you a joyful holiday season and the best of everything in the New Year.

**WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**  
 Sam & Ruth Williams & Family

## NOW! Big travel bargain for cities along Santa Fe

It's Chico Bargain Fare time again on the Santa Fe—through April 30, 1965.

For example, a regular round-trip ticket costing \$100 will be sold at the off-season bargain fare of \$80. Round trips costing \$75 now will be only \$60, and similar reductions will apply for round-trip tickets from all stations except for local trips within the State of California.

No matter where you travel on Santa Fe trains, round-trip bargain fares will save you approximately 20%. Tickets on sale every day with a return limit of 30 days. Yes, bargain fares apply for both round-trip coach and first-class tickets.

Now you can leave the car at home and save money traveling by Santa Fe.

See the Santa Fe Agent in your home town for complete information



# Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 6 years old. Please bring me a toy for Christmas thank you love  
Ronny Lloyd  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 6 years old please bring me a BB gun love  
Robert Ybarra  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 7 years old I want a bike and toys love  
Jose Morales  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa Claus:  
I like you I am a boy 6 years old bring me an airplane love  
Mike Perciful  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a sex BB gun for Christmas luv  
Kent Cole  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa  
I want a tent this year. I had a tent once before but I let it get tore up. I have been pretty good this year. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I mope it isn't to much to get my tent. Your friend, Jeffery

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl 9 years old. Please bring me a baby Brite doll, a buggy, and a pair of roller Skates. Thank you very much.  
Wanda Jean Prine  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa:  
I am a boy 6 years old please bring me a hot rod for Christmas. thank you  
Harvey Wojtek  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa,  
Please send me some house shoes and a ring. and a scarf, bracelet, and a Raggedy Ann.  
Your freind, Terri Kinsey  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a baton, a watch, and some house shoes. and I would like a Barbie, Tammy or a Skipper. I don't care which one I get.  
Your friend, Phyllis Wojtek  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be a good girl, and I am also trying to make good grades. Santa I would like a Barbie bed, and some clothes for her, and for me please bring me some books of my own. Love Vicki Lynn Stewart  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa,  
Would you please send me a Skipper Barbie dream house, and clothes for Skipper. Would you please send them to me. Your friend Sherry McClellan  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa,  
I want a hat, and some shoes and a Arithmetic book; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love Mary Lou Landin  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a nittina set, and watch. And I would like Skipper. Also I have been a good girl this year. I hope I can have what I want. Merry Christmas. Your Friend, Sue Lindsey  
\* \* \*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I want a bicycle, watch and football. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your friend, Bill Rowoldt  
\* \* \*

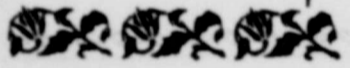
Dear Santa  
I have been a pretty good boy. I want you to send me a Johnny seven OMA, a mouse trap game, and a gun ho set. I hope it isn't to cold at the north pole.  
Your friend,  
Terry Wojtek



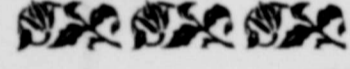
## Happy



## Holiday



## Season



### The Trimbles

Bill, Curtis and Nancy

# Good CHRISTMAS Wishes



to you and yours

## ROSS SERVICE STATION

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Ross

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ross

# GREETINGS

We wish you an

## OLD FASHIONED

## MERRY



## CHRISTMAS



### ROBERT LEE OBSERVER

AND ALL THE STAFF

# YULE LOG



Yule log and holly... one of the familiar sights at Christmas time. The gala green and red tells us what a joyous time this merry season is. Another familiar scene is meeting an old friend and wishing him the best of the season.

This is a favorite custom of ours... so to you, and all our other loyal friends, we extend our wish for a

## Merry Christmas

# Robert Lee State Bank

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin and children, of San Angelo, spent Sunday in the Alan Rowaldt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dean, of Texas University, came to spend Christmas with Jerry's family, Mrs. Jeff Dean, Tony, and Della.

## Would You Say Old Santa Has Changed Any?

What was Christmas like 75 years ago, the first one for Coke County, when Sanco was one year old and Robert Lee was a-borning. Silver was getting settled up, Edith community was getting under way.

Striped stick candy was a treat, no oranges except on Christmas, and not always then. Chances are there was ham in the smoke-house—some wild turkeys about, at least one old hen fat enough to eat, and corn bread from home grown corn ground at the mill on Yellow Wolf Creek.

"Shooting the anvil" might have been a prime Christmas stunt, if somebody could find enough powder and get hold of an anvil.

Folks from back east could come in on the stage from Balingler to Hayrick. Then, or soon after, we would have the old community tree—a cedar from the hills as big as the men folks could squeeze through the door of the school house, which was also a meeting place for the community.

