

# Robert Lee Observer

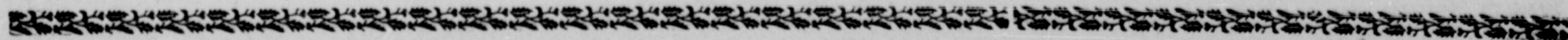
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O, little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light!  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.





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### What Was It Always Made This Day Christmas?

There have always been special days, ever since that first Arbor Day in the Garden. Days for the druids, and days for the sun—wherever man has been there have been days of mystic meaning.

No, Christmas is not just another day brought down from the legends of the woods or the plains or the mountains. There is that which gets into the heart and gives it a lift, or a turn or a twinge, that warms it somehow and sends warmth along the arteries and back through the veins.

Put it in one word? Well, that would be Christ. But if you want it in the abstract, that word would be LOVE.

Christmas is a day different from all the rest, for it is jam-packed with love. Look back over the years, and what brings mist to the eyes this day, and a joy in all the sadness that memories always bring to those who have lived long enough to have memories?

When the candles are aglow, the air filled with the singing of carols, or whether it's out on a lonely outpost in the Arctic, or down by the eternal palms, or alone by the firelight, what made it Christmas yesterday, or makes it today, or will make it tomorrow is that someone loved and let it be known.

Too busy, too often, we take it for granted they know it—those we love. But Christmas somehow keeps ringing that bell, keeps singing that song, until it checks our hurried feet, the hurry in our thinking, the worry over problems, little and near, or great and far.

Bethlehem was a little town, and those were little people—sheep men and hired men who tended sheep, and the roads were trails that wound through quiet places, where the ways of man were dim and difficult.

But the light that glowed upon it that night was a different kind a light than the stars that sometimes seem so far away in our hours of loneliness, our times of discouragement and defeat.

That night the stars drew near, and the energy that flowed to earth from outer space was the vitality of love. It came again and again, and in the pine board homesteader's cabin with its "sidersroom" and its little porch and native stone fireplace, it came in around the hearth, and it was Christmas because love was there, and lingered and lived for a long time and gave us something to remember.

That WAS Christmas. That IS Christmas. And please God, may it ALWAYS BE Christmas.

### Anniversaries for Town, Observer, County Coming Up

According to Mrs. Bryan Yarborough, unofficial historian for Coke County, the election which made Robert Lee the county seat of Coke County took place January 6, 1891, after being called the December before by Harve L. Adams, who was elected county judge in 1890 on the platform that he would call an election for the removal of the county seat.

Calling this election was his first official act after entering office on December 1, 1890.

Movement of houses and business firms to Robert Lee from Hayrick began immediately after the election. So the birthday month of the town is January.

Mrs. Yarborough cites the San Angelo Standard, issue of January 10, 1890, in which a news note ap-

pears saying that Sam Pollock had come into town from Hayricks with the returns of the election.

The survey of the site must have been in 1890, and the campaign to move the county seat here had been on for a considerable part of the year, before the election.

Another site, at or near the Roe Ranch west of the Robert Lee site had been proposed under the name, "Union City."

But, to set a definite date, the county-wide election on January 6 was the deciding factor in establishing the town and can therefore be taken as the birthday for Robert Lee, officially.

This year it will be the 73d for the town, and March 13 will be the 75th anniversary of the county's legal birthday, although the actual organization did not take place until April 23, following the act of the Legislature setting up the county, separating it from Tom Green.

The Observer has chosen the issue of January 9 to commemorate the actual building of the town, and to open the 75th Anniversary — the Diamond Jubilee Year for the county and the Newspaper.

The issue of April 23 will commemorate the founding of the County and the issue of June 4 the 75th Anniversary of the newspaper.

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Visitors Welcome.

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### Among the Men

In the oil field and construction business many of the men who have been at it for a long time get some name hung on them in their earlier years on the job and it stays with them right on up to the funeral notice.

One of these is V. J. Jones, whose "professional" name, "Catline," appears on the trucks and other machinery used in laying the gas lines here under contract with Lone Star Gas Company.

