

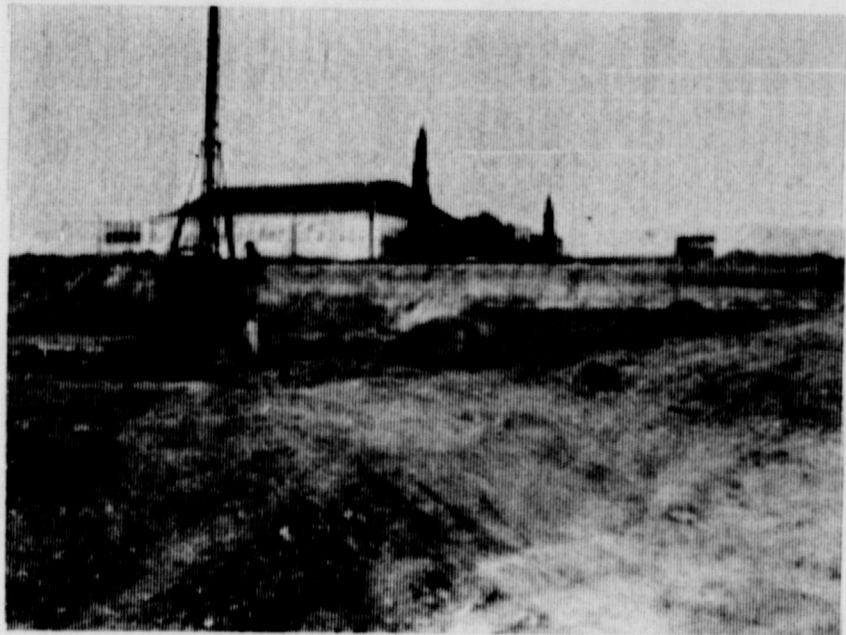
# Robert Lee Observer

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## 1968 An Important Year



**MAKING PROGRESS** — Contractor on Robert Lee's new school has made some progress since starting work on the project. Shown above is the result of some of the dirt moving

which has been done to get ready for building the \$691,420 project. Money for the new school was provided last March when voters of the district approved a \$700,000 bond issue.

Even in small towns, many events take place during the year. The following resume of some of the happenings in Robert Lee during 1968 are not all of the events, and maybe not the most important, but were picked at random going through the file of The Observer for the past 12 months.

### January

Politics got off to an early start with O. B. Jacobs and Melvin Childress announcing they would stand for re-election for county tax assessor and sheriff, respectively. The Sam Fowler home had been destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve. Hugh Lewis Jr. was new president of the BCD. Increased postal rates went into effect Jan. 7. About 150 persons attended the football banquet. Annual Coke County Stock Show was held Jan. 8 with about 75 youngsters participating and a school holiday. Gerald

### February

Allen was renamed chairman of the UCRA. Mr. and Mrs. Green Preslar observed their 60th wedding anniversary. Two inch rains fell in late January. The new sewer system was finished and local residents began to tie on to it. Congressman Omar Burleson announced that he would run for re-election.

### March

Robert Lee residents gave \$517 to the Heart Fund drive. Larry Casey left for duty in Vietnam. About \$246 was collected for the March of Dimes in the Mothers March sponsored by the '64 Study Club. Twenty-five students were entered in district UIL events. The county experienced rain, hail, snow, wind, sun, etc., in the span of a week's time. Coke County officials and employees got a 10 per cent salary increase. The Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club pancake supper was its usual success. The school bond election carried by a better than 4-1 margin. An open house was held at the dam construction site for the public. It was announced to be 62 per cent complete. Continued rains brought more than 2 inches to the area. The engagement of Marsha Ann Dodson to Robert L. Wink was announced. Student No. 500 was enrolled in Robert Lee school. Funeral services were held for Guy H. Denman, 45-year resident of Coke County.

### April

A spring clean-up for the town was being talked. Elaine Fikes was named sweetheart of the Lions Club. 2256 license tags were sold before the deadline. Mountain Creek Golf Association was building a new club house. The seniors made their annual trip, going to HemisFair in San Antonio and Corpus Christi while the rest of the students had an Easter holiday. Fred McCabe Sr., James E. Herford and J. E. Quisenberry were reelected to the West Coke Hospital board of directors. Wilson Bryan was elected mayor of the city and Jack Denman and Will Percifull were named new city councilmen. Absentee voting for the May 4 Democratic Primary was underway. Mrs. Fred McCabe Jr. was honored by being named Texas Homemaker of the Year by the Fort Worth Press. Roy Taylor, 80, died after a long illness. Heavy hail damage was reported following a spring thunderstorm, accompanied by high winds. Kathy Percifull, Vernay Vaughan, Jackie and Tooter Fields all qualified in UIL events to enter the state meet in Austin. Everybody lost an hour when daylight saving time went into effect April 28.

