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## Christmas Party Big Success



**A GREAT MOMENT** — One lad looks at Santa Claus with perhaps a little apprehension when he talked with the red-clad visitor Saturday during the

annual Christmas party. However, the pair seemed to be hitting it off pretty well as Santa listened to the boy's requests for some gifts.

Robert Lee's Christmas party, held last Saturday, was a big success with a big crowd in town and lots of visiting going on among those present. The party was sponsored by the BCD. The event enjoyed most by the

children was the annual visit of Santa Claus. The kind old gentleman rode into town on the city's fire truck, which was heavily laden with sacks of candy. Santa spent some time distributing the candy, with the assistance of some

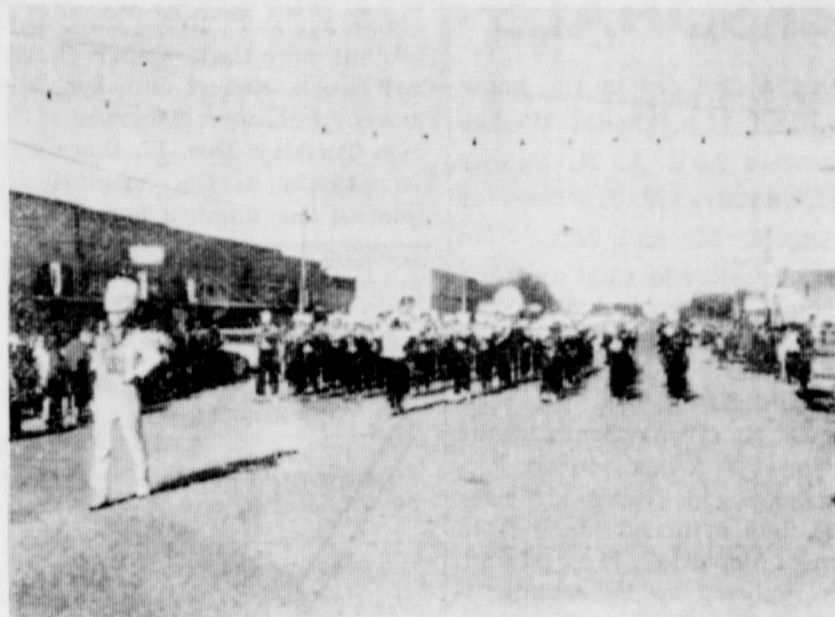
local helpers; then he took time to visit with the youngsters who had special messages and requests for him.

Following Santa's visit, Sam Williams got on the microphone and the drawing got underway. Ollie Roe assisted Williams in the drawing. A long list of free gifts went to those who were lucky enough to have their names drawn from the cage.

Listed below are the merchants and other business and professional persons who supported the drawing and contributed free gift.

Mack's Station & Laundry, Olene's Beauty Shop, West Way Grocery, Bells Auto Shop, Froggy's Cafe, Jim's Texaco Station, Denman Service Station, Bakers Grocery, Ross Comco Station, McDorman Skelly Station, Ivey Mobil Service, Add Davis Grocery & Station, Zettlers Cafe, Jay Elkins Eat Stand, Addies Grocery & Station, Pauline's Beauty Shop, Floyd Harmon.

Also Vaughan Chevrolet, Robert  
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**ENTERTAINMENT** — Robert Lee School Band got the program off to a rousing start as the members marched down

Main Street to the corner by the courthouse, did a reverse and played several numbers for an appreciative audience.



**GOOD GUYS** — Both of them had on white hats Saturday as Sam Williams calls out another name for a free gift, and Ollie

Roe (left) reaches down to get another name from the cage which contained the registration slips.

### NEXT WEEK'S PAPER COMING OUT MONDAY

Next week's paper will be that of the Annual Christmas Edition. It will be mailed out to subscribers on Tuesday morning, Christmas Eve.

As in the past the issue will be full of greetings of the season, last minute gift shopping ideas and the usual number of Letters to Santa from his little Coke County friends.

Actual printing of the issue will get underway as soon as this week's issue is out. An effort is being made to make as many contacts as possible in the limited time, but anyone who has been missed and wants to run a Christmas greeting ad should call our office and we will be glad to help you.

It is asked that everyone sending in news as well as advertising copy have them in as early as possible. Except for last minute news items, the deadline will be Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Latham has moved into her new home on 5th street. She has lived the past several years in Odessa.

### RLHS Announces Most Beautiful, Most Handsome

Miss Sue Percifull and Gary Jack Thomason have been chosen as "Most Beautiful" and "Most Handsome" at Robert Lee High School.

Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Percifull. She is a senior student, a cheerleader, president of the Spanish Club and the FTA, a member of the science club and a vice president in the FHA. She was also freshman class favorite.

Gary Jack is the son of Mrs. Jerry Thomason. He is a junior, a member of the Robert Lee Steer football team. He has been a class officer for three years and is a member of the Beta Club and the Science Club. He was sophomore class favorite.



Miss Sue Percifull

### Sonny Sessom Killed in Wreck

Sonny Sessom, 43, of Robert Lee died Saturday night in a flaming two-car collision three miles west of Big Lake. An Odessa youth, 19 year old Larry Glenn Brady, was also killed in the crash, and his father, E. B. Brady, 39, was critically injured.

Vick Atwood, Texas Highway Patrolman of Big Lake, investigated the accident and said the two vehicles apparently crashed head on at a high rate of speed.

Atwood said young Brady and his father were traveling toward Big Lake when their car was in collision with Sessom's vehicle which was traveling in the opposite direction.

Mr. Sessom was employed in Coke County as a ranch foreman for Olin Blanks of San Angelo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Sonora, with the Rev. Clifton Hancock conducting the last rites in First Baptist Church. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery.

Mr. Sessom was born Oct. 15, 1919, in Sonora and was married to Oline Alvin March 18, 1941.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, R. D. Sessom, on duty with the U. S. Navy at Port Smith, Va., and Daniel Sessom of the home; three brothers and four sisters.



Mrs. J. E. Roane

### Last Rites Held for Mrs. J. E. Roane

Funeral services for Mrs. J. E. Roane, 85, were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in First United Methodist Church here. Burial was in Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Williams Funeral Home.

The Rev. Bobby Palmos and the Rev. Bill Beatty officiated.

Pallbearers were T. M. Wylie, Jr., Wilson Bryan, Weldon Fikes, A. V. Hughes, R. C. Patterson and F. C. Clark.

Mrs. Roane died about 11:30 a.m. last Friday in West Coke County Hospital where she had been a patient since Nov. 22.

Mrs. Roane, the former Goda Margaret Gates, daughter of a Confederate veteran Carry Allen Gates and Mary Jane Sadler Gates, was born Jan. 4, 1883, in Cooke County.

She came to Coke County with her parents in 1906 by stage-coach from San Angelo. She had lived here since that time.

She was married to J. E. (Ed) Roane Oct. 4, 1908. He died June 6, 1937.

She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Lowell Roane of Robert Lee; a daughter, Mrs. O. B. Jacobs of Robert Lee; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Gary Jack Thomason

## Condemnation Suit Decision Reversed

More problems in the acquisition of the land for Robert Lee Reservoir came up last Wednesday when the Third Court of Civil Appeals in Austin reversed a Coke County court ruling on the value of oil and gas properties on the ranch of Mrs. J. R. Wilcockson.

The appeals court ordered a new trial on the oil and gas production aspects of the case.

The trial was over the district's appeal of a special commissioner condemnation award of \$754,515 to Mrs. Wilcockson for the value of 4,014 acres of the Wilcockson ranch which straddles the Colorado River, where the Colorado River Municipal Water District is constructing the Robert Lee dam and reservoir.

The terms of the award included damages to the remainder of

the land including a one-fourth mineral interest and one-half the water rights interest. Reservoir water will inundate 3,883 acres of the land condemned, and the rest will be fenced for a pump and recreation site.

After trial by jury, the damages were lowered to \$545,580. That award covered a \$46,492 re-

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### METHODISTS TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY

A Christmas party will be held Sunday at 6:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Palmos, said that everyone in the community is invited to attend.



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**SOCIAL SECURITY NOTICE**

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security office will be in Robert Lee on Friday, Jan. 3. He will be at the courthouse from 11 until 12 a.m. and anyone needing assistance in filing an application for social security retirement, survivors, disability or medicare insurance benefits, may contact him at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Page of Odessa visited relatives here last weekend and attended the funeral for Mrs. Lula Burson Saturday.

**WELCOME**

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
West 11th and Chadbourne  
Bill Beaty, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**PERSONALS**

Having a fish fry in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker Friday were Mrs. A. R. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Palmer of San Angelo, Mr and Mrs. John Palmer of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brooks. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Brooks are sisters and the other are their brothers and sister-in-laws.

Mrs. G. E. (Ivon) Conner, who was injured in a bus and automobile accident in November near Abilene, has returned home from Hendrick Memorial Hospital. She is reported to be making a good recovery.

Doyle Caulder of Nederland visited in the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, over the weekend. Other visitors in the Walker home were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and children of San Angelo.

