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It Want Be Long Till

Santa Will Be In Robert Lee

Kid's Pictures to Be Made Here Friday

Friday, Dec. 10, is the big day set to take Living Color pictures of the little people in the Robert Lee area. The Observer is having pictures taken of all children accompanied by parents or other guardian to the Recreation Center between 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. absolutely free of any charge or obligation.

The Observer wants to publish a picture of your child in a photographic feature of local children entitled "Citizens of Tomorrow."

A professional children's photographer will take the pictures

4-H'ers Attend Snelson Fete

Four Coke County 4-H Club members served as hosts for the large crowd present in Austin Saturday to honor the "Governor For A Day," Sen. W. E. (Pete) Snelson of Midland. Representing Coke County were Terri Kinsey, Sue Lindsey, Troy Millican and Wibby Millican.

The four delegates, with representatives from other counties in Senator Snelson's district, served refreshments to the estimated 700 to 1,000 guests present during the day. The group attended the inauguration ceremony seating Senator Snelson as governor in the absence of Gov. Preston Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes.

A luncheon was held at noon to honor Senator Snelson. Following the luncheon, the senator was presented a large silver tray by the 4-H Clubs in his district.

The club members were accompanied to Austin by County Extension Agents Fay C. Rice, Diane Durnett and Sterling Lindsey.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY AT DAWN FLORAL

Dawn's Floral and Specialty Shop will have a Christmas Open House tomorrow (Friday) to display Christmas gifts and flowers.

Mrs. Lela Rae McAdams, owner, invites everyone to come by for a free Christmas corsage and refreshments.

ANN MARIE'S WILL HAVE GRAND OPENING

Mrs. Virginia Kellogg and Mrs. R. M. Lykins announce the grand opening of Ann Marie Dress Shop this Friday and Saturday. Ann Marie's will handle ready to wear and also do custom dress making.

Everyone is invited to come in to see the new shop at the corner of 12th and Austin. All visitors may register for a clock radio to be given away free Saturday.

Christmas Edition Coming Dec. 23

Robert Lee Observer's annual Christmas edition will be published Dec. 23. Pictures, features and letters to Santa Claus from the young ones will highlight the edition.

Greeting advertisements are ready now and everyone is invited to come in and pick out an ad to send Christmas greetings to friends and customers. Due to the high cost of cards and postage, several individuals have expressed interest in the ads as a means of conveying their message to their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman Honored With Golden Anniversary Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 5, with a reception in the Robert Lee Recreation Hall.

Hosting the occasion were their children, Mrs. T. E. Pitcock and Douglas Gartman, both of Sanco; Mrs. G. M. Winkler of Abilene; and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker of San Angelo. Assisting in the houseparty were their granddaughters, Mrs. Judy Blair, Mrs. Kaye Pitcock, Mrs. Sharon Pitcock, Sheri Pitcock, Debbie Winkler and Vicki Gartman.

Special guests included Mrs. Gartman's sister, Mrs. Leona Lord of Abilene, and his sisters, Mrs. Froncy Scarbrough, Mrs. Alice Preslar and Ms. Velma Denman; also his brother, Dewey Gartman of Colorado City.

Mr. Gartman has served on a number of committees and boards

Annual Christmas party and the visit of Santa Claus on Saturday, Dec. 18, was the main subject for discussion at the weekly BCD meeting Tuesday noon.

It was decided that more money would be needed for the party this year. Melvin Childress was named to write letters to some out of town companies soliciting donations, and sheets listing local businesses to contact were handed out to the committee who had been previously appointed. Each local business will be asked to contribute \$5.00. Advertising for the party was approved.

The schedule for the party includes a free movie at 12:30 until 2:45 p.m. Following that the

Robert Lee Steer Band will march and play ahead of the fire truck that will bring Santa into town. His visit and the party will be held on the parking lot of the courthouse.

In other business, Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough gave a brief run down on the visit of state historical survey committee members who visited in Coke County Monday and made pictures. She also presented an award for Distinguished Service to the BCD for service to the community. It was presented to George Newby who served as BCD president in 1970.

