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# **Robert Lee Busy Preparing For Christmas Holidays**

Christmas is less than a week away and Robert Lee residents are busily caught up in the activity and excitement of the holiday season.

Robert Lee merchants report that Christmas gift buying has been going at a good pace and sales have been up to the expectations of most business men contacted.

Stores in Robert Lee still have a big selection of gift items for every member of the family and the owners invite everybody to do their Christmas shopping at home.

# Jr. High Teams **Smear W-Valley**

Robert Lee Junior High basketball teams traveled to Water Valley Monday night and brought home a couple of easy victories. The onslaught of the Robert Lee teams wound up with a 63-15 win for the boys and a 37-18 victory for the girls.

Scoring points for the boys were Kirby Rasco with a big 16; Douglas Roberts had 10; David Rodriquez 10; Phil Stephens 8; Greg Grim 6; Joe Torres 5; Bobby Boone 4; Doug Bell 4.

Tracy Pearson was top scorer for the girls with 14; Jana Gartman 6; Carol Longoria 6; Dana Anthony 5; Melanie Epperson 4; Patty Bloodworth 2.

Bronte will be in Robert Lee Monday night for A and B boys games and an A girls game. This will be the last action for the Dogie teams until after the Christmas holidays.

# **Methodists Plan Program of Music**

A special Christmas program is planned for Sunday night, Dec. 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Christmas music and congregational will be featured and will be under the direction of Ruby Jones. Lucile Bryan will be the accompanist

Baker's Grocery & Market and West Way Grocery are running their specials for holiday feasting in this paper and will run the bargain prices through Christmas Eve.

**PAPER OUT EARLY** 

Next week's Robert Lee Observer will be printed on Monday and placed in the mail for delivery before Christmas. It will be full of Santa Claus letters and greeting from merchants and individuals.

All news and advertising copy will have been turned in today (Friday) in order to get in next week's paper. There will be no paper published the next week (Jan.2), and the Observer office will be closed during the holiday vacation.

SCHOOL'S OUT TODAY

Robert Lee School will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Friday for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed Jan. 5.

# **Charges Filed** Against RL Man

Sheriff J. Lee Ensor has been pretty busy as he is getting ready to turn his job over to Marshall Millican. He and other law enforcement officers were especially busy SAturday.

Charges of burglary with intent to rape were filed against Ynes Lara, 29, of Robert Lee. The incident leading to the charges occurred about 4 a.m. Saturday and involved a 45 year old woman. Lara has been released on \$30,000 bond.

A pickup truck belonging to O.R. McQueen of Bronte was stolen about 5 p.m. Saturday. The vehicle was parked on the south side of Bon Spoonts Grocery in Bronte when it was taken. Two juveniles were picked up in Fredericksburg Sunday and the pickup was recovered. Ensor said the two youths were arrested when they were attempting to steal some gasoline in Frederick-

# **High School Tournament** In Progress In Local Gym

#### **BAPTISTS RESCHEDULE SHOWING OF FILM**

A film, "Reflection of His Love," which was scheduled to be shown last Sunday night at Robert Lee Baptist Church, has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. The film didn't arrive until Monday is the reason for the change.

Carolyn Long, youth director of the church, said the film tells the story of Joni Eareckson who was paralyzed from the neck down in a diving accident. She said the film is very inspiring and everyone who sees it will be touched by Miss Eareckson's story.

Everyone is invited to attend the showing. There is no admission charge.

# **Rodriguez New City Councilman**

Josue (Jodie) Rodriquez is a new member of the Robert Lee City Council. He was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Lewis Heuvel.

Rodriquez moved to Robert Lee about six years ago from Sterling City, his hometown. He is the owner of Gideon Sheet Metal Works & Air Conditioning in Robert Lee. He has been associated with Gideons International for the past 10 years.

The new councilman and his wife, Susan, have three children, Danisha, Theopa and Katrina.