Mrs. Ray Aldridge of Dallas is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson.

**Hospital News**

Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Pete Martinez, Mrs. Jim Ybarra admitted. Dan Middleton, Mrs. C. E. Bell dismissed.

Wednesday, Dec. 11 — W. W. Ivey admitted. Mrs. Robert Reyes and baby, Mrs. J. O. Rudd dismissed.

Thursday, Dec. 12 — Mattie B. Higgins admitted. Pete Martinez dismissed.

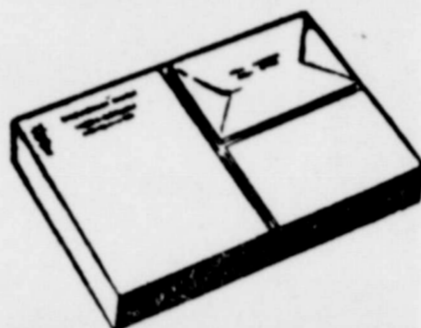
Friday, Dec. 13 — Clarence B. Mitchell, Richard Prentice admitted. Mrs. Waymon Robertson, Mrs. Jim Ybarra and baby dismissed.

Saturday, Dec. 14 — Richard Prentice dismissed.

Sunday, Dec. 15 — Luther Cowley, Mrs. Sam Fowler, Robert Jameson, Mrs. Robert Jameson admitted. W. W. Ivey, Lee Lagon, Mrs. Bryan Gartman dismissed.

Monday, Dec. 16 — Mrs. L. J. Barnhill admitted. Oscar Collett, Carl Brock, Robert Jameson, Mrs. Robert Jameson dismissed.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, there were 11 patients in the hospital and eight in the nursing home.



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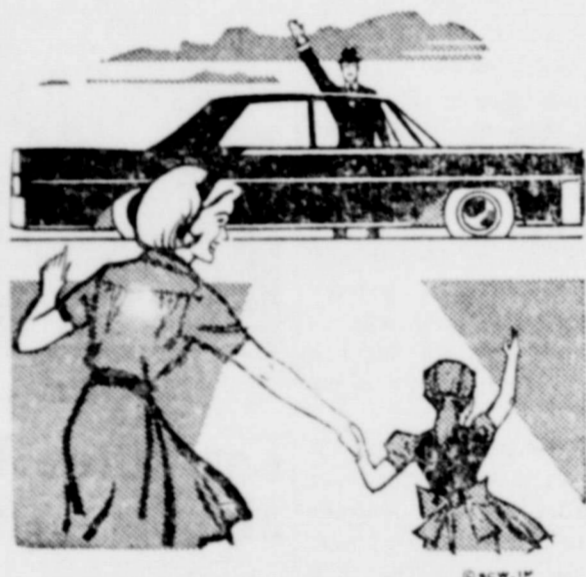


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# West Way Grocery



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## H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

There should be no worry over leftover turkey from the Christmas dinner. It will come in handy for many tasty dishes. Buy a large bird and plan to have some turkey for later. Try these recipes for a change.

### Scalloped Turkey Au Gratin

2½ cups diced, roasted turkey  
½ cup water  
10½ ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup  
½ cup cubed Cheddar cheese  
¼ teaspoon thyme  
¼ teaspoon basil  
¼ cup finely crushed cracker crumbs

Combine turkey, soup, water, cheese and seasonings in a buttered 1½ quart casserole. Top with cracker crumbs. Bake in a 400 degree F. oven for 20 to 25 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve with Chinese noodles.

### Turkey Chowder

1½ cups chopped, roasted turkey

1 large onion, sliced  
½ cup sliced celery  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 cups pared potato cubes  
10-ounce package frozen lima beans

1 cup hot water  
1 pound can stewed tomatoes  
10½ ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup  
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese  
¼ teaspoon garlic salt  
½ teaspoon pepper

Lightly brown onion and celery in melted butter in a large skillet. Add potato cubes, lima beans and water. Cover and cook 15 to 20 minutes, or until vegetables are done. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 45 minutes to one hour. Serve hot.

Save some of the turkey for tasty turkey sandwiches. They're real treats in lunchboxes—a and nice for home use, too.

What is there about a clothing sale that appeals to many consumers? Is it that shoppers want to test their skill to see if they really can spot a good value? Perhaps consumers really believe they can get something for nothing at a clothing sale or they may feel they are contributing to family income with the pennies saved.

Dollars spent on clothing should give a good return for the investment. It's the responsibility of consumers to see that family clothing needs are adequately met and that they are getting the best value for their money.

The wide variety of styles and sizes available in all types of clothing and at prices for consumers at all income levels has considerably increased the number of well dressed people in this country.