Bill Allen reported that the local Red Cross operation is seriously in need of funds and asked for donations, large or small, to carry on the work of the Coke County unit. He had some telephone calls recently which had to be paid from other sources. A young man in the service was recently brought home from Thailand for three weeks because of illness in the family, which necessitated many telephone calls on the part of the local Red Cross. Any donation would be greatly appreciated, he said.

President W. D. McAdams presided for the meeting. There were 17 members present.

Football Banquet Set for Saturday

Annual Robert Lee High School football banquet will be held Saturday night in the school cafeteria. Jerry Sessoms, former quarterback for the San Angelo College Rams and former coach at Lake View High School, will be the speaker for the event which will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.50 per person and may be purchased in the office of High School Prin. Garland Davis, from any of the cheerleaders or from Quarterback Club officers, John Conley, Frankie Percifull or Ronnie Baker.

The banquet will honor the 1971 Steer football team. Members will be recognized, cheerleaders and the Football Sweetheart will be introduced and the recipient of the 1971 Steer Award will be announced.

Jr. High Teams Split with Sterling

Junior high teams split basketball games with Sterling City Monday night.

Sterling City girls defeated Robert Lee 31-10. Scoring for the home team were Sally Wright 4, Betty Bazar 3, Pacea Ford 3 and Kathie Deen 1.

Robert Lee boys won their game with a comfortable 43-25 score. Pcly Abalos was high pointer with 24, followed by George Abalos 11, James Beaty 3, Jim Craig, Tim Rowaldt and Anthony Percifull, 2 each.

Thanksgiving visitors in the R. L. Flanagan home were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Biggs of Fort Worth.

in Direct Living Color. It is emphasized, therefore, that you dress the children colorfully so as to take full advantage of the beauty of color photography.

No Charge to Parents

There is no charge or obligation for taking the pictures. Parents don't even have to be a subscriber to the Observer, nor even a reader. You do not have to purchase pictures either. Proofs will be shown in Color and you may obtain Color portraits by arranging directly with the studio representative if you want them. That is entirely up to you. The pictures appearing in the newspaper will be in black and white.

Good Pictorial Feature

In keeping with the quality feature policy of this newspaper, we want to make this a memorable feature. This means we want all the pictures of local youngsters we can get to run in the paper. Kiddies and parents alike will reap no end of fun and pride as the pictures appear in the paper. Mothers and fathers of children in the area where this newspaper circulates, please help us and remember the date, Friday, Dec. 10, at the Recreation Center, and bring your children to be photographed.

If you have not already made an appointment for this community event, do it now. Call Grace Dittmore at phone number 453-2422 and avoid the possibility of a long wait.

Boys Win Consolation

Robert Lee boys basketball team took the consolation trophy in the tournament held last weekend in Forsan.

Both the boys and girls teams suffered losses in the opening round of the tournament Thursday when they met teams from Ira. Ira came out on top of the boys 60-45, and won the girls match 58-30.

Doing the scoring for the Steers were: Bubba Duncan 18, Johnny Wolfe 11, Bill Rowaldt 5, Bobby Mumford 5, Doug Pierce 3, Edwin Lindsey 2 and Edwin Wright 1.

Kathy Prince was high scorer for the girls with 11, followed by Audrey Walker 7, Nita Copeland 6, Phyllis Duncan 4 and Rhonda Askins 2.

In the second round of play Friday both teams won over Water Valley. The boys' score was 77-40, and the girls outscored their opponents 54-27.

Bobby Mumford was high pointer for the boys with 21. Others scoring were Rowaldt 19, Pierce 18, Riley Waldrop 7, Wolfe 5, Wright 5 and Duncan 2.

Prince was again high for the girls, making 27 points. Others making points for the locals were Walker 19, Askins 4, Copeland 2 and Susan Prentice 2.