Asked over the coffee cups how he got the monicker, Jones said it was a long story, from back when he was roughnecking in the oil field at the age of 24.

Chuckling, he said he was the only man who could change ends of the catline on the rig floor, but he didn't. A couple of his buddies on the crew were struggling with the catline, when he generously said, "O, let me have it and I'll show you how."

But the boys had prepared for that. He tugged and it wouldn't, tried again, and still it wouldn't, then looked around and the other fellows were rolling in laughter on the derrick floor.

After that they took him down town to the pool hall and around, introducing him as "Catline" Jones, "and "Catline" he has been ever since, and if he didn't have that on his equipment, the men who operate it would think it was some other Jones.

### HE FOUND THE RING

Elwanda Sparks, Senior student at RLHS, had her Senior ring misplaced Monday during basketball practice in P. E. Several days went by and she was beginning to get a little worried about it. Then, Thursday night, during the Junior High basketball game, Neil Calder began to notice that he was sitting on something rather sharp in the stands. He got up to find out that it was the elusive ring.

The Douglas Deans plan Christmas at home in Robert Lee after a visit with her brother, David Anderson and family and other relatives at Lamesa.

### Want Ads

**Classified Advertising Rates:** Minimum charge 75c per insertion. First insertion 5c per word; subsequent insertions (with no changes in copy) 3c per word. Initials, abbreviations and figures (except telephone numbers, house numbers and post office box numbers) count as one word. All classified advertising is payable upon publication.

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### '63 Wasn't Bad Year

(Thoughts on the Old and New)

We were just getting good acquainted with 1963 and beginning to like it. After all, it wasn't too bad a year, take it all over.

Of course it brought its sorrows, its hurts, and its disappointments. But with its sorrows comes comfort, with its hurts comes healing, and with its disappointments come opportunity.

Financially for the nation, it has been a highly productive year with the largest gross ever in our history. It has been another year of peace in the main, except for a few troubled spots, and in over fifty years of watching the events in this old world, we don't remember a year when it didn't have its troubled spots.

Despite the tragedy of Friday, November 22, the nation endures, and moves ahead in confidence. Some of the things we have worried about most haven't happened—at least, not yet. Some of the worst things that happened we didn't know long enough ahead to worry about.

In looking back over the pages recorded in print week by week as we have published them, we see reflected a community that has worked at meeting its responsibilities and using its opportunities, and has had some growth both in numbers and in prospects.

It isn't more than a minute from December 31, 1963, to January 1, 1964. In that minute passes over to the New Year what the Old Year has produced, prepared, planned, achieved.

Much of it looks good for Robert Lee and its area.

Let those who walk in sorrow take courage. It was so in Judea. For everyone who has life there is a mission, a place to fill in the family circle and in the community.

Let those who have felt the sting of failure use those failures as markers on the road to success.

Let those who have sinned remember, "Christ came into the world to save sinners;" let those who are young with a life to live recall those words, "I am come that they might have life, and that more abundantly."

If people seem against you, ask "Am I against people?"

Yes, with whatever we have lost in the Old Year, whatever we have gained, we enter the New with those gains and those losses, thrice blessed if in these days of remembrance and of forward looking we can read and believe, "Behold, I make all things new."

—USB

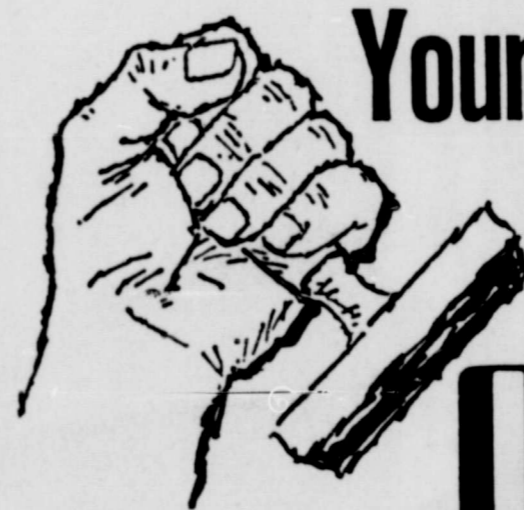
### RL Students Take Kuder Test Here, Test Preferences

At 1:00 Thursday, Sid Stevenson, Dean of Students of San Angelo College, was at Robert Lee High School to give the Senior Class the Kuder Preference Test. This test is put out by Science Research Association in Chicago, Illinois. There are no right or wrong answers. The purpose of the test is to determine exactly what you prefer to do, and, therefore what career would be best suited to your tastes.