Extensive information on fiber, fabric characteristics, and care make it easier for consumers to buy wisely and to prolong the life of garments. For this information to be most effective, consumers must continually study the clothing needs of family members in terms of activities, special interests, and total family income. They also need to study fabrics, their fiber content and finish.

The consumer who puts her clothing know-how to good use is more nearly assured of full satisfaction in what she buys for herself or members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Copeland and children left last weekend for Phoenix, Ariz., where they will make their home. He was minister of the Northside Church of Christ here for the past year.

## Services Saturday For Mrs. Burson

Funeral services were held Saturday in Robert Lee Baptist Church for Mrs. Lula Burson, 84, who died Tuesday of last week in El Centro, Calif. Burial was in Paint Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Burson was a former long-time resident of the Edith community, but was making her home with a daughter, Mrs. J. O. (Ruth) McCaleb, at the time of her death.

Survivors include two sons, C. R. Burson of Clifton and A. L. (Buster) Burson of Robert Lee; one daughter, Mrs. McCaleb of El Centro and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Grandsons who were pallbearers were Alvie Loyce, Cloyd Burson, John Burson, Mike Burson, Curtis Ray Burson, Gene Burson, Dean Burson and Jerry Burson.

### From Out of Town

Out of town friends and relatives who were here for the funeral included:

Mrs. Jessie Burson, Cloyd, Mike and Francine; Mr. and Mrs. John Burson; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Brothers and Wayne; Juanita Barger; Naomi Brown; Velma Lovelace, all of San Angelo.

Also, Mrs. Bernice Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown, Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Taylor and Mrs. Jean Bullard, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. James Pace and Mrs. Lougena King, Abilene; C. R. Burson, Curtis Gene and Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruner, Valley Mills.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McCaleb, El Centro, Calif.; Mrs. Oza Wing and Peggy, Dallas; Mrs. Bert Modgling, Weatherford; Mrs. Donna Sparks, Santo; Mrs. Zora Good, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe, Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Page and P. M., Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Monahan; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Burton, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, Kathy and Jimmy, Portales, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Bub Burson and family, Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beaver and family, McAllen; Jerry Burson, Kerrville; Mrs. Marsha Miller, Roscoe.

## Coke Highways To Be Sealcoated

AUSTIN — A contract for seal coat work on 303 miles of highways in the San Angelo district has been awarded by the Texas Highway Commission.

The work will be under the supervision of District Engineer J. A. Snell, and will be in Runnels, Concho, Sterling, Coke, Tom Green, Reagan, Irion, Crockett, Glasscock, Schleicher and Sutton Counties.

Strain Brothers, Inc., of San Angelo was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$584,283.15. R. N. Jennings of San Angelo is the Highway Department engineer in charge of the project which will take an estimated 90 working days.

Included in the work are the following sections of highways in Coke County:

U. S. 87, in southwestern part of the county, 4.6 miles from Sterling County line to Tom Green County line.

State Highway 70, north of Bronte, 4.8 miles from Nolan County line south to 2 miles north of U. S. Highway 277.

U. S. Highway 277, 13.8 miles from Bronte south to Tom Green County line.

State Highway 208, 19.2 miles from Robert Lee north to the Mitchell County line.



## Notes From The Oil Field

Coke County drew two locations for oil tests during the past week. One is a wildcat and the other is in an area where oil has been and is being produced.

Tucker Drilling Co., Inc., San Angelo, and Peter Henderson, New York City, will drill a 6,400-foot Strawn lime wildcat in south Coke County, 11 miles south-southwest of Robert Lee, four miles west of the depleted one-well Weaves (Palo Pinto) field and 5½ miles southwest of the depleted one-well Weaver Ranch (Strawn) field. It is the No. 1B Ora Adams Neill.

Location, on a 1,280-acre lease, is 660 feet from the north and west lines of 43Z.D&SE, Abst. 116.

It is also two miles northwest of Hovgard & Fitzgerald, Abilene, No. 1 Jones, a 6,260-foot failure, abandoned Jan. 14, 1966. No tests or shows were reported.

### Confirmer Set

Tucker Drilling Co., Inc. will drill the No. 1 L. E. Smith, et al, one location northeast of a depleted producer and ½ mile north of the discovery and lone producer in the Wendkirk East (Swastika) field of Coke County, five miles southwest of Bronte.

Location, on a 48-acre lease, is 1,130 feet from the northwest and 467 feet from the northeast lines of S. A. Maverick No. 958. Contract depth is 3,900 feet.