Nobody said so maybe, but there was rivalry then to see that nobody's kids got more off that tree than yours did, and no kid went home without something from Santa.

By the way, Santa looked then about like he does now, so far as we can learn, or at least he did soon after 1900 when this writer can first remember.

He doesn't grow any older—not Santa. Looks just like he did that Christmas morning Uncle Ira didn't show up till later. Those he greeted then, the shy ones who hid behind mother's long skirts, the bolder ones who came up for a closer look—they all grew up, had Christmases with their children, then with their grandchildren.

But Santa just don't grow up or grow old, and he never has changed the style of his suit very much as we can see. He loves little children just like he always did.

They tell us now he comes on a jet plane. But don't you believe a word of it—it's every bit newspaper propaganda. He rides the sky just like he did then—he didn't need any jet—and you don't see him until he has already been.

Yes, we grew up and we learned more about where Santa comes from, but the wonder of that long ago night lingers on.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Beaty and sons, David and James, are spending Christmas week in Comanche with his parents and Eastland with her parents.

Meaning More  
from  
Year to Year

Merry Christmas!

THE HAVINS

Fern

Martha

Kay

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.



McDorman Service Station

Mr. & Mrs. Linzy McDorman

It isn't far to

Bethlehem.

It's anywhere that

Christ

Comes down and finds

Peace and Welcome

Shining in the face of

Someone.



MAY EVERY CHRISTMAS BLESSING BE YOURS

ADD DAVIS AND FAMILY  
Grocery and Market

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and all good wishes

OLLIE ROE & FAMILY

OUR BEST  
CHRISTMAS  
WISHES TO ALL

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr.  
And Family

Wishing you  
all the joys of  
the Christmas  
Season

THE DAVID KEYS



Season's  
Greetings

BROWN LUMBER & SUPPLY

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Lena Russell admitted 10-22, remained  
 Mr. J. R. Patterson admitted 11-16, remained  
 Mrs. Annie Sparks admitted 11-22, remained  
 Mr. G. A. Brown admitted 12-9; dismissed 12-19  
 Mrs. T. F. Bryan and baby admitted 12-10, dismissed 12-16  
 Mrs. Hattie Day admitted 12-13, remained  
 Mr. T. W. Farris admitted 12-15, dismissed 12-19  
 Bonnie Walker admitted 12-16;

dismissed 12-18.  
 Dorman Thomas Jr. admitted 12-16; dismissed 12-18.  
 J. W. Service Sr. admitted 12-18, dismissed 12-20.  
 Dorman Thomas Sr. admitted 12-18, dismissed 12-20.  
 P. H. Havins admitted 12-19; remained  
 Bonnie Walker admitted 12-20; remained  
 Mrs. C. E. Mathers admitted 12-21, remained.  
 Don Weathers, of McMurry, is here to spend the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen.

### Neighborhood News

Vicki Wojtek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek, and her roommate, Carolyn Glenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn, of Bronte, have recently been initiated into the Texas Rho Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Fraternity. The invitation to membership is reserved for those among the upper ten per cent of junior and senior students who have completed at least thirty hours credit in Hardin-Simmons University and whose attitude, character, and attendance records have met with the approval of an investigating committee of the faculty and Alpha Chi members. Miss Wojtek is a music major and Miss Glenn's major is English.

Miss Joyce Mize, who teaches science in the local school, is spending Christmas week with her family in Ballinger and plans to spend part of the time deer-hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Eaton and children, James K., Jr., and Janeene, of Andrews, spent the weekend here with Mrs. Eaton's mother, Mrs. Claude Walker. Monday they left for Conroe to spend Christmas with his parents.

#### Robert Holland Is Member of Student Council at Schreiner

A recent press release from Schreiner Institute at Kerrville listed among student representatives on their student Council for the current year the name of Robert Vance Holland, Jr., son of Mrs. Pauline Holland of Robert Lee.

One of the outstanding football players in High School here, Holland was accepted in Schreiner on a scholarship as a result of a stiff examination.

He is in Robert Lee for the holidays.

## Christmas



*During this Blessed Season, we, of this firm, want to rejoice with you and your loved ones on the happy significance of Christmas and to join with you in praying for a True "Peace on Earth."*