Tom Sawyer Jr. of Pasadena spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer. The family enjoyed an early Christmas celebration while he was here.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

Steers Named to All-District Team

Robert Lee is full of basketball players this weekend, as the annual high school tournament is now in progress. The action began Thursday morning and will continue through Saturday night. Eight boys teams and eight girls teams are participating in the tourney.

Teams participating are from Bronte, Water Valley, Westbrook, Eden, Christoval, Irion

# **Coke Stock Show** Set Jan. 2 and 3

The Annual Coke County Livestock Show will be held at the Show and Recreation Center in Robert Lee Park on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 2-3. A total of 83 FFA and 4-H members are expected to exhibit 240 animals. Everyone is encouraged to attend the show, see the display of animals and eat barbecue lunch on Jan. 3.

The show will begin at 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 2, with the sheep classes. Ross Appleton, County Extension Agent in Concho County, will judge the sheep classes.

The show will resume at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning with the judging of the swine classes. Norman Kohls, County Extension Agent in Glasscock County, will judge the swine and steer classes that follow at 11:30 a.m. Neil Fitzpatrick, V.A. teacher at Blackwell, will judge showmanship at the show.

As in the past, a barbecue lunch will be served by the **Extension Homemakers Clubs at** noon on Saturday. The auction sale will follow at 2 p.m.

The public is invited to watch the show, enjoy a good lunch and participate in the sale Saturday afternoon.

County, Sterling City and Robert Lee.

Teams paired in Both the boys and girls brackets for the first round included: Bronte and Water Valley, Westbrook and Eden, Christoval and Irion County and Sterling City and Robert Lee.

The second round games will begin at 10 a.m. Friday (today), with the last game starting at 8:30 p.m.

Girls consolation finals will start at 12 noon Saturday, followed by boys consolation finals at 1:30 p.m. The girls will play for the third place at 3 p.m. and the boys will play for third place at 4:30 p.m.

The big games, for the tournament championship, will be played Satruday night. The girls teams that make it to the finals till begin their game at 6 p.m. and finals for the boys will start at 7:30 p.m.

School officials said they are expecting a good tournament with lots of exciting action. Some good teams are playing, and fans are urged to attend as many games as possible.

The concession stand will be open during the tournament and fans are invited to patronize it.

# **City Appreciates Efforts of AKP**

Officials of the City of Robert Lee have expressed their appreciation to Alpha Kappa Pi for the outdoor Christmas trees downtown and on the highways in Robert Lee.

Since 1977 the club has headed the fund raising for these decorations and have purchased 54 of the trees.

A special thank you has also been expressed to J.B. (Jim) Allen who installed the lights and star on the water tower downtown.

The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Special numbers will feature Mrs. Jones singing "Birthday of a King" and John Reynolds who will sing "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow.

Following the musical program, a Christmas party will be held in the fellowship hall, with refreshments, music and a special visitor.

Everyone is invited to attend the special service.

sburg.

Mrs. A.V. Hughes underwent surgery Tuesday morning at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. She is reported to be in satisfactory condition and is expected to come home sometime next week.



# The Robert Lee Steers had two

players elected for the all-district team in District 3-A East Zone. Other members of the Steer team received honorable mention for five slots.

Named to the defensive team were David Caves, a 190-pound junior tackle, and Kyle Gibbs, a 195-pound sophomore linebacker. Caves also received honorable mention as an offensive tackle.

Joel Percifull, a 160-pound senior, was given honorable mention on both offensive and defensive teams, as a running back and linebacker.

Rudy Balderas, a 155-pound junior received honorable mention as a defensive end. Scot Long, a 180-pound junior, received hone able mention as a receiver on the offensive team. Coaches in the district make the all-district selections.

"All this has helped beautify our city for the holiday season," said Mayor Robert Vaughan.

J.F. McCabe underwent surgery at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo Monday morning.

Yvonee Conner is a patient at Shannon Memorial Hospital in San Angelo where she is recuperating from major surgery she underwent last week.