### Wildcat Recovers Oil

King Resources Co. of Midland No. 1 R. H. Harris Estate, a 7,000-foot Strawn wildcat located 10 miles south of Silver, recovered oil and gas on a drill stem test in the Canyon.

A two hour test taken at 5,524-572 feet recovered 210 feet of drilling mud, 90 feet of gas-cut drilling mud and 90 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud.

The prospector is located ¾ mile northwest of Canyon producer which is an extension of the I. A. B. multipay field and 2½ miles west of the Bloodworth, south, multipay field.

Drilling continued below 5,607 feet.

### Dry Hole

King Resources Co. No. 1 Copeland, wildcat 10 miles north of Bronte, has been plugged following recovery of sulphur water on a drillstem test from 6,630-680 feet.

## CONSTRUCTION AREAS TOLD ON NEW HIGHWAY MAP

Family gatherings are as traditional at Christmastime as carols, holly and good will. Many will be on the highways to and from these reunions.

Increased highway travel in all parts of the State will pose additional problems for motorists, especially in construction areas. Although the Texas Highway Department works to make highway construction areas as safe as possible, extra care is called for during the holiday travel period.

The Texas Highway Department has distributed a bulletin and map which pinpoint current construction projects in all areas of the state. Those planning holiday trips and who would like plan their routes to miss road construction are invited to call at this newspaper office and examine the map and bulletin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wink of Lubbock spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wink and Mrs. Joyce Dodson.

Mrs. Waymon Robertson was released from West Coke County Hospital Friday. She had been treated for pneumonia.

## BCD Ends '68 Business, Elects Officers

Fourteen members of the BCD enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings at noon in the last meeting of the year for the organization. President Hugh Lewis presided.

Jimmy Bickley, chairman of a nominating committee, made a report on a slate of new officers for 1969, and the following were elected: Garland Davis, president; Bill Beatty, vice president; Mrs. Mary L. Prine, secretary-treasurer; Bobby Palmos, pastor.

Some discussion was held on the Christmas party held last Saturday, and everyone felt it was a tremendous success. It was brought out that the performance of the band was excellent and most small children in the crowd had an opportunity to talk with Santa Claus.

The group decided that Tuesday's meeting would be the last for the BCD in 1968, and that the next meeting would be held Jan. 7, 1969.

There was also some discussion on holidays which will be taken by various businesses and offices in Robert Lee. The courthouse

will be closed Dec. 24 and 25, Robert Lee State Bank and the U. S. Postoffice will be closed Dec. 25 only, as will most other businesses.

## Boy Ranch Needs Help at Christmas

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS—Along with mistletoe, sleigh bells and the thoughts of Santa Claus comes another reminder that Christmas is near.

Morris Craig, executive director of West Texas Boys Ranch located near San Angelo has issued a request for Texans interested in youth development to remember the Ranch in their Christmas plans.

Pointing out that the Ranch is operated solely from contributions of individual, interested citizens, Craig indicated that the Ranch is presently in the process of a major growth period.

"We need every contribution, no matter how large or how small, to ensure the day-to-day operation of the Ranch," Craig said. "We need money for shoes for the boys, clothing, food and all the other necessities of life required by young and teenaged boys."

First founded in 1947, the 963-acre ranch has been home to more than 800 boys, and has provided an environment, activities and professional services that have developed neglected boys into responsible men. At present approximately 86 boys know the Ranch as their only real home.

West Texas Boys Ranch is a charter member of the National Association of Homes for Boys and is chartered and licensed as a private care boys home by the State of Texas. The Ranch operates under bylaws approved by the Texas State Welfare Department and is governed by a board of directors, representing a vast geographical area, and headed by Dennis Q. Lilly of Brownfield as president.

Any boy between the ages of 8 and 14 may be accepted by the Ranch after proper referral by courts, juvenile authorities, welfare departments, civic clubs and families.

Craig pointed out that Boys Ranch is not a correctional institution, but rather a home with trained and understanding house-parents, supported by professional counselors and administrators.

"Don't Brand a Boy — Build a Man" is the Ranch creed, said Craig. And this basic philosophy has aided the Ranch in its growth to one of the largest homes of its type in the Southwest.

Craig encouraged interested contributors to mail their donations to West Texas Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 3568, San Angelo, Tex., 76901, and added that such contributions are tax deductible.

## SANTA LETTERS NEEDED AT ONCE

Coke County youngsters are invited to send their letters to Santa Claus to this newspaper for publication next week. Then we'll see that the old gentleman gets them in plenty of time to fill all his orders before Christmas.

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## Richard Gramling Has Space Job

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. — Richard M. Gramling, an engineer in the Technical Support Directorate at the nation's spaceport, will have a key role in the launch of Apollo 8 scheduled for late December.