### FROGGY'S

Judy, Sherman and Employees



For your friendship and cooperation in the past We extend to you most hearty

**Merry SINCERE THANKS Christmas**

JONES BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOP

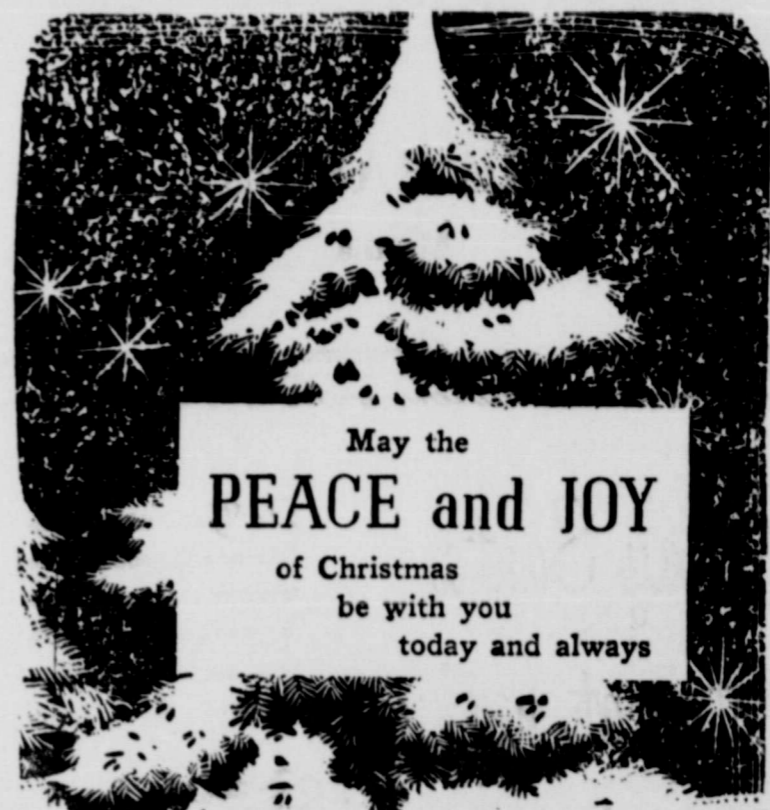


BEST WISHES! \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAY ALL OF \_\_\_\_\_  
 THE WINDOWS \_\_\_\_\_  
 IN YOUR HOME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALWAYS GLOW \_\_\_\_\_  
 WITH HAPPINESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 BEYOND MEASURE \_\_\_\_\_

*Best Wishes*

## Vaughan Chevrolet

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Vaughan



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



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

WITH APPRECIATION OF YOUR PATRONAGE ■ WITH PRIDE IN SERVING YOU ■  
 WITH EVERY POSSIBLE GOOD WISH WE EXTEND THIS GREETING ■ MAY EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

## Coke County Butane Co.

Bob, Dale, Tooter and James Fields

# Letters to Santa . . .

You would have to see these letters we are relaying on to Santa in order to fully appreciate them. We haven't added much in the way of punctuation, as we don't want Santa to think some editor wrote these letters.

The following letters to Santa are from the first graders —Mrs. Chanda McBroom's room.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 8 years old Bring me a BB gun and a bike love  
Otho Long

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 6 years old ples bring me a Jony7 OMA and a plaen for wood for Christmas Thank you love  
Eddie McDaniel

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 6 years old. I want a BB gun for Christmas Thank you love

James Beaty

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy. 6 years old. bring me a skip lodr (loader) and a big job dump truck for Christmas love

Jim Claig

Dear Santa Claus:  
Christmas is coming will you get me a doll and I want a ball love

Rosa Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus:  
I luv you I want a ball and a doll thank you. Love

Shelly Geist

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a girl 6 years old I want a skirt and kit for Barbi thank you love

Valerie Baker

Dear Santa:  
I and a boy 6 years old for Christmas please bring me one BB gun love

Rocky Burton

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 7 years old I want a BB gun for Christmas love

Manuel Morales

Dear Santa:  
I am a girl 6 years old I want a bicycle and doll thank you Santy love

Janie Laura

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a girl 6 years old I want one bicycle thank you love

Sheila Roberts

Dear Santa Claus:  
I like you for Christmas please bring me a piano and doll. love

Tricia Brown

Dear Santa Claus:  
For Christmas please bring me a BB a BB gund bicycle

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 6 years old. Please bring me bicycle for Christmas. Thank you Love

Joe Longoria

Dear Santa:  
I am a boy 6 years old. Bring me a BB gun Santa Love

Bubba Wallace

Dear Santy:  
I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a doll for Christmas thank you love

Betha Ybera

Dear Santa:  
I am a boy 6 years old Please bring me bicycle BB gun for Christmas thank you love

Michael Ray Walker

Dear Santa:  
I am a boy 6 years old please bring me a airplane for Christmas. Thank you love

Terry Sparks

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a girl 7 years old for Christmas please bring me a chate (chatty) doll and a kit love

Pamela Quisenberry

Dear Santa:  
I am a boy 6 years old please bring me an airplane for Christmas thank you love

Ronnie Ross

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like Midge and Skipper and some clothes for both of them.

Thank you for all of them

Lesa Lindsey

MAY WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR WARMEST

## GREETINGS

To everybody...