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#### **SHOP FOR "SAFE" CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Keep safety in mind when shopping for Christmas this season, advises a safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Choosing the right gift means giving close attention to its safe design as well as selecting the right product for a person's needs. Many injuries result from use of defective, poorly designed or unsafe products as well as from using products for other than their intended design. In form yourself about products by checking information brochures, catalogs and consumer product rating publications.

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#### **MILLICAN ATTENDS SHERIFF'S SCHOOL**

Marshall Millican attended a school for newly elected sheriffs Dec. 8-12 in Austin. The school was sponsored by the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and was held at the DPS Academv

Subjects stressed at the school were jail administration and civil process.

Attorney General Mark White was one of the speakers, along with Tom Bullington of the attorney general's office.

Apparel is still the largest user of all fibers in the United States -- followed by home furnishings, industrial uses and exporting, says Becky Saunders, a clothing specialist.



Oh, you better watch out Or you might just cry You better be prepared I'm tellin' you why

Jan-u-ary blues maaay appear. The December holiday season is often followed by a period of depression known as the January

blues, says Cindy Wilson, a family life education specialist. This depression period often occurs because of the heightened amount of activities most people enjoy during the season and because of a variety of other factors, the specialist says. Taking a few steps to prevent or at least soften the January blues

can be very effective, she adds. Mrs. Wilson is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Here are her suggestions for preventing or softening the January blues: Plan ahead to avoid commitments to too many activities during the December holiday period.

Stay within your budget during the season rather than incurring heavy debts to keep up with the Joneses, or to have a "happy" holiday period. Material possessions do not mean the holiday season will be a happy one. Avoid going into debt.

Be realistic in your travel plans. Too much travel during a short period of time is not only dangerous to your health but can tax everyone's relationships when the travelers are weary.

stirring up old conflicts within the family or between friends.

If unable to be with family or friends who live some distance away, make arrangements to be with nearby friends. This can help avoid the feelings of loneliness and depression. However, if you are one who chooses to be cheerfully alone during the holidays, don't feel pressured into joining others.

Realize that some people have particular problems during this period of the year. Perhaps a loved one is sadly missed, or perhaps memories of holidays gone by bring out inappropriate behaviors. Accept these people and their problems and work toward helping them enjoy the holidays. Be cautious yourself in your behaviors and reactions during the holidays.

If you travel during the holiday season, plan at least one day back at home prior to returning to work and school to recuperate from travel and the holidays. This will ease you and the family back into their regular routine and allow some transition time.

Remember, by preventing the January blues, you can work toward having a truly happy New Year.

Employed women don't use mail-order catalogs more than nonemployed women, in spite of the massive campaigns emphasizing the time-saving benefits of mail-order shopping, Bonnie Piernot, a family resource man-Be aware of and work to avoid agement specialist, points out.

#### **INCLUDE LANDSCAPING COST WITH HOME**

When building a new home, be sure to include landscaping costs. notes a landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. An average landscape budget should be 10 to 20 percent of the cost of the house and lot. Ideally, plan the home and landscape as a unit before construction begins.