### May

The new sewer system had 220 customers. Jackie Counts was valedictorian and Marilyn Wallace salutatorian for the 1968 graduating seniors. Kathy Percifull won first in persuasive speaking at the state UIL meet in Austin. County voters turned down a bond proposal to build a new jail and other permanent county improvements. The 1968 rainfall total was boosted two more inches to make the early part of the year the wettest in memory. Pioneer ranchman and

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## 165 Animals Expected In Monday Stock Show

The annual Coke County Stock Show will be held Monday, Jan. 6, in the County Showbarn in Robert Lee. Fifty FFA and 4-H Club members with 165 animals will be competing for show honors and a place in the premium sale.

Activities will begin on Sunday afternoon with the animals being brought to the showbarn between 1 and 4 p.m. Weighing, classifying and the last grooming work will take place Sunday afternoon and night.

The judging will start Monday morning at 9 a.m. with the judging of the breeding swine. Through the day the market swine, market lambs, breeding

sheep, then cattle will be judged. The sale of premium lambs and pigs will be held at 3 p.m.

Judging of the 1969 show will be done by three area vocational agriculture teachers. Louis Bridges, of Eden, will classify the lambs; Frank Brownfield of Colorado City, will judge the sheep; while Albert Mayberry, of Trent, will judge the swine classes.

Directing the 1969 County Show will be the Coke County Stock Show Association directors. LeDrew Arrott is president of the association; J. W. Service Jr., is vice-president and Roy Tinkler is secretary. Directors are Waymon Percifull, J. Lee Ensor, D. J. Walker, Jr., Frank Percifull, J. F. McCabe, Jr., H. H. Brunson, Joe McCutchen, L. E. Wink, Glenn Waldrop, Bill Magness and B. A. Boy-

kin. Edward Cumbie will be the auctioneer for the sale and Garland Davis will be show clerk.

Everyone is invited to attend the show and have lunch on the grounds. The Coke County Home Demonstration Clubs will have lunches, refreshments and sandwiches available.

### FORMER ROBERT LEE MAN DIES IN ALPINE

D. D. (Dick) Coulson, 86, died last Saturday in Alpine. He had lived in Alpine since 1925, moving there from Robert Lee. Funeral services and burial were conducted in Alpine.

Mr. Coulson had been a registered pharmacist 58 years when he retired in 1965. He was employed in a drug store here before he moved to Alpine.

### Gartman Services Held in Robt. Lee

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Gartman, 76, of Corpus Christi, and formerly of Sanco, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church in Robert Lee. Burial was in Sanco cemetery directed by Williams Funeral Home. The Rev. John Early of San Angelo officiated.

Mrs. Gartman died Saturday at Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Corpus Christi after a long illness.

Mrs. Gartman was born in Bell County on January 14, 1892. She married John Millage Gartman Dec. 21, 1928 in Lubbock. Mr. Gartman died July 25, 1958. She moved to Corpus Christi in 1963 to be near other members of her family.

Survivors include three brothers, Hugo Jochetz of Killeen, Walter Jochetz of Slaton and Harry Jochetz of Corpus Christi; and five sisters, Mrs. Anna Louise Gartman, Mrs. N. V. Rambo and Mrs. James W. Miller, all of Corpus Christi, Mrs. J. W. Denton of Seadrift and Mrs. Elmo Smith of Alvin.

Pallbearers were nephews.

## Hospital Bond Vote January 11

Directors of West Coke Hospital District have called a bond election for Saturday, Jan. 11, seeking the approval of a \$140,000 bond issue to finance an addition to the district's nursing home.

The bond election is the result of a series of events which started several months ago. The board, seeing the need for additional rooms in the nursing home, applied for a federal grant under the Hill-Burton Act. They asked for enough money to provide half the financing for a 22-bed addition, but early in November it was revealed that \$55,000 had been approved for the addition, which is sufficient to finance half the cost of building only eight more rooms.

The board, with the advice of an architect, determined that \$110,000 would be needed to build an eight-room addition, while a 22-bed addition would cost \$195,000, a difference of \$85,000 for

14 more rooms.