Boys Win Consolation

Following a 52-49 close one with Garden City, Robert Lee boys were presented the consolation trophy. Mumford scored 21 points to pace the win with assists from Wolfe with 9, Duncan 8, Rowaldt 5, Pierce 4, Wright 3 and Waldrop 2.

The girls lost their bid for consolation, 55-41. Prince led the scoring for the third straight game with 21 points. Walker and Askins had 10 each.

Tuesday Games

Bronte came to Robert Lee Tuesday for four games, with Robert Lee taking three of them. Robert Lee girls B team defeated Bronte 39-29. Elizabeth Bickley led the local scoring with 16 points, followed by Anna Kay Rowaldt 10, Ginger Salmon 11 and Kay Brice 2. In the girls A game Robert Lee came out on the long end of a 66-59 score. Prince was

high for the game and Robert Lee with a big 29 points. Others were Askins 15, Walker 12 and Copeland 10.

In the boys varsity game, Robert Lee squeaked by Bronte 55-52. Rowaldt led Steer scoring with 19 points. Other scorers included Mumford 16, Lindsey 12, and Pierce, Duncan, Wolfe and Waldrop, 2 each.

Bronte's only victory of the night came in the boys junior varsity game with the visitors winning by a close 45-42 score. Scoring for Robert Lee were David Beaty 4, Ardie Brasuel 3, Cliff Cole 4, Daryl Copeland 6, Wibby Millican 16, Mit Rogers 2 and Terry Wojtek 7.

Next Week's Schedule

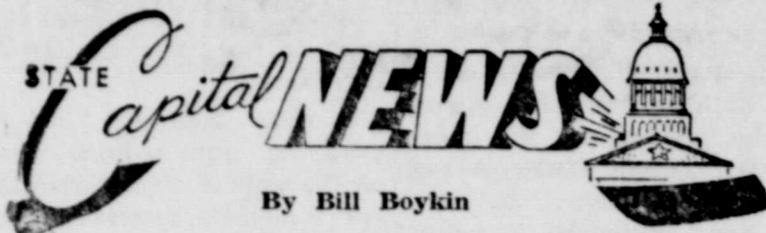
Robert Lee teams take to the road for the next series of games. Games are scheduled at Roscoe Friday night, Dec. 10. Girls A and boys A and B teams will play with the first game at 5 p.m. Next Tuesday, Dec. 14, the teams will travel to Bronte for four games beginning at 4 p.m. Girls and boys A and B teams will furnish the cage action.



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By Bill Boykin

Austin — House Speaker Gus Mutscher's bribery trial site switched abruptly from Austin to Abilene, with February or March now the expected date.

With both the defense and state filing rival motions for change of venue, Austin District Judge Tom Blackwell concluded extensive publicity in the capital city area made a transfer of the case advisable.

He sent it to the 104th district court of Judge J. Neil Daniel in Taylor County, along with indictments of co-defendants Rep. Thomas C. Shannon of Fort Worth and S. Rush McGinty of Austin, a Mutscher aide.

Defense attorneys had contended widespread news coverage made a fair trial of the speaker in the Central Texas area impossible. The indictment grew out of Mutscher's and co-defendants' 1969 profits on National Bankers Life Insurance Company stock. State alleges he received

the stock tips and loans for purchases in exchange for helping pass bank deposit insurance legislation favored by Houston banker Frank Sharp.

Travis County District Attorney Robert O. Smith turned the defense argument around. He said Mutscher has so much power in Austin, where many citizens work for the state, that finding a jury free to give the state's case open consideration there may be difficult.

Blackwell didn't buy either argument entirely, but conceded Austin newspapers, radio and television stations had covered the case rather enthusiastically since last January. Further, he stated the coverage blanketed counties surrounding the capital city.

Mutscher said he was satisfied with Abilene as the trial site.

"The only thing that we have ever asked is that we be afforded a fair trial," Mutscher commented after the brief court hearing. "I feel that the citizens of Taylor County will afford us an ample opportunity to establish my innocence."

Along to Daniel went a stack of defense pre-trial motions, including one to quash the indictment. Mutscher's attorney predicted a February or March trial date. Jan. 10 had been set originally.