MAE HURLEY AND FAMILY



Along about this time of the year we like to take a moment or two just to tell you how greatly we appreciate your fine friendships and loyalty and to wish you every good thing in life during the days to come.

Jack and Juanita Trimble



DENMAN Service Station



ERNEST CLENDENNEN AND FAMILY

Throughout the year just closing, a portion of WTU advertising has been devoted to some of the basic community development elements which are widely considered essential in local growth and improvement. The response from our growth-conscious communities has been good . . . so much so that we are encouraged to continue along the same general lines in the new year of 1965. The true spirit of the Holiday Season is to be found in this pleasant relationship with communities in our service area. That is why all of the folks here at West Texas Utilities join together in sending greetings and best wishes for a very —

Merry Christmas



West Texas Utilities Company an investor owned company

# Silver All Around The Peak

By MRS. GEORGE FUGATE

### Hope Class Has Banquet

The Hope Class of the Silver Baptist Church held their annual Christmas banquet Friday evening in the church fellowship hall.

Horace Bloodworth gave the invocation. Mrs. Derwood Mumford was mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Elmo Hargis read the Christmas story.

The fellowship hall was decorated in Christmas colors and cedar. A Christmas "Man" surrounded by pine cones, balls and wrapped packages, was used for the centerpiece.

During the social hour, a skit, "Split-Sackitis," was presented by Mmes. Lawrence Feaster, Ernest Clendennen, Woodrow Koonce,

Raymond Bloodworth, and Derwood Mumford.

Special recognition was given to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bradham in observance of their 44th anniversary.

Guests included the class members' husbands, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Smith, and members of the Ruth Sunday School Class. Twenty couples attended.

### Bridge Club Notes

The Thursday Luncheon Bridge club met last week at the Sun Recreation Hall. Mrs. Sherman Anderson and Mrs. Tyrus Davis were hostesses.

High scorer for the day was Mrs. P. T. Wall. Mrs. Maurice Duncan won second high and consolation was awarded to Mrs. George Fugate.

### Junior Rifle Club Scores

- Rose Ann White — 34
- Ernest Herford — 30
- Kay Jameson — 28
- Robert Jameson — 27

### Silver News Briefs

Recent guests in the Jahew Jameson home were Judge and Mrs. Byrd Thorp and Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thorp and son, all of Throckmorton; Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Gentry of Midland; and Mrs.

Bill Morris of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Moore and children recently visited in Brady with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale Kincaid and children spent the weekend in Grand Prairie with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Willingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vincent of Sour Lake were the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jones. Also visiting in the Jones home recently was Mrs. Jones' brother, Spec. James F. Sturdivant of Ft. Bliss, El Paso.

Recent guest in the O. W. Higginbotham home were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bell of San Angelo.

### A Christmas Wish

For the past — Happy memories  
For the Present — Good Fortune  
For the Future — Peace on Earth



Violet Kirkpatrick

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## Silver School, PTA Enlarged Library, 28 Books Per Pupil

The Silver P.T.A. recently bought \$200.00 worth of new books for the Silver School library. This money was raised by the P.T.A. during the School Year 1963-64. The money was equally divided between the nine grades of the school. This fine donation will help improve the library which now has a total of 3,375 books, including fifteen sets of encyclopedias. In addition each child from the third grade through the ninth have their own dictionary. This would give the library an average of over twenty-eight books per child.

Every student is encouraged to read as many books as possible each year. A special reading award is presented to the pupil who reads and reports on a certain number of books for the year. This number varies from ten books for the 1st grade to twenty-five for the 9th grade. This has caused an increased interest in reading. Two pupils in the past have read one hundred or more books in one year; Ricky Whitaker reading 100 books and Ada Louise Feaster reading 125 books. Each pupil reads an average of twenty books a year.

The library program for the 5th through 9th grades is under the direction of Mr. Bob Wallace who is assisted by student librarians. In the first four grades each teacher is in charge of the library in their room. Mrs. Billie Walker is the teacher of the 1st grade; Mrs. Zella Walker, 2nd grade; Mrs. Chairene Kennedy, 3rd grade; and Mrs. Roberta Kincaid, 4th grade. Mr. Earl Cook acts as coordinator over the entire program.