Members of the board favored voting the \$85,000 additional bonds, but called a public meeting to get the feeling of taxpayers in the district. Consensus of those present was that the district should vote \$140,000 in bonds and build the 22-bed addition, rather than to vote \$55,000 and build an eight-bed addition.

Last week announcement of the election was made and voters will decide the matter Jan. 11.

J. E. Quisenberry, secretary of the board, told the Observer that the present nursing home has a waiting list containing 22 names. He also pointed out that a number of elderly persons are now being cared for in the hospital because of lack of space in the nursing home. However, care of this type in the hospital is limited.

Quisenberry said the board has made a thorough study of financing the project and members believe the bond could be retired

with the present tax rate of 49 cents per \$100 valuation. He noted that the income of the home, with the addition, could be increased 267 per cent, but the cost of operation would not increase proportionately. Additional supervisory personnel would not be needed, he said, and only additional nurses aides could take care of the added residents.

Balloting will take place in the courthouse in Robert Lee and in the Green Mountain community center. Election judge at Robert Lee will be Mrs. F. C. Clark and at Green Mountain, James N. Counts. Only qualified voters who own taxable property in the district and have rendered it for taxation will be eligible to vote.

Miss Mildred Wallace, deputy county clerk, is serving as clerk for absentee voting, and anyone who cannot get to the polls on election day should go by the clerk's office or write in for a ballot.



**FFA SWEETHEART** — Margaret Flanagan is Robert Lee FFA's Sweetheart for 1968-69 and represented the chapter in the district sweetheart contest held in December. She was one of the top four contenders for district honors. The daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Flanagan, she is a sophomore and vice president of her class, treasurer of the FTA, and a member of the Beta Club, FHA, pep squad, science club and the annual staff.

**H D Agent's News Dept.**

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

**O is for Onions**

And "O" can also stand for Out-of-the-Ordinary dishes using this tasty vegetable.

Expert cooks know how to use onions to give just the right flavor to so many popular dishes. Nothing new on the popularity polls, onions have been eating favorites for ages.

With plentiful supplies of onions at the market now, why not try some interesting new ways to use this old favorite?

For instance, Curry Creamed Onions will quite likely become a favorite with your family.

- 1 pound onions
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1/4 teaspoon curry powder.

Peel onions. Cook in boiling salted water 20 minutes, or just until tender. Drain. Stir in cream of mushroom soup, milk and curry powder. Heat slowly, stirring once or twice, until bubbly hot and creamy smooth. Makes six servings.

**Saucy Ham-Egg-Onion:** Broil slices of onion with ham slices. Place onion on toasted English muffin, then ham slice and poached egg. Pour Hollandaise sauce over top.

**Barbecued Onions:** Cook peeled onions until almost tender in boiling salted water. Place onions in baking dish and pour a tangy barbecue sauce over them. Bake at 400 degrees about 45 minutes, basting several times. Serve with a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

O can be for Ooh hoov tasty!" —when you cook with onions.

USDA January plentiful foods list includes broiler-fryers, canned salmon, fresh oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, onions, potatoes, dry beans, canned tomatoes and tomato products.

These foods can add variety to family meals and can be a boon to the family pocketbook.

**PERSONALS**

Visitors at Christmas time in the home of Mrs. Daisy McCutchen and Gordon were Mr. and Mrs. Don Weathers, Norman, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Reagan Weathers and children, Oakland, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Welsh and children, Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Salvato, Mrs. Gayle Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Taylor, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCutchen, Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. John Conley, Gayle, Quinn, Jackie and Mike and Mrs. Myrtle Watson, all of Robert Lee.

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams were Mrs. Vera Allen and Melvin, Waxahachie; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Locket and Rick, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maple, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen and Lonny, Goldsmith; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams and Gary, Mrs. John Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Conner, Vic and Vicky, all of Robert Lee.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Payne Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brock, Nedra Kay, Debbie and Michael Keith of Oil Center, N. M.; Mrs. Bobby Morrison and Curtis of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Pettiet, Vicki and Sheila, Mrs. A. Wimberley and Mrs. G. P. Lowery, all of San Angelo; and Ronald Hester of Robert Lee.