DRUG REFUNDS DUE — Texans who filed valid claims under an anti-trust case may receive up to 60 per cent refunds on purchases of broad spectrum antibiotic drugs purchased during 1954-66.

Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin said refunds will be made probably no later than March 1972.

Tax supported hospital and other state agencies which bought the antibiotics will share in the \$4.6 million recovery against five large drug companies named in the anti-trust suit. The U. S. Supreme Court denied the companies' last appeal Oct. 12.

Martin and his staff are working on an allocation formula. A New York federal court will hold a hearing after notice to all claimants, hopefully in January.

The drug case is the pioneer "treble damage" anti-trust case allowing individual consumers to be represented by the attorney general and recover damages for overcharges paid as a result of price fixing conspiracies.

LEGAL OPINIONS — Candidates who moved into new districts before Nov. 7 (a year prior to the 1972 general election) are eligible to run for House and Senate seats in those districts, Secretary of State Bob Bullock held in an opinion prepared as chief state election officer.

SPANISH TREASURE APPRAISED — Appraisers have completed the preliminary process of putting a value on treasure recovered from four centuries old shipwrecks off Padre Island.

Final reports will go to Federal District Judge Reynaldo Garza of Brownsville who directed the appraisal be made as the result of a lawsuit.

Platoro Inc., the Indiana firm which recovered the treasure in 1967, seeks title to at least half the artifacts. The state claims all of them, and has threatened to take its case for possession to the U. S. Supreme Court.

POLITICAL FIELD EXPANDS

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.

— Dallas attorney Barefoot Sanders stepped into the U. S. Senate race, slugging from the opening bell at Republican Sen. John Tower.

Sanders, 46 year old former federal district attorney, U. S. assistant attorney general and White House aide, is the first Democrat to announce for the Senate.

W. L. (Bill) Jones Jr., Odessa businessman, entered the Democratic primary for lieutenant governor and set up campaign headquarters here.

Short Snorts

Conservationists called for a minimum 100,000 acre Big Thicket National Park in East Texas.

State Banking Board approved nine "phantom" bank charters (multi-bank holding companies) in Waco, Longview and Houston, despite protests.

Sen. W. E. (Pete) Snelson of Midland took over the governor's

job — for a day — Dec. 4. This year will be "an exceptionally good" one for construction, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