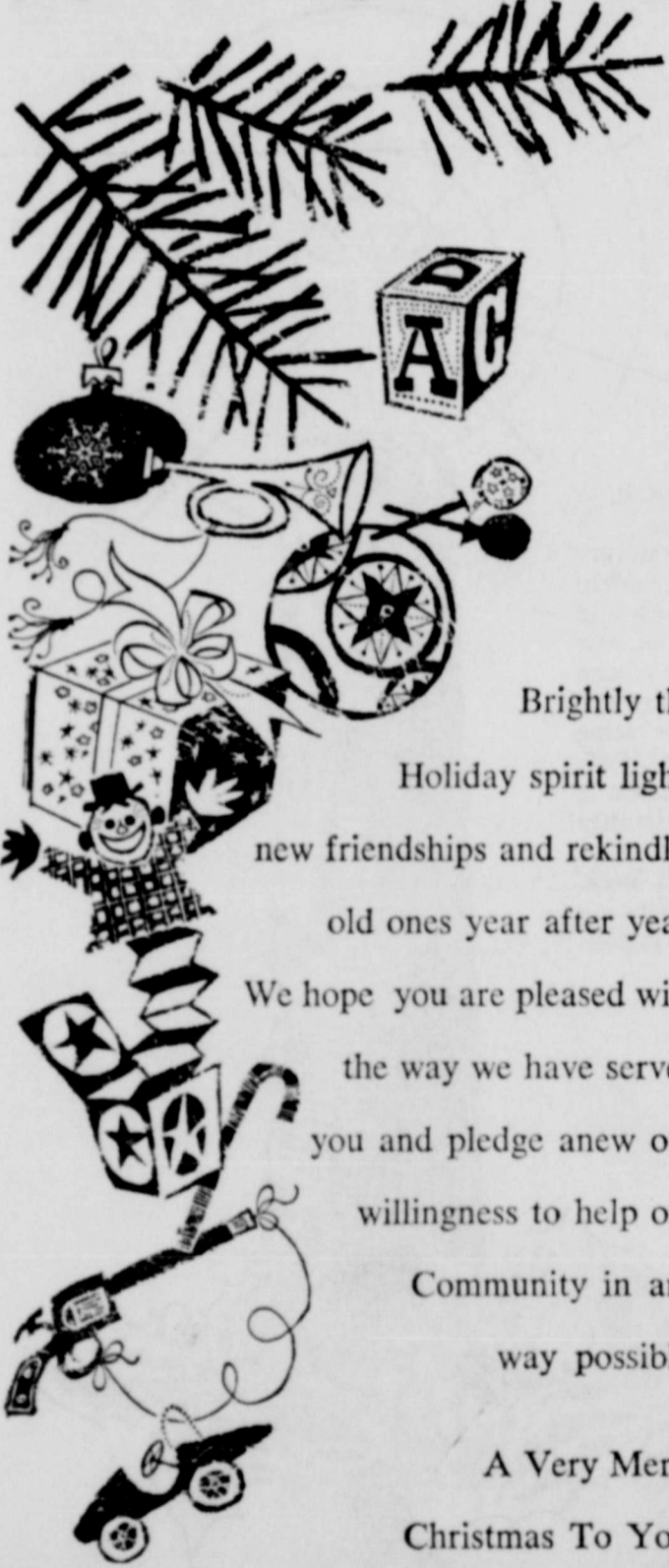
## Merry Christmas



May the joys and pleasures of the Holiday Season be centered around you and yours and may they continue throughout the days to come.

Finis and LaRue Harmon

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Brightly the  
Holiday spirit lights  
new friendships and rekindles  
old ones year after year.  
We hope you are pleased with  
the way we have served  
you and pledge anew our  
willingness to help our  
Community in any  
way possible.

A Very Merry  
Christmas To You!

## ADAMS ABSTRACT COMPANY

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Adams

Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Adams

## Season's Wishes



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

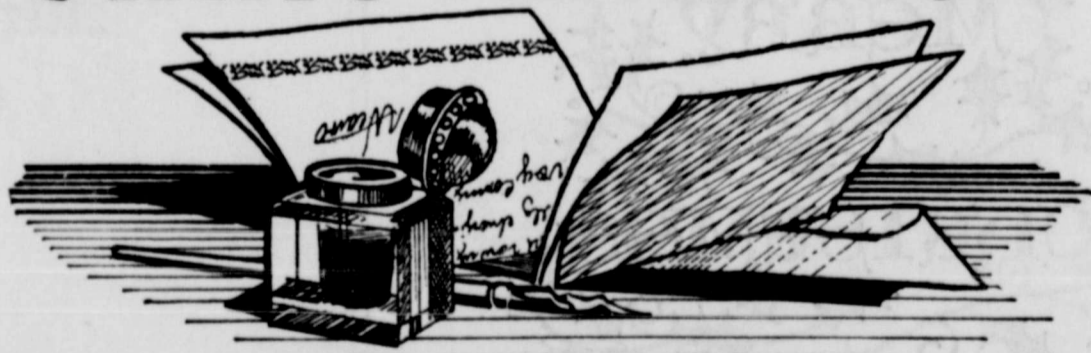
## COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

MR. & MRS. J. L. TINKLER

WINNIE WALDROP

MILDRED WALLACE

## CHRISTMAS



To our faithful friends of long standing and  
to our cherished new friends and to  
those whose friendship we hope to earn,  
we extend greetings of the season

*Greetings*

## COKE COUNTY TAX OFFICE

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs

Jerry McCutchen

Bess Hendley



# In Late, Steers Battle Close Cage Margins

Due to the great football season, the Steers are off to a late start in basketball, and the Observer to a late start in reporting the cage scene, but with the help of Coach Russell Coalson, here is a review of the season so far and of the outlook in the district.