Members of the V. V. Wojtek family home over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek, David, Vickie, Rex and Mike, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wojtek, Kevin and John, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell, Bert, Alan Debra and Mark, Fort Worth; Mrs. V. V. Wojtek Jr., Kathy, Junette and Gary, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Wojtek, Donna and Jo, Eden; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wojtek, Barbara and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gordan, Mr. and Mrs. Brunson and James, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams, Kenny and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Marlow Wojtek and Stacey, Randy Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cobb, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Gray, St. Lawrence; Tessa and Lesa Cobb, of Houston

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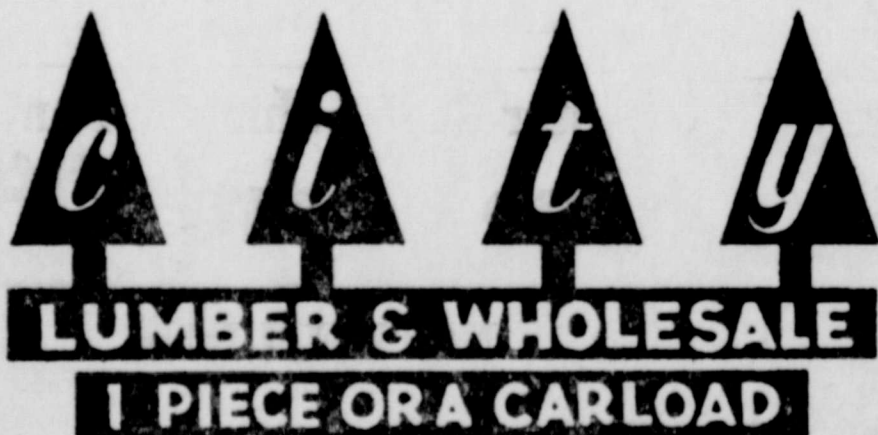
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NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR HOSPITAL DISTRICT BONDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS() COUNTY OF COKE () WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID COUNTY, AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 11th day of January, 1969, in Coke County, Texas, in obedience to an election order entered by the Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District, Coke County, Texas, on the 12th day of December, 1968, on the proposition set forth in the attached copy of "AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION; AND MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO", said order being made a part of this Notice, for all intents and purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed by name officially and affixed the seal of the West Coke County Hospital District this the 12th day of December, 1968, pursuant to authority given by law.

Fred McCabe Sr. President, Board of Directors West Coke County Hospital District

ATTEST: J. E. Quisenberry Jr. Secretary, Board of Directors West Coke County Hospital District (DISTRICT SEAL)

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION; AND MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section 9 of the Constitution of Texas, and Chapter 315, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, the West Coke County Hospital District, with boundaries coextensive with Commissioners' Precincts 1 and 3 of Coke County, Texas, has heretofore been created and established; and

WHEREAS, the statute providing the procedure for the creation and establishment of the District was thereafter amended by Chapter 283, Acts of the 60th Legislature Regular Session 1967, to provide a procedure to increase the tax which might be levied by said Hospital District to a rate not to exceed 75c on the one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property within the District and as a result of an election held on the 15th day of July, 1967, this board became empowered to levy such additional tax, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Directors is empowered to order an election to determine whether bonds shall be issued for hospital purposes by this board; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That an election be held throughout the West Coke County Hospital District on the 11th day of January, 1969, said date being not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the resident qualified electors of said Hospital District, who own taxable property therein, and who have duly rendered the same for

taxation:

"SHALL the Board of Directors of West Coke County Hospital District, Coke County, Texas, be authorized to issue ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$140,000) in bonds of said Hospital District for the purpose of the purchase, construction, acquisition, repair or renovation of buildings and improvements and equipping the same for hospitals and the hospital system, as determined by the Board, and for any and all of such purposes; said bonds to mature over a period of years not to exceed TWENTY (20) years from their date of issuance; and to bear interest at the rate not to exceed SIX PERCENTUM (6%) per annum, payable annually or semi-annually; and to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest and to create a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal thereof at maturity, within the taxing limit of 75c on the one hundred dollars

SECTION 2: That said election shall be held under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Article IX, Section 9, of the Constitution of Texas, and Chapter 315, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963 and only resident qualified electors, who own taxable property in the Hospital District and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be entitled to vote at said election.

SECTION 3: That the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A.T.C.S., Election Code, and printed on such ballots shall appear the following proposition:

"THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS" The word "FOR" and beneath it the word "AGAINST" shall be made to appear to the left of the proposition. A square shall be printed on the left of each of the words "For" and "Against" and each voter shall place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way he wishes to vote.

That the polling places and officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas; Mrs. F. C. Clark, Presiding Judge; Mrs. Golda Smith, Alternate Presiding Judge.

Green Mountain Community Center, Green Mountain, Texas; James N. Counts, Presiding Judge; C. J. Millican, Alternate Presiding Judge.

Special Canvassing Board: L. J. Barnhill, Tex Brand and Don Fields.