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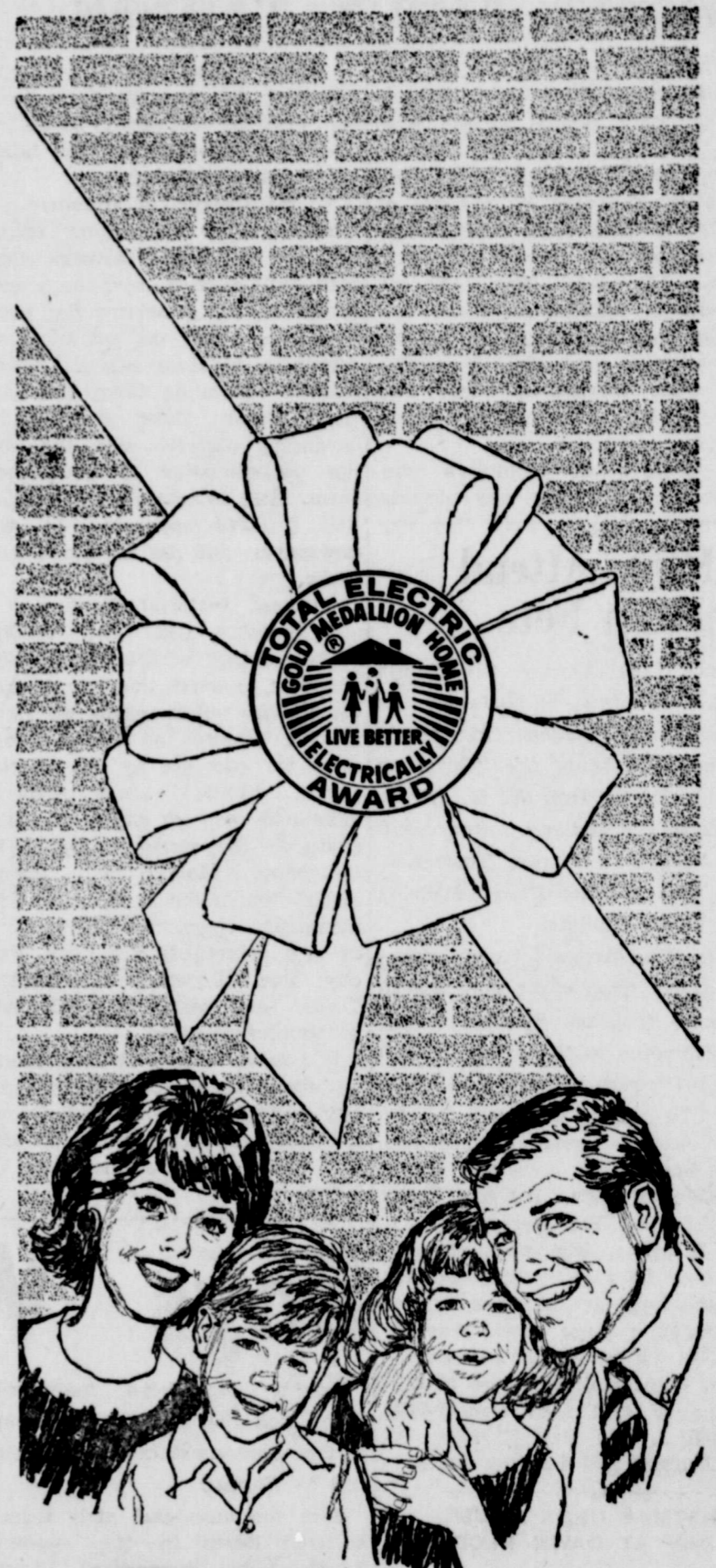
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Dyess Planes Fly Low Over Area

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These low level flights may be scheduled between 8 a.m. and midnight Monday through Friday, and less frequently on weekends. Daylight missions are flown at an altitude of 500 feet above the terrain while night low level activi-

ties are conducted at least 1,000 feet above any obstacle, man made or geographic, within three miles of prescribed track of the aircraft. Airspeeds will vary from 115 to 290 miles per hour.

All flights are made along specific routes which are approved by Tactical Air Command. Minimum disturbances of farms, ranches and communities is the primary consideration in selecting low level routes. Towns, local airports, resorts, hatcheries and stocker pens are avoided when planning the routes and will not be overflown by C-130 and C-7A aircraft under any normal circumstance. 516th officials would like to emphasize that, even though training must be conducted at low level and high airspeed in order to be realistic, all possible precautions are taken to prevent disruption of local agriculture and community activities.

In addition to Coke County the flights will occur over the following counties: Knox, Haskell, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Baylor, Garza, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Runtels, Coleman, Brown and Tom Green.

WELCOME

Pecan Missionary Baptist Church

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Pentecost, Glenn to Leave Saturday On Soil Conservation Tour in Arizona

Nolan Pentecost of Sanco and D. K. Glenn of Bronte will leave Saturday, Dec. 11, on an expense paid trip to Litchfield Park, Ariz. The men represent the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District, which won first place in one of the three judging districts in Texas. The trip will be made by plane and the men will return Dec. 15.

Contests in all 50 states are sponsored by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and this year's grand prize tour climaxes the 25th year

of the Goodyear Conservation Awards Program.

The grand prize tour will begin at Litchfield Park Saturday with the arrival of the 106 winning conservationists from all parts of the country.

Participants in the four day, vacation-study program represent the 53 first place districts in the annual contest among 3,000 member districts of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). Winners will come from 47 states and Puerto Rico.

The group will include the year's outstanding cooperators and a board member from each of the award winning districts in the program sponsored by Goodyear.