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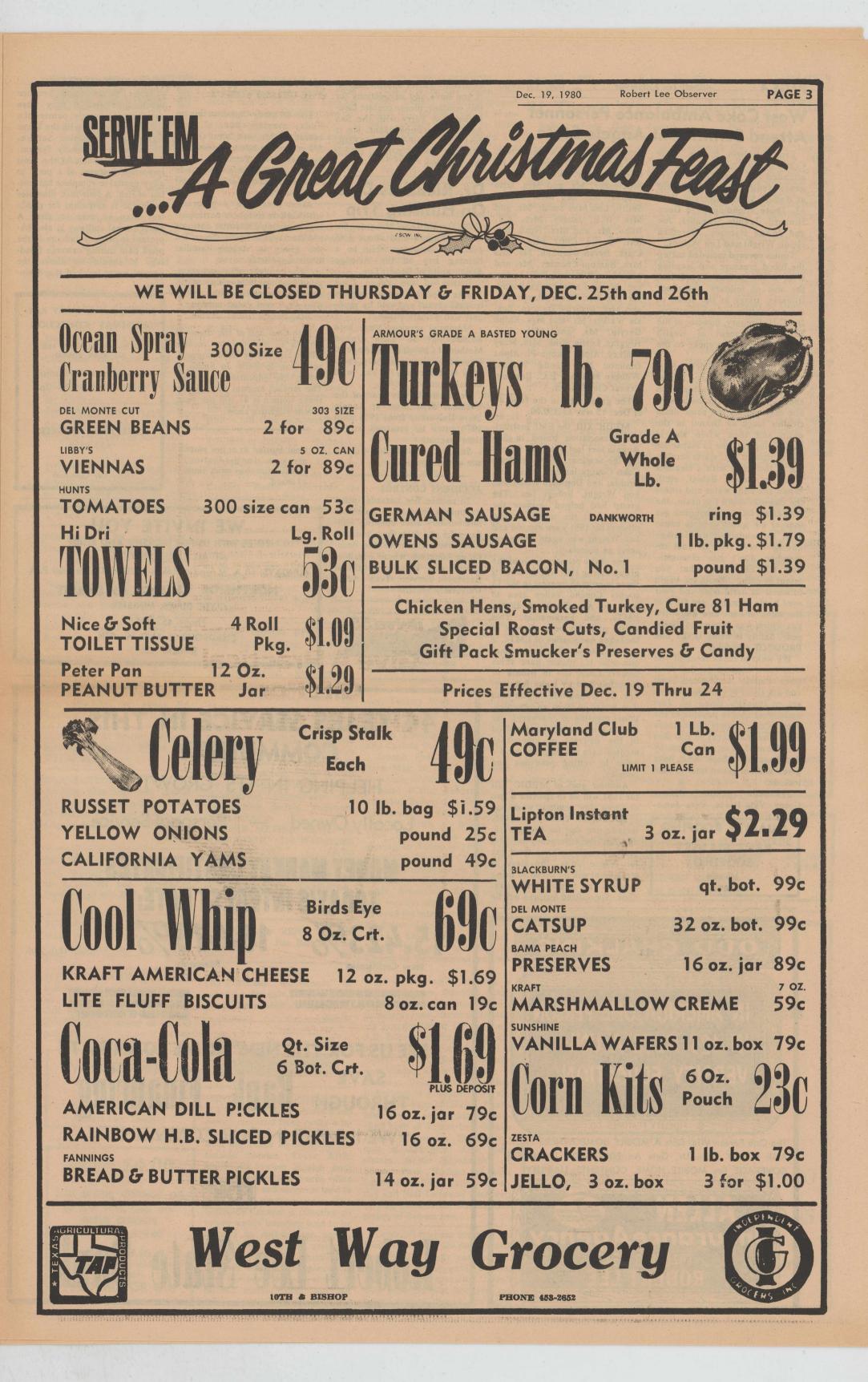
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# West Coke Ambulance Personnel **Attend Seminar at Angelo State**

Five members of the West Coke County Ambulance Service attended the West Texas Emergency Medical Care Seminar held at Angelo State University Dec. 13. Those attending were Gene Hinnard, Juanita Schnabel, Joe and JoAnn Harrison, Dorothea Helen Wright and Lou Wright.

Topics covered included taking the blood pressure and learning from it the patient's condition, the use of military anti-shock trousers, triage at the scene of mass casualties and many others. Dr. C.H. Gregory, director of the Texas Department of Health EMS Division, also spoke to the group.