The Robert Lee Steers have moved to a 5-3 start, despite giving up 2-3 weeks due to the prolonged football season. Our late start has shown up in conditioning and in hot and cold shooting. Sometimes our shooting looks great, sometimes it seems that the basket has a cover on it.

As expected, Terry Thetford (115), Dennis Gartman (95), and Pistol Hood (78) has led our scorers. Charlie Askins has played his normal steady-as-a-rock game. Rusty Dodson has given fine service with his rebounding and defensive play, and so has Gary Sam Williams.

Robert Wink, a starter from last season, has played only a minute or so in only one game because of a knee injury against Throckmorton in the bi-district football game, but his knee seems to be rounding into shape.

C. L. Sparks, a returning letterman, is now out and will help with his fine shooting. Ron Walker, James Pentecost, Doyle Robertson and Rickey Ledbetter support with their hustle and spirit.

**Junior Hi Teams Get Going**  
Our freshmen and sophomores have picked up valuable experience in five games against tough competition, and have won two.

Glen Roach, Buddy Thomas, Gaylon Pitcock, Ray Don Roe, Drexel Skipworth, Lynsey White, Charlie Vandiver and Carl Bloodworth are the Sophomores who led our junior varsity to victory over Garden City and Bronte's "B" team, as well as a well

fought over-time loss to Norton and fine efforts against Ozona B and Christoval.

## Freshmen Gnats

We call our Freshmen the "Gnats" because they seem to swarm all over their opponents. Gary Williams was named all-tournament in the Garden City Tourney, before moving up with the Varsity. Donnie and Ronnie Devoll, Gary Parker, Randy Hall, Ed White, Ronnie Varnadore, Tooter Fields, and Smokey Blair have played important parts in these games.

Other Freshmen, Eddie Meredith, Craig Thomason, Danny Smith, Rodney Mathers and Jeffrey McCabe will gain experience in Freshmen games as the season progresses.

## Teams Improve in District

It seems that every team in the district has improved over last year. Water Valley has beaten us. Forsan has beaten Water Valley. Sterling City returns five boys who started for them and moves some real fine boys up from their "B" team.

Bronte also plays fine ball and will get tougher as the season progresses. Garden City lost only two boys from last year. It will be a tough race, but our boys proved they could play ball with anybody when we played Eldorado and San Angelo's Junior Varsity.

## Remaining 1965 Steer Basketball Schedule

Dec. 31- Jan. 2: Trent Tournament.  
Jan. 5: Loraine, here, 6:30.  
Jan. 8: \*Bronte, here, 6:30.  
Jan. 12: Christoval, here, 6:30.  
Jan. 15: \*Sterling City, here, 6:30.  
Jan. 19: \*Forsan, there, 6:30.  
Jan. 22: Water Valley, here, 6:30.  
Jan. 26: Garden City, there, 6:30.  
Jan. 29: \*Bronte, there, 6:30.  
Feb. 2: \*Sterling City, there, 6:30.  
Feb. 5: \*Forsan, here, 6:30.  
Feb. 9: \*Water Valley, there, 6:30.  
Feb. 12: Garden City, here, 6:30.  
Games marked (\*) are 83-B Conference Games.  
Games are being arranged for the B teams.

## Texas PCA To Pay 5 Pct. Dividends At End of This Year

The Texas Production Credit Association, which begins a series of ads in the Observer this week, has announced the payment of a 5 percent dividend, to all holders of Class A and B Stock of record, December 31, 1964. Dividend checks will be mailed shortly after the first of the year.

Wm. B. Wilson, Coke County ranchman, is one of the directors. The Association is owned by stockmen and farmers of Coke and ten other counties in this area.