Robert C. Baum, Portland, Ore., Pacific program adviser for NACD, and representatives of the press, radio and TV also will be on hand.

Tours of the 10,000 acre Goodyear Farms, a proving ground for agricultural machinery and methods since 1917, and the scenic and historic sites of Arizona are on the schedule. Headquarters will be The Wigwam, country club resort.

Purpose of the competition, conducted on a statewide basis, with a few exceptions, is to provide an incentive to conservation districts and to alert the public to the need for protecting land and water resources in urban as well as rural areas.

Since the awards program was begun in 1947, more than 2,100 conservationists have been Goodyear's guests here as representatives of first place districts.

BLOODWORTH VISITORS

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth at Silver were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price and Greg, Aurora, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bloodworth, Nepal; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth, San Angelo; Mrs. D. C. Todd, Weatherford; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth, Lonnie and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth and Lori, Clayton Bloodworth, Janice, Clay and Patty, all of Silver; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., Donna, Susan and Buddy, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins and Chuck, and Willie I. Tubb, all of Robert Lee.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lomas of Houston spent the Thanksgiving weekend here visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas.

Bob Lomas left Nov. 16 for the Army. He is in basic training at Fort Polk, La., and will have a two weeks' Christmas leave soon. He is married to the former Vernay Vaughan, who is working in Odessa. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Heffernan and children spent a week during the Thanksgiving holidays in Lincoln, Nebr., visiting his mother, Mrs. John Heffernan, and in the homes of his sisters, Mrs. Gary Carl and Mrs. Kent Hutchinson. They also visited friends, the Bill Camerlicks, at Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey spent Thanksgiving in Bronte in the home of their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Coulter.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mullis Thanksgiving Day were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mullis and children of Kermit.

Runnels Baptist Association Youth Rally will be Saturday night, Dec. 11, in the First Baptist Church in Winters. The rally will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Worker's Conference

The association worker's conference will be Monday, Dec. 13, in the Paint Rock Baptist Church.

It will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the WMU and Board meetings. Two Hardin-Simmons students, Nancy Arista from Peru and Martha Padilla, a Cuban refugee, will speak for the WMU meeting.

Supper will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the evening program at 7:15 p.m. The Rev. C. F. Griffin, pastor of the host church, will be the speaker.

Pictures Made Of County Scenes

Ted Powers and Marsha Jackson, employees of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee of Austin, spent several hours making pictures of historical sites in Coke County last Monday.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, president of the Coke County Historical Survey Committee.

They followed the historical route through Hayrick and the Kickapoo Mountains to the ghost town of Fort Chadbourne. W. D. Burns assisted them in finding the old half dugout that used to house the Fort Chadbourne post office.

From there they went to the Wylie Ranch where many pictures were made of the Fort Chadbourne ruins and they also visited the Indian rock shelter on the bank of Oak Creek.

The Austin people praised the beauty of Coke County, particularly in the rugged mountain country and at the Lake Spence site.

Musical Program Monday Night

"Peace on Earth?" will be presented next Monday night, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at the local school. The musical production will feature music students from kindergarten through the sixth grade, under direction of Mrs. Wilson Bryan, elementary school music teacher.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend the annual presentation of the students.

Childress Makes Political Move

First indications here that next year will be an important political year came this week when Sheriff Melvin Childress announced that he will seek reelection. He said he would make a formal renunciation at a later time.

Childress will wind up his third term as sheriff next year. He first was elected in 1960 and took office Jan. 1, 1961.

He was reared in Coke County and was engaged in farming and ranching before going into the law enforcement field. He was foreman on the R. C. Russell Ranch when first elected to office.

Other offices for which elections will be held in 1972 include tax assessor-collector, county attorney, constable and commissioners of Precincts 1 and 3.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr. returned home last weekend from a two weeks' trip to Maryland where they visited their son and his family, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jack Snead and children. They are stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in the Washington, D. C. area.