EMERGENCY HINT FOR THIS WEEK: The busy housewife often gets into trouble when she is cleaning in the bathroom. She may quickly put some drain cleaner (such as Drano) in the drain and then while she is waiting for the time to elapse for her to rinse it out, starts scrubbing at the basin with a cleanser (such as Comet, Bab-O, etc.). When she adds water and rinses the cleanser down the drain, she is in effect forming phosgene gas (one of the gases used to cause such tremendous lung damage during World War I). Just remember...don't mix cleansers. You NEVER know what you might be doing. Should you begin to smell an acrid odor and your eyes begin to water, get OUT of the room at once and allow the gas which was formed to disappear. Safety is using ONLY one **PRODUCT** at a time.

We want to thank those of you who have donated to the West Coke County Ambulance Fund and ask those of you who haven't yet to consider doing so. Just make your checks payable to the West Coke County Ambulance Fund and mail them to P.O Box 66, Robert Lee or take them by the hospital. Those who have given and our grand total to date include:

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The grand total in the fund as of Dec. 15 was \$3,350.00.

MEDIC XIII, the EMS Instructors' Association based in San Angelo met last Saturday following the seminar. Members from Coke County include Louis Lee, Bronte, and Dorothea Helen and Lou Wright, Robert Lee. The group had helped sponsor the seminar. At the meeting, new officers for 1981 were elected and Lou Wright was again chosen to serve as secretary.

One of the primary goals of the group during 1981 will be to see if there is enough interest in the 13 county Concho Valley area to form an Association of ECAs, EMTs, and Paramedics. This would probably be a chapter of theTexas Association of EMTs. If you are interested or know someone who is, please have them contact Louis Lee in Bronte or **Dorothea Helen Wright in Robert** Lee. By forming this chapter (and it is hoped to have an organizational meeting in February), per sons in this area who are involved in the delivery of emergency medical care will begin to have a voice in setting priorities and policies.

Another goal of MEDIC XIII for 1981 will be to sponsor a two or three day seminar/workshop in San Angelo. This will probably include one day for firefighters, one day for emergency medical services and possibly a third day for rescue units. Providers of equipment will be asked to bring samples and to give demonstrations. Specialized lectures will be

available to meet specific needs. If you have any suggestions for this seminar, please contact Lieutenant Ron Perry with the San Angelo Fire Department. He is first vice-president of MEDIC XIII and will be helping to put this together.

# **Dr. Richards Dies On Hunting Trip**

Dr. Gerald Leon Richards, 50, of San Angelo died about 3:45 p.m. last Saturday while on a hunting trip on the Arledge Ranch north of Robert Lee.

Justice of the Peace Cova Sparks ruled that death was from natural causes and said he probably had a heart attack.

Memorial services were held Monday at St. Luke United Methodist Church in San Angelo. Funeral services were held Thursday in Princeton, W.Va., with burial there.

Dr. Richards was head of the business department at Angelo State University from '1974 until 1979 when he returned to full time teaching.

Survivors include his wife, a son and his parents.

#### **ACCIDENT CONTROL**

To reduce fire hazards, place wrappings in a trash container immediately after opening holiday gifts and take them outside. Also, use noncombustible decorating materials where possible, advises the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.



#### '64 STUDY CLUB HOSTED BY IMPROVE POND FISHING **THE GERALD ALLEN'S**

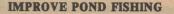
The '64 Study Club meeting on Friday evening, Dec. 12, was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allen in their home. Co-hosting members were Patti Ivey, Opal Jacoby and Fay Roe. Husbands of the members were special guests.

Alice Beaty led a program, with various members participating, depicting Christmas customs of other lands. Lucile Bryan led the group in singing familiar Christmas carols.

"The enlightening program, good food and fellowship constituted a delightful evening for all present," said a club member.

Less than half of the divorced women in this country receive either alimony or child support, according to Betty Jo Smith, a family life education specialist. The median amount received by these women is \$1,500 per year, recent statistics show.