CHRISTMAS  
**GREETINGS**

LEOLA & LAMONT SCOTT



W. W. THETFORD & FAMILY

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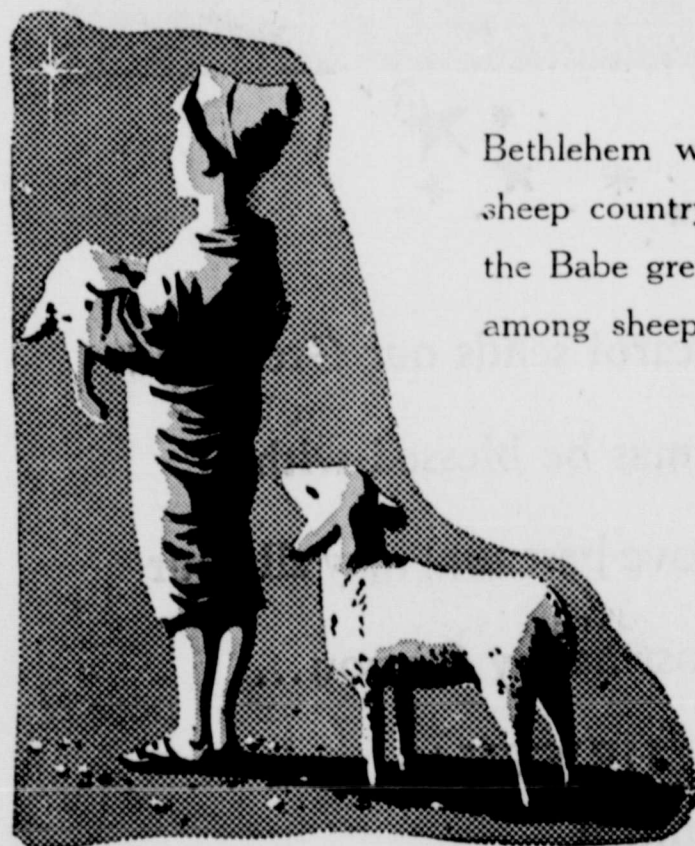
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## While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



Bethlehem was a sheep country and the Babe grew up among sheep men.

So Christmas has a special meaning to the sheep country.

Our appreciation to Coke County Flock Owners for Their Business in 1964  
With best wishes for a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a **PROSPEROUS 1965**.

**HERRING & STALLINGS**  
WOOL and MOHAIR

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

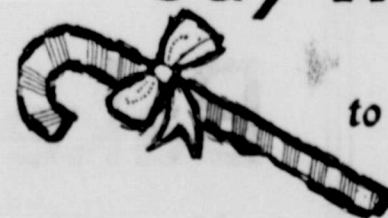
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HAVE KNAPP SHOES FOR SALE, both men's and women's. B. E. Modgling, Bronte.

LADIES  
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FOR SALE — Registered and commercial Hereford cows and calves, Debouillet ewes to start lambing in February and two portable typewriters. See Bob Gulley, Meadow Creek Ranch, Sanco, Texas. 2tp

LOST — Girls' tan wallet, Papers, pictures, identification. Finder contact Dawn Boykin. Call 453-2864. ltc 12-24

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
The Robert Lee schools dismissed last Friday for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed on Monday, December 28 and dismiss again Friday at 3:00 p.m. for the New Year's week end, take up again Monday, January 4.

Jimmie Blair, who attends school at Highland, was in Robert Lee visiting friends during the weekend.

## Observations

(A Personal Word  
By The Editor)

The breakthrough from Heaven did not find them wearing their Sabbath best in the Synagogue. It found them in their old work clothes, garments probably torn by the catclaw and other bramble, hands rough from the winter weather and calloused from the hand shears with which they had done their shearing, garments greasy from rubbing against the backs of sheep that crowded around them for their feed.

When the Young Man whom the shepherds, stopped from their night watch, went to see that night, had grown up at Nazareth, his mind had come from among the stars, but his feet were on the ground.

He knew that sheep get sick, get dirty, get stubborn, get hurt, get lost. He knew what the Shepherd meant to them, and how much it cost to be a Good Shepherd.

He knew that sheep herding was not some idealistic thing, but he saw how it called for great ideals among the rocks and thorns — for faithful men with dedicated hearts. And in their everyday faithfulness he found a way to tell the truths of this and another age, this and another world.

So today the man in the pew at the tall-spired church, far from our pastures here may hear

Him described as the Good Shepherd.

He knew that among those herders of Bethlehem were those who, if one was lost from their flock, would put in many times the worth of the sheep in time and labor to find the lost one.

So, from his walks along the pasture paths, he took that fact and told the world and the centuries how much one man was worth to God.

Yes, Christ and His birth should mean a lot to a sheep man.

Did you forget somebody? Well we did last week when we failed to mention that West Texas Utilities, one of our advertisers, has some very useful and beautiful gifts that stay in the home and keep giving throughout the year.

Did you read their ad last week? If not, you may have overlooked just what you need for that last minute choice.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer and children, Tom, Jr., Wesley, and James Wyatt, spent a week in Robert Lee visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hollis. They returned to their home at Del-

mita the middle of the week because Tom had to work Christmas.