Gramling, assigned to the Test Support Management Office, is responsible for the preparation and coordination of ground support personnel and equipment during the checkout and launch of Apollo Saturn V space vehicles.

The mission, designated Apollo 8 by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, is expected to take Astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell, and William Anders into orbit around the moon during the Christmas holidays.

Apollo 8 follows the 11-day three-man orbital flight of Apollo 7 last October.

Gramling was graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1938. He served as a pilot with the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1939 to 1945 and was graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in electrical engineering in 1949. He joined NASA at the Kennedy Space Center in 1966.

He is married to the former Sarah Spencer of Columbia, S. C. The Gramlings reside with their daughter, Margaret, and son, Richard, in Cocoa Florida.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY —

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Lee State Bank, Adam's Abstract, W. W. Thetford, Fern Havins, O. B. Jacobs, Jerry Thomason, Melvin Childress, Frank Dickey, Weldon Fikes, Winnie Waldrop, Robert Lee Observer, O. T. Colvin, Reba's Beauty Shop, Ivey Motor Co., J. D. Harmon, Key Feed Store, Bahlman Cleaners, Brown Lumber & Supply, Dawn Floral Shop, Jones Barber Shop, Hood Upholstery, Gordon's Variety.

And Roach's, Trimble Recreation Center, Farris City Drug, Fran-Cilla Flowers, West Texas Utilities, Bryans Concrete, Coke County Butane, Butane Sales Co., Allen Insurance Agency, Richardson Insurance Agency, Duncan Trailer Park, Anderson Automotive, Ernest Clendennen Welding, J. O. Rudd, Evelyen's Beauty Shop and Joyce Dodson.

### BCD Says Thanks

Hugh Lewis, president of the BCD, said the organization is extremely grateful to everyone who assisted in making the party a success. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of work to make the Christmas party a success," Lewis said, "and all BCD members are grateful for the help given us. It would have been impossible for us to have sponsored the party by ourselves and we thank each one who helped."

### CONDEMNATION SUIT —

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duction in value of Mrs. Wilcockson's \$400,000 mineral estate.

She appealed to the Third Court of Civil Appeals, claiming she should get more from the loss she would suffer from losing her mineral rights, and charged that County Judge W. W. Thetford erred in allowing the damages to be minimized because Humble Oil and Refining Co. made a contract with the water district. Humble supposedly made the arrangement as the leader's agent.

That arrangement provided that the water district would provide earthen drilling mounds at production and connect them by dikes with the shore and operate a barge if necessary to the development and production of minerals.

That arrangement, the 3rd Court of Civil Appeals said, constituted "unilateral promises as to the future conduct of the district and (that) they should not have been submitted to the jury in charge of the court as obligations of the district to Mrs. Wilcockson to be used by the jury as affecting the value of the mineral interest owned by her after the taking... We hold that these promises are not money nor the equivalent of money which Mrs. Wilcockson can be forced to take in lieu of money."

The appeals court said: "Mrs. Wilcockson contends that with a municipal water reservoir covering these lands in the risk of producing from those lands covered by water and of their future development by wells drilled from mounds or directionally drilled from shore would be so great as to deter Humble and herself, if the lease expired, from properly producing and developing minerals thereunder, and that such deterrent has greatly reduced the value of her interest in the minerals."

The judges said they did not doubt that the district had the right to show the trial court it had made arrangements to provide that production would not "suffer interference," but they thought the jury should give consideration to the damages the minerals may sustain.

It is possible that the 3rd Court's reversal will be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court. And it is certain that the case will be of widespread interest to mineral and water interests, in light of the fact that the Texas Water Development Board's "Texas Water Plan" — released Dec. 17 — will propose a great many new reservoirs for Texas.

Buddy Vosburg of ACC, Abilene, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg.

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**THERE'S HOME TOWN NEWS IN THE HOME TOWN ADS.**

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Pearl Schooley is visiting in Fort Worth this week in the home of her son, H. C. Schooley, and family. She plans to spend the Christmas holidays with them and with a daughter and family, the B. D. Taylors at Springtown.

Layne and Tim Coulter of San Angelo are here spending a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey, while their father, G. L. Coulter, is in the hospital after undergoing surgery.

Mrs. Effie Phillips is leaving Friday for San Antonio where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jay Weldon Phillips and children. Mr. Phillips is in the U.S. Air Force and can not be home for the holidays.

## Robert Lee Girls Take Third Place Honors in Lakeview BB Tournament

Robert Lee girls basketball team won third place in the Lakeview tourney last week, losing to Winters in the second round.