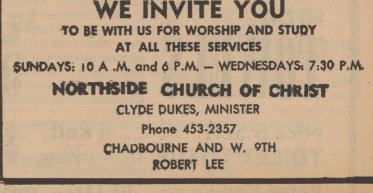
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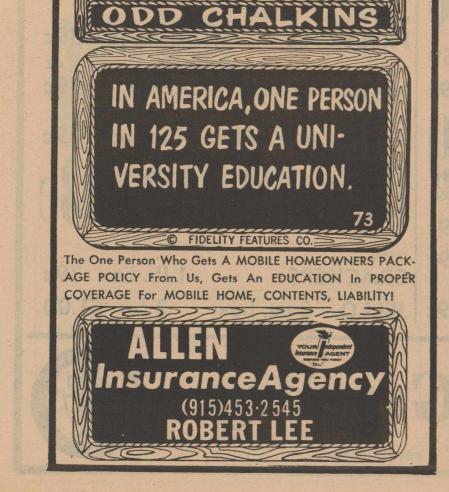
Texas ponds could produce much more fish if they were constructed properly, points out a fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. A drain pipe is one of the most important features of a pond to allow partial or complete harvesting of fish. A four-inch diameter drainpipe is sufficient for ponds less than an acre in size. A conventional spillway is also important to prevent damage to the pond dam during extreme flooding. It should be above the normal water level of the drain-



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Weldon Fikes, County Auditor

## **Robertson Service** Held Wednesday

Fred Robertson, 63, of Odessa, died at 12:40 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, in Odessa Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Robert Lee Baptist Church. J.W. Farmer of Lubbock officiated and was assisted by Roy Epperson of Robert Lee.

Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Glen Patterson of Snyder, Tommy Blair and Douglas Robertson both of Robert Lee, Joe Dee Blair of Sweetwater, Harold Robertson of Arlington and Carlton Boone of Amarillo.

Joseph Fred Robertson was born May 20, 1917, at Friendship, son of James Brantley and Arizone (Cain) Robertson. He attended Robert Lee School. He was married to Verna Belle Blair Dec. 29, 1934, at Robert Lee. They lived in this area until moving to Rotan in 1946. They moved to Colorado City in 1955 and to Brownwood in 1960. He had lived in Odessa since 1962.

Mr. Robertson was a farmer and rancher until 1955 when he entered the ministry. He received his doctor of divinity in 1977 from Elvadda Bible College of Evant, Wash. He was minister for Church of The General AssembDec. 19, 1980

## **RL** Teams Win Consolation at Roby

**Robert Lee Observer** 

Robert Lee High School basketball teams have won some and lost some during the past week. Both boys and girls teams took consolation honors at the Roby tournament last weekend and the girls won and the boys lost to Eula Tuesday night.

Scores in the girls game were Robert Lee 59, Eula 47. Dianna Tinkler had a big 20 points to lead the scoring; Leigh Ann Runnion hit 15; Mary Galvan 11; Brenda Gray 4; Frankie Walker 4; Martha Bickley 3; Becky Taylor 2.

The Eula boys team slipped by the Steers and took a 62-49 win. Scot Long was high pointer with 18; Darren Williams was close Power steering, Power brakes, behind with 16; Buck Duncan had 11; Joel Percifull 2; Quint Anth-

> Results of the games at the **Roby tournament follows:**

**GIRLS GAMES** Robert Lee was paired with Roby in the opening games of the tournament and the local girls let their host team slip by them pointmaker for the girls, 16; Frankie Walker hit 13; Leigh Ann Runnion 9; Becky Taylor 5; Mary Coke County, Texas Galvan 4; Martha Bickley 4;

Kellye Percifull 2.

The narrow defeat by Roby put the Robert Lee girls into the consolation side of the bracket. Their next opponent was McCaulley and the score indicated the terrible slaughter. It was Robert Lee 90, McCaulley 20. Walker hit a big 23 points to lead the scoring; Galvan had 16; Tinkler 13; Percifull 10; Runnion 10; Brenda Gray 6; Taylor 6; Dee-Anna Key 4; Bickley 2.