Askins Funeral Held at Hamlin

Felix Addison Askins, 73, father of Foy Askins of Robert Lee, died at 11 a.m. last Friday at the home of his daughter in Hamlin after a three months' illness.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday in the First Assembly of God Church there with the Rev. Dick McAnally, pastor, and the Rev. Scott Mitchell, pastor of the Northside Assembly of God Church in Lubbock, officiating.

Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery with graveside rites at 3 p.m. under direction of Foster Funeral Home of Hamlin.

He was born Dec. 5, 1897, in Belcherville, Tex., and married Jeannie D. Winkle at McKinney, Nov. 24, 1918. She preceded him in death.

He had lived in Hamlin about a year and formerly had lived in Lubbock and Colorado. Prior to that he lived north of Robert Lee for many years. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Assembly of God Church. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include another son, Ray Askins of Lubbock; one daughter, Mrs. Eddie Buttram of Hamlin; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were R. P. Gidney of Crowell, Milton Tomlinson of Robert Lee, Cleburne Murdock of Hamlin, Hollis Ensor and J. Lee Ensor, both of Bronte, and Billy Askins of Lubbock.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Dec. 13
Pork patties and gravy, buttered potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, jelly.

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Italian spaghetti with cheese, English peas, fruit Jello, hot rolls, butter, milk, chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday, Dec. 15
Pinto beans with salt pork, potato salad, spinach, corn bread, butter, milk, peach cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 16
Hot dogs with chili, buttered triminy, carrot and cabbage slaw, potato chips, milk, applesauce cake.

Friday, Dec. 17
Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, cranberries, hot rolls, butter, milk, mandarin orange salad.

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By MRS. FAY C. ROE

The Christmas Poinsettia

Poinsettias, the favorite Christmas plant, will remain colorful and attractive throughout the holiday season with proper care.

Poinsettias do best when placed in a sunny location and protected from sudden temperature changes due to drafts, heat vents or opening doors. And night temperatures should not drop below 60 degrees. Such sudden drops in temperature can cause complete loss of leaves.

Proper watering techniques will also do much to prolong the life of the poinsettia. Water requirements for the flower are relatively high because of low humidity in homes and offices and because of the large leaf surfaces on the plant. The soil ball should not be allowed to become so dry that the leaves start to wilt.

The soil, however, should not

be saturated with water. Continued saturation will cut off the oxygen supply to the roots, resulting in loss of feeder roots and loss of foliage.

Frequently, poinsettia pots come covered with attractive foil to enhance their appearance. Check if the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot is closed by the foil. If it is closed, excess moisture will not be able to drain out and the soil will remain waterlogged.

About three weeks after the plant has been received, fertilize it with a complete fertilizer, such as those recommended for African violets and other house plants. Dissolve the fertilizer in water as recommended on the container then water the plant thoroughly.

Seldom is more than one application needed. But applications may be repeated at three week intervals until the colored bracts fade and drop.

Decorating

If you are decorating with pine cones, berries, fruit and broadleaf evergreens, to keep them fresh, dip the entire branch in liquid wax and hang stem end up to dry. Another treatment is to dip in a pan of clear varnish, lacquer, or white shellac diluted with alcohol. Any of these methods adds a luster which often emphasizes the beauty of berries and prolongs keeping qualities. While still wet sprinkle with artificial snow.

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BOB LARGE NAMED TO HIGH OFFICE IN MASONIC LODGE

Sen. Jack Hightower of Vernon, installed this week as Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, has announced the appointment of Robert J. Large of Robert Lee as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 77.

Large, an active Mason in this area, will serve eight lodges as the representative of the Grand Master for a one year period.

In making the announcement, Grand Master Hightower stated: "I appreciate the fact that Mr. Large has agreed to serve in this important position. His active participation in Masonic and community affairs proves his qualification for this place of service."

Mrs. Clarence Gobbel of Mesa, Ariz., who has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key, has returned to her home. She is a sister of Mrs. Key and in her girlhood lived in the Paint Creek community and attended school there. Friends will remember her as the former Lois Shropshire.