If the regularly appointed Presiding Judge is unable to serve at the election, the Alternate Presiding Judge therefor shall serve as Presiding Judge. The Presiding Judge shall appoint at least two (2) clerks (one of whom shall be the Alternate Presiding Judge if the election is conducted by the regularly appointed Presiding Judge) and not more than two (2) additional clerks as he deems necessary for the proper conduct of the election.

That MILDRED WALLACE is hereby appointed as Clerk for ABSENTEE VOTING at the election herein ordered, and absentee voting shall be conducted at the County Clerk's Office in Robert Lee, Texas, and said clerk shall keep the office open for such voting from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, all in accordance with the provisions of V.A.T.C.S., Election Code, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4: The election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections except as modified by the provisions of the Act providing for the creation of the WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

SECTION 5: That a copy of this order, signed by the President of the Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District and attested by the Secretary of said Board, at the top of which shall appear the words "NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR HOSPITAL DISTRICT BONDS" shall serve as proper and sufficient notice of such election. Said notice shall be posted within each election precinct and at the courthouse door in Robert Lee, Texas, not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Robert Lee Observer, which is a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the District, the first publication to be at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date established for the election.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 12th day of December, 1968.

Fred McCabe Sr. President, Board of Directors West Coke County Hospital District

ATTEST: J. E. Quisenberry Jr. Secretary, Board of Directors West Coke County Hospital District (DISTRICT SEAL)

WELCOME

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banker Fred Roe died in the Robert Lee Nursing Home. Joyce Mize resigned from the school faculty to take a teaching assistantship at Texas Tech. Dr. Thomas O. Kirkpatrick of the University of Montana returned to his high school alma mater to deliver the commencement address for Robert Lee seniors. Funeral services were held at Sanco for Mrs. Lizzie Urden Arbuckle. The swimming pool opened for the summer season and a driver education class was announced. Robert Lee firms closed for Memorial Day.

## June

The engagement of Linda Jacoby to Jon Gary Link was announced. A 22-room addition to the nursing home at West Coke Hospital was being discussed. Work on the Robert Lee Reservoir was more than 73 per cent complete and spillway construction was almost 70 per cent complete. Mrs. M. J. Thomason was buried. A one inch rain fell over the area. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley C. Allen celebrated their 66th anniversary. The engagement of Vernay Vaughan to Bob Lomas was announced. More than 100 golfers took part in the annual low ball partnership tournament, with generous prizes for all the winners. F. W. Prentiss was installed as new worshipful master of Hayrick Lodge No. 696. The Boy Scout troop was on an annual outing to Camp Sol Mayer, accompanied by Ernest Herford, Gene Hinnard and Fred Beaty. It was announced that 34 of the 37 recently graduated seniors planned to attend college. Annual Palmer family reunion was held at the recreation center, to begin the summer reunion season.

## July

A July 4th business holiday started the month. Work was begun on the rebuilding of Highway 158 between Robert Lee and Bronte, at a projected cost of \$565,503.49. A 4100-foot wildcat was begun on property of Mrs. Daisy McCutchen. Funeral services were held for Mrs. J. N. Buchanan, Coke pioneer. Good rains brightened crop prospects. Orville Davis Jr., 21, of Amarillo was buried at Robert Lee after he was killed in an auto accident. Jim Herford and Jeannie Hatch were teaching swimming lessons at the county pool. Audrey Walker and Sheri Pitcock were winners in the county 4-H dress revue. Joy Cervenka of Bronte and Darrell Pitcock left to attend the annual Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar at Baylor University. The month ended on a high note with the visit of Governor John Connally who inspected the dam construction project above Robert Lee. The Governor was making a tour of the Texas Forts Trail and visited three points in Coke County: Fort Chadbourn, Bronte and Robert Lee.

## August

Steve Rives and Bill Burns received Lone Star Farmer degrees at the State FFA convention in Lubbock. Vacation Bible School was held at First Methodist Church. A big crowd of 192 signed the register at the annual Silver homecoming. Things were getting geared for the opening of school and the band began practice Aug. 15, and the football squad Aug. 14. The Quarterback Club also met on the 14th, and the school bells rang on the 26th. Linda Gay, Gary Lee and Neva Jean McDaniel were injured in an auto accident. About 100 persons attended the 34th annual Edith homecoming, at which time the Paint Creek Cemetery Association was formed. Two-inch rains fell near the end of the

month. Sheri Pitcock won first in the District 4-H Dress Revue in San Angelo. Last rites were held for Frank Smith. Thirty-two boys came out for the 1968 Steer football squad. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe made a Caribbean cruise. Gorman Walker was elected president of the Coke County Livestock Protective Association. A total budget of \$1,093,331 was adopted by Robert Lee School District.