In the opening game Thursday, Robert Lee defeated Lakeview B 42-21. Judy Gartman led the scoring with 12; Linda Blair made 10; Sharon Walker had 9; and Elaine Fikes 5.

In the second round Friday, Robert Lee lost to Winters 69-52. Gartman again led the scoring with 30 points; Jackie Conley had 20 and Linda Blair, 2.

In the game for third place on Saturday Robert Lee defeated the Bangs team 48-41. Scoring for the locals were Gartman 26; Conley, 16 and Blair 6.

### B Team to Garden City

Robert Lee girls B team traveled to Garden City for a tourney last weekend. They lost their first encounter with Forsan 61-26. Kay McGinley scored 13 points; Marcia Duncan had 8; Angela Reed 4 and Mary Donley 1.

Robert Lee defeated Sterling City in the second round of the tournament Friday 29-22. Reed scored 11; Duncan 10; McGinley 7 and Jan Havins 1.

On Saturday, the girls were soundly defeated by Westbrook 62-22. Doing the scoring were Duncan 9; Reed 8; McGinley 4 and Donley 1.

### Take Three from Miles

Robert Lee teams hosted three games here Tuesday night, taking all three from visiting Miles.

The Steers won their contest by a squeaking score of 44-43. Mike Mumford was high pointer with 15.

The girls swamped the Miles lassies, 53-14. Jackie Conley took scoring honors with 19; Judy Gartman made 15, Sharon Walker 8, Linda Blair 5, Kay McGinley 4 and Angela Reed 2.

The boys B team won their game 57-47.

Robert Lee will take the same three teams to Miles Friday night and that will wind up basketball until after Christmas when both boys and girls will enter the Sterling City tournament, Jan. 2, 3 and 4.

### COURTHOUSE TO CLOSE 2 DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS

Offices in the courthouse at Robert Lee will be closed two days in observance of Christmas, it was announced this week by Judge W. W. Thetford. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Dec. 24 and 25, will find the courthouse closed, but all county offices will be open for business on Thursday, Dec. 26.

Judge Thetford asked that everyone keep the dates in mind so they would not be inconvenienced by the closing.

## Jaycees Turkey Shoot a Success

Coke County Jaycees said their turkey shoot held last Saturday in Robert Lee was a huge success and thanked everyone who participated in it.

Men winning turkeys included Ben Bessent, Joe Thomas, Steve Rives, Mike Post, Terry Bryan, Jimmy Bell, Junior Webb, Howard Cox, Roy Self, Gary Williams, Gerald Brasuel, Lynn Beal, James (Shorty) Caulder, Dale Wojtek, Paul Burns, J. C. Wallace, Rusty Dodson, Pat Lewis and C. R. Service.

One flight held for children was won by David Millican and a flight for women was won by Loraine Millican.

The senior class also held a bake sale and offered some of their merchandise as shooting prizes. Winners were Jackie Preslar, Paul Burns, Jim Barnhill and C. R. Service.

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**LINDA McDANIEL HAS ACC SCHOLARSHIP**

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Miss McDaniel is a freshman medical major at ACC.

Scholarships are awarded on a basis of achievement, character, and need.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin of Monahans spent the weekend in Robert Lee with friends.

**Social Security Should Be Checked**

Social security is one of the most valuable possessions a worker has, and may very likely be the largest asset in his estate, according to Ted F. Moellering, manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office. It is, therefore, very important that each employed or self-employed person make certain all his earnings are properly credited to his account.

Everyone is urged to check his social security account at least once every three years, Moellering said. To do this easily, the Social Security Administration has available a postcard form OAR-7004 called "Request for Statement of Earnings." This form is available from any social security office, or from the representative who may visit the area. A statement showing total earnings credited to the account, as well as a breakdown of the amounts credited in each of the last three years, will be furnished on receipt of the form. Any error found should be reported to the social security office so that necessary action can be taken to correct it.

A periodic checkup of the social security account will assure that this valuable asset will reflect the correct earnings and that the correct amount of benefits will be paid when the time comes.

Anyone desiring further information is asked to contact the Social Security Office located at 3000 West Harris in San Angelo, or see the representative when he is in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley had their son, Lynn, home last weekend for a visit. Lynn lives in Oklahoma City, attends O.S.U., and works part-time for Carl Williams, owner of Williams Electronics. Arriving in Robert Lee after dark in the Williams' private plane, they signaled the Shandleys by passing over their house. They landed by carlights at the air-strip. Mr. Williams took Ray, Lane and Beverly for a flight over the town before he and Lynn began their return trip to Oklahoma City Sunday afternoon.