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Army Gets Big Raise in Pay

A major pay raise for members of the United States Army became effective this week according to SSgt. Joe Bates, Army recruiter for Coke County. The pay raise, which was enacted into law on Sept. 28, had been withheld temporarily as part of President Nixon's freeze on prices and wages.

Under the terms of the military pay bill, newly enlisted soldiers will receive \$268.50 per month. This compares with \$134.40 under the previous law.

The pay raise will not only include substantial increases in basic pay, but will also raise quarters and ration allowances.

The new pay scales are a giant step towards making military pay for lower ranking enlisted men and junior officers comparable with that offered by business and industry. According to U. S. government statistics, the average hourly wage in the manufacturing industry in 1970 was \$3.36. Army pay for a sergeant, E-5, by comparison, will not amount to

\$3.11 per hour if the sergeant is authorized and receiving quarters and ration allowances. If the same sergeant is married, his hourly pay rate would rise to \$3.40.

Army officials state the average service time required to reach the rank of sergeant, E-5, is in the neighborhood of 22 months active service.

"When coupled with the traditional Army benefits such as free medical care, clothing, room and board and retirement benefits, the new pay increase makes Army service truly competitive as a career choice," the Army recruiter said.

"Opportunities and challenge in the Army for the young man who applies himself have never been better—in short, Today's Army Wants to Join You—and we're proving it," he concluded.

For further information on the new pay scales and additional information on enlistment opportunities, see Sergeant Bates at his office at 109 W. Beauregard in San Angelo, or call him at 655-3513 collect.

Hospital News

Nov. 30: Steve Larkin, Mrs. Royce Wallace admitted. Donna Wallace dismissed.

Dec. 1: Mrs. Willie Carper, Yvonne Conner dismissed.

Dec. 2: Steve Larkin, Della Scholer dismissed.

Dec. 3: Mrs. Royce Wallace dismissed.

Dec. 4: H. W. Keener dismissed.

Dec. 5: Ann Jordan dismissed.

Dec. 6: Mrs. Don Thorpe, C. A. Bowen, Mrs. David Key admitted.

As of Tuesday morning, there were six patients in the hospital and 27 in the nursing home.

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Couple to Observe Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ackerman will be honored Saturday, Dec. 11, with a reception in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The reception will be from 4 until 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center. All their friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

Hosting the occasion will be their children, Mrs. Tommy Blair of Robert Lee; Charles Cole of Grand Prairie; Mrs. Ted Burns and Mrs. Steve Hunter, both of Hurst; Jimmie Cole of Alexander AFB, La., and Mrs. Leroy Pauley of Anchorage, Alaska.

Mrs. Ackerman was the former Georgia Ann Brumley Cole.

The couple was married Dec. 10, 1946, in Fort Worth. They moved to Coke County in 1958 from Bryson, Tex. He is employed with Anadarko Oil Corp. of Fort Worth and is a pumper in the Coke County field.

The Ackermans are members of the First Methodist Church here. They have 20 grandchildren.

Hood, McCabe High in Judging

James Hood, freshman Angelo State University student from Robert Lee, was fifth high individual in the 13th Annual ASU Livestock Judging Contest last week in San Angelo. He had a total of 429 points as compared to the winning score of 437 points. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hood.

Doyle McCabe, also of Robert Lee and a sophomore student, scored 132 points to take fourth place in the sheep judging contest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCabe Jr.

JR. 4-H MEMBERS TO HAVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

All junior 4-H Club members of the county are invited to attend a Christmas party Friday, Dec. 10, 7 to 9 p.m., in the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. Senior 4-H'ers, Mrs. Fay C. Roe, Miss Diane Durrett and Sterling Lindsey are in charge of the party. Games, carols, refreshments and a gift exchange are in store for all who attend. Parents are welcome.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mrs. Daisy McCutchen were her children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Binks McCutchen and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Taylor, all of Bonte, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Salvato of San Angelo, Mrs. Marilyn Welch and children of Robert Lee and Charlie Welch of New Orleans.

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