## September

The football season opened with a scrimmage at Ozona. Robert Vaughan, Gene Hinnard, Jack Denman, Fern Havins and Charles Atkins made up a newly formed park board. Funeral services were held for Mrs. T. A. Richardson. Coke County's first screwworm case in years was reported at Silver by M. C. Hendry. A county Jaycee chapter was formed with Tommy Lee of Bronte as president and Ben Besant of Robert Lee at first vice president. ST 3C Gary Wilson was serving on the aircraft carrier USS Bennington off the coast of Vietnam. Mrs. Arthur Runnion was installed as new president of the '64 Study Club. The Steers won their season opener against Menard, 6-3. History Appreciation Week was held Sept. 22-29 with events taking place each day during the week. Last rites were held for Mrs. Charles Robertson. The new 1969 model automobiles made their debut and were introduced at open houses at Vaughan Chevrolet and Ivey Motor Co.

## October

The state sales tax went up from 2 to 3 per cent. The FFA and FFA made their annual trip to the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Mrs. Pauline Elair, Mrs. Maxine Fields, Mrs. Diane Hambright, Mrs. Dean Kinsey, Mrs. Ouida Scott and Mrs. Bobbie Wright received their LVN caps in a special ceremony. A straw vote showed former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace leading the public opinion list in Robert Lee. The Band Booster Club boasted 141 members and were selling community band calendars. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith observed their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams sold their funeral homes at Robert Lee and Bronte to George Newby, formerly of Ballinger. Mrs. Bobby F. Roberts received a state appointment as Deputy Matron during the Eastern Star Grand Chapter held in San Antonio. Absentee voting began for the November general election. Frank Cannon, General Contractor, of San Angelo turned in a bid of \$691,420 for low in the bidding for construction of new school facilities. George Henry Childress, 82, died from injuries received in an auto accident. Robert William Walker died after a long illness.

## November

The BCD began to plan for the annual Christmas party and the visit of Santa Claus in December. Samuel Bruce Williams, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams, died shortly after birth in West Coke County Hospital. In the general election, the Democrats made a clean sweep from the top to the bottom of the ballot in Coke County, and refuted the results shown in a straw vote taken a few weeks before. Girls basketball began during a November week. West Coke Nursing Home and Hospital were approved for a federal Hill-Burton grant for modernization and construction. An early snow chilled Coke Countians. Mrs. George Conner was injured in an auto accident in the snow storm near Abilene. Annual homecoming was

held at the high school and Vicki Rowaldt and Quinn Conley were named Mr. and Miss RLHS. Ray Gloria arrived in Vietnam for Army duty. Jeannie Hatch and Robert J. Billingsly were wed in Indiana. A public meeting was held to discuss a bond issue connected with adding to the nursing home. The CRMWD announced they hoped to start closing the big dam in December.

## December

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress held an open house at their new home. Coke County had heavy rain and more snow. The Robert Lee Steer Band received a II rating for an excellent performance in UIL Class A competition. Last rites were held for A. B. Shepard, who had been ill about a year. James Fields, Lynn Beal and Teddy Millican earned spots on the 6-A all-district team. The BCD announced the Christmas home decorating contest. Darrel Pitcock, Kathy Denman and Andy Cole were selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1969 from Robert Lee. County Commissioners had some discussion concerning re-districting the county precincts to conform to the one-man, one-vote ruling made by the Supreme Court. It was announced that more Coke County highways would be seal coated, including from Robert north to the Mitchell County line. Garland Davis was named new president of the BCD for 1969. A bond election was called in the amount of \$140,000 for adding 22 beds to the nursing home to be held Jan. 11. James Fields was named to the Abilene Reporter News all-area team. The Christmas party was a big success, with Santa Claus in town, and Robert Lee prepared to enjoy a joyous Christmas holiday season.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinley, Charles Ray, Gary and Paul of Indian Springs, Nev. spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt. Other visitors in the Wyatt home Christmas Day were Mrs. Bertha Wagner of Abilene, Mrs. Ruth Keeling of Lawton, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Springer and family of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brad and family of Lewisville were guests in the home of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Davis and children spent the Christmas holidays at Jasper, Alabama in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Waid.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane and family were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glen Carwile, Jan, Randy and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Dean Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Williams and Ricky and Barry Smith, all of San Angelo and Wayne Smith of Fort Worth.