Miss Florence Kirkpatrick of Kansas City, Mo., is recuperating from recent surgery. She is the sister of the late A. J. Kirkpatrick, former editor of the Robert Lee Observer.

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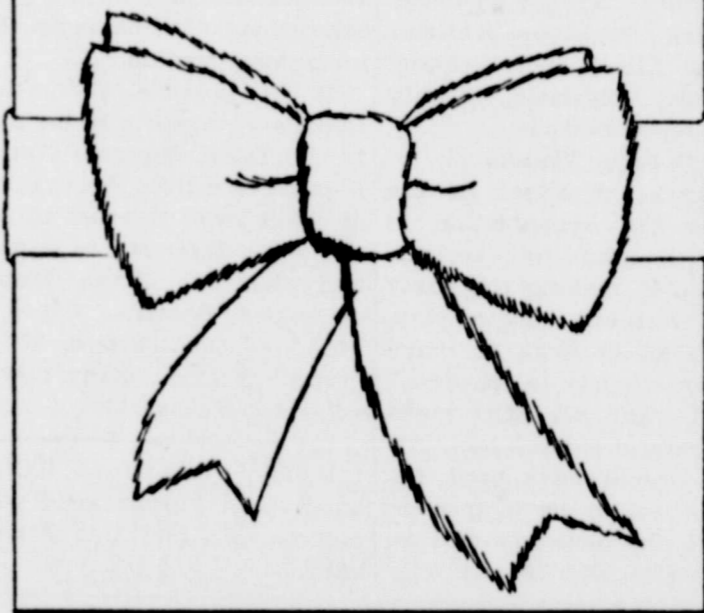
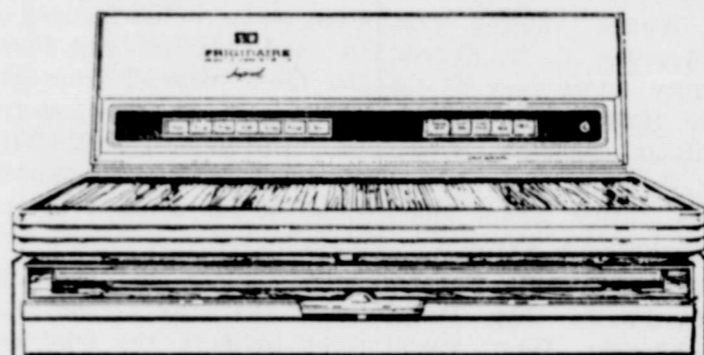
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**FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSN. DECLARES DIVIDEND**

Dividend payments totaling \$17,000.00 will be paid to members of the San Angelo Land Bank Association, Manager R. H. Emery announced today.

Emery said the dividend checks will be mailed about Jan. 15 to the association's 415 farmer-rancher stockholders.

The San Angelo Association is one of the 73 farmer-rancher-owned associations in Texas served by the Federal Land Bank of Houston.

The local association makes land bank loans in Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sterling and Tom Green counties. Directors are J. H. Johnston, president, Water Valley; C. E. Arrott vice president, Bronte; A. J. Selcik, Vancourt; William C. Pfluger, San Angelo, and David Glass, Sterling City.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson and family moved to Portales, N. M. last week, where they will make their home. He was pastor of the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church.

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**SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**Christmas in Mexico**

The 8th grade Spanish class will present a play "Christmas in Mexico" today (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. It is about two exchange students, played by Sterling Allen and Delbert Mathers, who are visiting in the United States. They will tell how they celebrate Christmas in Mexico. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas holidays will begin at 2:30 p.m. Friday. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 7.

**DAR Award**

Kathy Denman has been chosen as the recipient of the D.A.R. Good Citizen award. The award is given each year to a senior girl who has shown qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

The award is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the selection is made by the local faculty.

Kathy, 17, is president of the pep squad, secretary of the senior class and F.T.A., secretary-treasurer and reporter of the science club and is a member of the student council. She is a member of the girls basketball team and is active in her church.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denman.

**FFA Sweetheart**

Margaret Flanagan is the FFA Sweetheart for this year. She represented the FFA at the district contest and banquet, held last Thursday night at Lubys cafeterias in San Angelo.

She is a sophomore student and vice president of her class. She is treasurer of the FTA and a member of the Beta Club, FHA, pep squad, science club and is on the annual staff.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Flanagan.

Visiting Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth of Silver were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth, Lonnie and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth, all of Silver; Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr., Jack, Donna, Susan and Buddy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Post, Stanley and Mike, all of Robert Lee. The occasion was in honor of the 56th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth.

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