Going into the consolation finals Saturday, the Robert Lee girls met up with Trent. The margin was not as bad as the previous game but it did end up with a lopsided 76-43 in favor of the locals. Runnion's 36 points were more than some entire teams make in a game. Tinkler had only half as many but she had a rather respectable 18; Galvan had 7; Walker 5; Gray 4;

**BOYS GAMES** 

The Steers moved along the same as the girls, as they lost their first game to Roby, 70-51, and went to the consolation side. Darren Williams was high pointer with 13; Scot Long hit 11; Joel Percifull 8; Rudy Balderas 6; Quint Anthony 5; Bob Flowers 4; Buck Duncan 2.

The boys team also met Mc-Caulley in their second game and came out on the long end of a 56-35 score. Again Williams was the high pointer with 14; Duncan had 10; Percifull 8; Anthony 6; Long 4; Balderas 4; Lupe Torres 4; Matt McKinney 2.

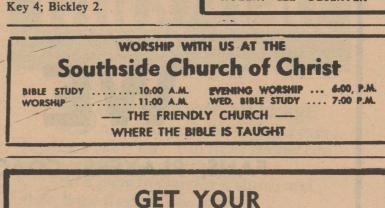
The Steers doubled their opponents' score Saturday in the consolation finals as they downed Hermleigh 66-33. Long was top scorer with a big 17; Percifull hit 11; Duncan 10; Anthony 7; McKinney 6; Williams 5; Torres 4; Graves Parks 4; Balderas 2.

The Robert Lee teams will be busy hosting their annual tournament this weekend. No more games are scheduled until after the Christmas holidays.



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WINTER WEED CONTROL A fall herbicide application can rescue cropland from pesky winter weeds, says a weed specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Henbit, dock and other broadleaf weeds often infest cotton and sorghum land in central and southern areas. The herbicide Caparol is effective on young weeds infesting land to be planted to cotton next spring while Igran can be used on sorghum land. Both herbicides will kill weeds that germinate over the next 10 to 12 weeks if rainfall carries them into the

soil.

ly.

He is survived by his wife of Odessa; a son, Freddie Glenn Robertson of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Jane Jarratt of Odessa; six grandchildren; six brothers. J.B. Robertson, Waymon Robertson and Donny Robertson, all of Robert Lee, Clifford Robertson and Wilton Robertson both of Lindsay, Okla. and Jesse Ray Robertson of Rockport; five sisters, Effie Page of Odessa, Nealia Mae Boone and Annie B. Mitchell both of Robert Lee, Bonita Hester of Jamaica, Elaine Bennett of Arlington; four stepsisters, Gertie Bloodworth of Silver, Faye Hudson of Fort Lauderdale, Billye Talley of Forney and Nell Tomes of Amherst; and his step-mother Bonnie Robertson of Robert Lee.

Cents-off coupons can help cut food costs if they are for products your family needs and enjoys, says Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist. Don't buy products just because you have a coupon, though, she adds.

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The best Christmas gift is the moisture under the trees in the pasture. A good part of the West Texas ranges have muddy conditions and it's been that way for weeks now.

MRS. JACK HERRING, Runnels County ranchwoman, says: "We have been wading around in mud for several months now. I have almost forgotten about the dry, hot summer.'

**GRADY HILL came away from** Edwards County the other day talking about the wet ground and his deer hunters getting their jeep stuck in mud. "It's just plain hard to believe!" he said.

AUBREY KOTHMANN believes the autumn moisture has been general in Kimble and Mason counties..."and I guess for the whole Texas Hill Country. Our country looks good and the best part about it is not having to. feed everyday."

WILLARD JORDAN, in San Angelo waiting around the mall while his wife shopped, expressed the same sentiments. (Oh, yes, I was standing around too while my wife shopped.) Jordan who operates an auction market in Junction says runs have been lighter indicating stockmen are holding onto livestock with good pasture grass available.