Visiting in the A. J. Roe, Jr. home during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson of Dallas.

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaty and Lane were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowder and Lee Anne, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kegans, Dallas; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kegans, Trent. Mrs. Crowder and Mrs. Eugene Kegans are daughters of the Beatys and the Herbert Kegans are Eugene Kegans' parents.

## Hospital News

Tuesday, Dec. 17 — Mrs. Gabriel Soto, Mrs. J. E. Lovelace admitted. Mrs. Mattie Higgins dismissed.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Carl Brock, E. C. Davis, Johnnie Ann Lara, Mrs. Perry Mullis admitted.

Thursday, Dec. 19 — Frank Allen admitted. Clarence Mitchell, Luther Cowley dismissed.

Friday, Dec. 20 — John E. Terry, Mrs. Leslie Wink admitted. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Thomason dismissed.

Saturday, Dec. 21 — Mrs. Gabriel Soto dismissed.

Sunday, Dec. 22 — E. C. Davis, Johnnie Ann Lara, Mrs. J. E. Lovelace dismissed.

Monday, Dec. 23 — Mrs. A. V. Hughes, Mrs. Jim Ybarra admitted. Frank Allen, Mrs. L. J. Barnhill, Mrs. Perry Mullis, Mrs. Leslie Wink dismissed.

Wednesday, Dec. 25 — Mrs. Lena Russell, Frank Allen, Janice Fowler admitted.

Thursday, Dec. 26 — Horace Bloodworth, Mrs. Juan Carrasco, Mrs. Vivian Blair, Mrs. Calvin Sanders admitted. Frank Allen, Mrs. Jim Ybarra dismissed.

Friday, Dec. 27 — Howard Kelly, Mrs. James McClure, Ouida Scott, Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. admitted. Mrs. A. V. Hughes dismissed.

missed.

Saturday, Dec. 28 — Mrs. J. O. Rudd admitted. Mrs. Lena Russell dismissed.

Sunday, Dec. 29 — Leticia Silvas admitted. Mrs. J. O. Rudd, Ouida Scott, Mrs. Juan Carrasco dismissed.

On Monday, Dec. 30, 14 patients were in the Hospital and eight were in the Nursing Home.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pierce spent the holidays visiting in the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kalys Willis at Snyder.

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tom Roach were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rankin Roach of Fort Worth, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Woodside of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnston of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Roach and Tommy Lee of San Angelo and Mrs. H. L. Scott of Robert Lee.

Doyle Hayley is spending some leave time here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hayley. He is in the U.S. Navy stationed in Hawaii.

Mrs. Henrietta Payne of Clovis, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace of Amarillo were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace.

## Open Monday Thru Saturday Noon

For the convenience of my customers, I will now be in the shop all day Monday through Saturday noon.

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453-5601

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NEW YEAR



Robert Lee  
State Bank

**PERSONALS**

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ditmore at Bronte were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ditmore of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Millican McGinnis, Wayne and Jimmy of Eldorado, Linda McGinnis of Lovington, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ditmore, Ray and Mike of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sheffey, Carla and Cliff of San Angelo and Mrs. Francis Davis and Shelly of San Angelo.

Charlie Bloodworth of Colorado City visited last Friday here with his brother, H. L. Bloodworth, who is a patient in West Coke Hospital.

Supper guests Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ditmore were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Berry Jr., Johnny, Kay and Susan of Scottsdale, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Green and William, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown, all of Tennyson, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Webb Jr., Lana and Shane of Robert Lee and Mrs. C. N. Webb Sr. of Ruidoso, N. M.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth at Silver were their children and their families. They were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth, Lennie and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth, Janice, Clay and Patty, all of Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Waymond Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., Marilyn, Jackie, Donna, Susan and Buddy, all of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins and Chuck of Lubbock, Jackie Smith of Roscoe and Melvin Allen of Waxahachie. The two Bloodworth children who could not be present for the family gathering were Mrs. Willie R. Price of Gillette, Wyoming and Allen Bloodworth, who is working for the government in Africa.

Mrs. Sam Williams spent last weekend in Odessa visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Maples.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Robertson and family of Fairview Air Force Base, Calif., are here spending the Christmas holidays with his father, Jim Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Baker of Burleson spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Summers.

Mrs. G. R. Smith and children of Carlsbad, N. M., visited with her mother, Mrs. Vela Plumlee, over the Christmas holidays.