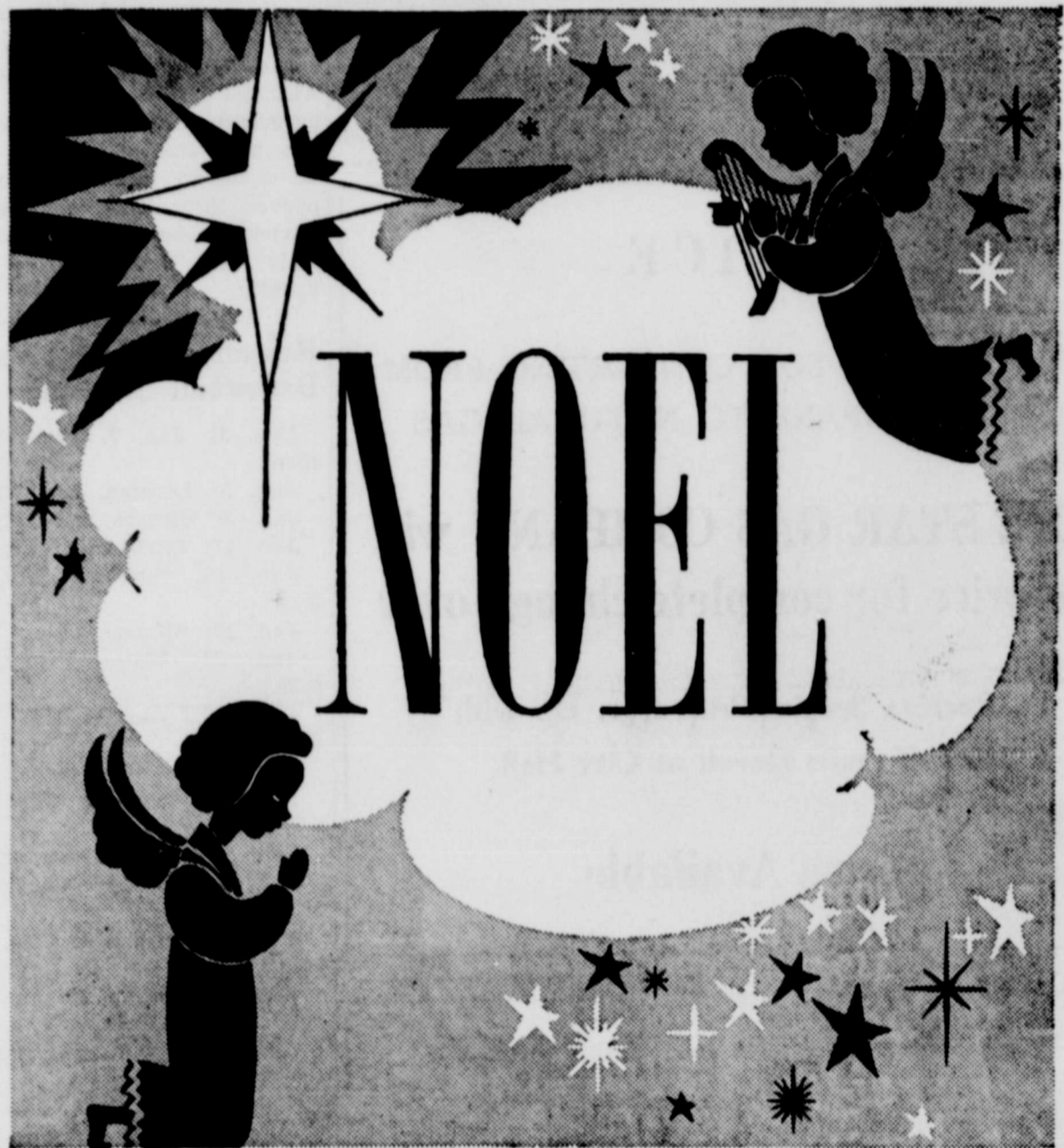
The Concho Valley Electric Co-operative is distributing capital credits accumulated through 1953.

### Merry Christmas from Coke County's Finest Theatres ALAMO THEATRE

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Evening Show Starts at 6:15

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 & 26  
Tony Randall, Barbara Eden in  
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Doris Day, Jack Lemons in  
"TWINKLE AND SHINE" in color  
Also Cartoon



## NOTICE

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Open Again for Business Saturday.

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Our wrapping  
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is simple:

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CHRISTMAS"

BUTANE SALES CO.

WESLEY KINSEY

VAUGHAN DAVIS

A joyous carol sends our Greetings!

May your Christmas be blessed with  
the joys you love best, and may all your  
days, too, be most happy for you...

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
Happy New Year  
To All

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Mrs. Roy Walker

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Baker

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