**BODE OWENS of Barnhart** states "between good slow, soaking moisture and wet snow, his country is in top shape. "LAD LINTHICUM told me he meas-2¾ inches of moisture just the other day," commented Owens. "I had already turned my rain gauges over before the frost, so I had no idea how much rain we received."

EARL BARR of Ballinger thinks "we are in good shape for spring. We have experienced

some good moisture and few real cold days and nights which will make the grass and weeds grow.'

W.F. HOUSTON of Paint Rock says Concho County is in good shape and the moisture has indeed brought Christmas early for the farmers and ranchers. "The continued rain has delayed about 40 percent of the cotton harvest in some areas, however."

DAN DUNAGAN of Eldorado, trying to find a parking place for his pickup and trailer in front of M.L. Leddy Boot Shop the other day, hollered as I crossed the street. It was raining that day as he said it was when he left home. So, old Santa Claus may not have snow to land on when he gets to West Texas this year but we can almost promise him some mud and grass for sure!

### **News from West Coke Hospital**

The following admissions and dismissals were reported by the West Coke County Hospital:

Dec. 9: no admissions. Henry Varnadore, LaRue Harmon dismissed.

Dec. 10: Paul Mayhall, Alma Adkins admitted. Paul Mayhall dismissed.

Dec. 11: Nora Bridges, Ted Haley admitted. Marshall Freemand dismissed.

Dec. 12: George McCaleb admitted. No dismissals. Dec. 13: No admissions. Lena

Russell dismissed.

Dec. 14: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 15: T.M. Wylie, Calla Mae Cargile, Ralph Garvin, Fern Havins admitted. Alma Adkins dismissed.

# Commission **Grants Raise** In WTU Rates

Dec. 19, 1980

The Public Utility Commission of Texas has approved a settlement agreement which authorizes West Texas Utilities Company to raise its rates, effective Dec. 15.

The agreement was reached by WTU and a number of intervenors, including 15 cities in its service area, after several days of negotiations. Stipulations in the settlement were based almost entirely on recommendations of the PUC staff.

The compromise agreement will amount to an average increase of 6.2 per cent in WTU's rates, compared to the 8.27 per cent requested in an application filed by WTU September 30. The amount allowed is almost the same as the company's only previous rate increase which was implemented in 1973.

The increase in annual revenue will amount to \$9,547,192, compared to the \$12,729,691 the Company had requested.

The new rates will go into effect automatically in unincorporated areas and in 26 cities which had denied the increase and had their cases appealed to the PUC. The other 55 incorporated cities in the WTU service area had suspended action on the rates and are expected to approve the PUC's decision.

Robert Lee is one of the towns which ceded jurisdicition to PUC. The new rates will vary for different customer classifications, based on cost of operations for each class. Residential customer will pay 6.6 per cent more, commercial customers 1.1 per cent more, industrial customers 9.4 per cent more and municipals 20.8 per cent more.

The new residential rate is 4.54 cents per kilowatt hour, compared to the present average of 4.26 cents. This means the average residential customer, who presently used 702 kilowatt hours per month, will see his bill increase form \$29.94 to \$31.90.

Bob Boone, local manager, said the company is generally satisfied with the outcome of the rate case, although the settlement is for considerably less than has been sought.

"We are pleased that WTU and our customers were able to settle on a friendly basis without getting involved in a lengthy and costly hearing," he said.

**Bridges on 208 To Be Widened** Construction has begun on widening drainage structures on State Highway 208 in Coke County. **Kidwell Construction Company** of Dallas is the contractor on the project between 9.4 miles west of Robert Lee and 4.2 miles east of the Sterling County line. "The bridges will be widened from the present 24 foot to 40 foot roadway width," said Gerald G. Lackey, supervising resident engineer for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The structures will be widened on one side at a time. Barricades, warning signs and when necessary flagmen will be used to direct traffic where the contractor is working.



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