E. J. Brice of Enid, Okla., spent the Christmas holidays at home with his family. He works for Union Texas Petroleum in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Roy Walker spent Christmas day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Drennan of Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAdams, Vicki and Glenn of Wellington were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hambricht Christmas day. Other visitors were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell.

**POSTAL RATES UP**

Postal rates for newspapers and magazines and other material mailed at second class rate were raised January 1. The increase results from the postage rate law enacted in December, 1967, which raised most second class rates in three annual steps. The 1969 hike is the second phase of the increase and the third step will go into effect Jan. 1, 1970.

Except for home county mailing, postal rates for newspapers and magazines mailed second class are based on the weight of the publication, the amount of advertising it contains, and the distance it is mailed.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker Christmas day and during the holidays included Mr. and Mrs. Bud Johnson of Denver, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wink of Lubbock, Mrs. Elzie Cox of Winters, Mrs. S. L. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rowlitz and family, all of Ballinger, Mrs. Joyce Dodson, Rusty, Mary Beth and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker, Dianne, Cheri, and Mary Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Baker, Valerie and Micky, all of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Denman, Melynda and Michael of San Angelo.

**WANT ADS**

Classified ads and cards of thanks are payable in advance unless customer carries a regular account. \$1.00 minimum charge if posted in ledger.

**RATES**

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**  
1st Insertion ..... Per Word 5c  
2nd and Subsequent  
Insertions ..... Per Word 3c  
Minimum Charge: 50c  
Additional 50c for blind ads.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Onie Mae Jackson wish to express their deep appreciation to the ones who provided food, music and the many other expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow.

**FOR RENT** — Large bedroom with private bath and outside entrance door. Mrs. Bruce Clift.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Commissioners' Court of Coke County will receive bids until 10 a.m., January 13, 1969, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas on the following equipment:

One new heavy duty Motor Grader with the following specifications:

Tandem drive; 13:00 x 24 10 ply tires front and rear; power steering; accelerator/decelerator; 13 foot sideshift moldboard, cab with tinted safety glass; heater; air pre-cleaner and hour meter. Motor to be diesel not less than 125 horse-power with not less than 638 cubic inch displacement at 2000 R.P.M. Weight not less than 23,500 pounds.

County has for trade-in one used 660 Adams Motor Grader, that may be inspected by contacting the Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, Robert Lee, Texas.

The County waives the right to reject any or all bids, and waiver any technicality.

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Coke County, Texas  
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**FOR SALE** — Pecans, 50c per lb. Chism and Ruth Brown.

**FOR SALE** — 1 chrome dinette set. \$25. See Chism Brown.

**FOR SALE** — '67 Mustang Clean, loaded. 453-4582. 2tp

**FOR SALE** — 3 bedroom house with dining area. Hardwood floors, attached garage, 100x150 lot. 110 W. 16th St., Call 453-5421. 3tp

**FOR RENT** — Small 2 bedroom house. \$40.00 per month. Call 453-2201.

**No Hunting**

or firearms permitted on H. H. Jameson Estate. Mrs. H. H. Jameson.

**NO HUNTING**

Because of past abuses, no hunting will be allowed on the J. W. ARLEDGE ESTATE and PALMER LEEPER RANCHES IN COKE and NOLAN COUNTIES for the 1968-69 season. Game warden patrolled.

**NEW YEAR'S BUYS**

**Oranges 5 lb. bag 45c**

**CARROTS, Cello Bag - - - 2 for 19c**

**BANANAS, Golden Fruit - - - 2 Lbs. 25c**

**Meads Biscuits 3 for 25c**

**SALAD DRESSING, Salad Bowl - - - Qt. 39c**

**BAMA APPLE BUTTER - - 29 Oz. 35c**

**SILK TOILET TISSUE - - - 4 Rolls 39c**

**GLADIOLA**

**Flour 5 lbs. 49c**

**VAN CAMP'S**

**PORK & BEANS, No. 2 Can - 2 for 39c**

**STOKELY'S**

**CORN, Cream Style, No. 303 - - 2 for 45c**

**FROZEN FOOD Festival**

**Patio Mexican & Enchilada Dinners - 2 for 89c**

**FROZEN COFFEE RINGS, Sara Lee - Ea. 65c**

**MEAT POT PIES, Morton's - - - 5 for 99c**

**TRIMMED RIGHT 9 MEATS**

**Round Steak lb. 79c**

**GOOCH'S FRANKS, All Meat - - - 12 Oz. Pkg. 43c**

**FRESH**

**Ground Meat 2 lbs. 89c**

**BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.**