The areas which are tested are: outdoors, clerical, computation, literary, social work, musical, artistic, scientific, mechanics and persuasive.

Since SAC will have a football season next year, Coach Bumgardner is said to be viewing several films of games that the Steers played last season.

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



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and is one of the main reasons for saving, commented one of our customers . . . With a good reserve in the bank, he finds that it increases his self confidence, to say nothing of his "credit standing". Whatever your reason for saving, we invite your account.

### Robert Lee State Bank



# Silver All Around The Peak

By MRS. GEORGE FUGATE

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paul, Billy and Larry are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. J. T. Boothe of Jourdanton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Welch, Adrian and Sandy will spend Christmas with their daughter and family, the Lorin McDowells of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Ples Ferrill plan to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bumpas of San Angelo. Their grandson, Craig Bumpas, has been visiting in Silver for 2 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones, Keith and Scott will spend Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Lehde of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wheeler, Jr. plan to spend part of the holidays in Vernon with his mother, Mrs. Guy Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clifton and Sandy will spend Christmas Day with their daughter and family, the Martin Bowmans of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howell and sons plan to spend some of the holidays with his parents in Austin, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keller and children will visit their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Keller, all of Hamilton.

Out of town guests during the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green and sons of Raine, La., who are to be guests of the Truman Hines.

Holiday visitors in the Everett Ackerman home will be Mr. and Mrs. Don Pritchard of Victoria, Mrs. Roy Ackerman of Bryson and Mr. Howard Drumley of Ft. Worth.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lindsey were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riser and family of George West.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wheeler and son of Denton plan to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wheeler, Jr.

Guests in the home of the Fred Beatys will be their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Crowder of Midland. Becky Beaty, a student at SAC, will also be home for the holidays.

Guests in the John Stewart home during the holidays will be Pfc. Tommy Stewart of Ft. Bliss, El Paso, and the Reid Biggs of Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson and family will be holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Patterson. Also visiting the Pattersons will be Mr. and Mrs. Theo Meissner of Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. Mert Donley will have as their guests, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burwell of Odessa. **Methodist Ladies Host Banquet**  
The Methodist ladies and their husbands held their Christmas social Wednesday night in the Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Jerry Eubanks, president of the group, gave the invocation. Following the buffet dinner, Mrs. Fred Beaty presented a Christmas poem, "Annie and Willie's Prayer" by Sophia P. Snow. Mrs. Eubanks led the singing of Christmas carols.

Seasonal decorations were carried out with the use of a red net tree, red candles and greenery.

Not publicized much, but the deal which started out to sell wheat to Russia for cash rather quietly got through Congress as a credit proposition, despite heavy opposition.

It is looked upon as the beginning of more credit to Russia.

In case of fire Dial 453-4291.

# Final Christoval Tourney Results

With snow beginning to fall on the ground Friday evening, the Robert Lee basketball teams gamely journeyed to Christoval for their second game in the tournament. The roads were extremely hazardous, but the only casualty inflicted was when Linda Thetford dropped her suit in a mud puddle.

The Robert Lee boys made it to the finals with a 69-19 victory over Eola. Mike Ledbetter hit 18 for the Steers.

The girls were not so fortunate, however. They were defeated with a 32-21 decision. Rhonda Gartman and Kay Havins tallied 9 points for the Hi-Lighters.

Saturday night, the Robert Lee boys played Eldorado for the Boys Division Crown. They were defeated 49-39 for 1st place but were able to bring home a real neat 2nd place trophy.

Terry Thetford tossed in 23 points for the Steers while Richard Preston had 18 for the Eagles.

Score by quarters:  
Robert Lee 8 6 4 21-39  
Eldorado 12 19 9 9-49

At the Awards Presentation, the trophies were given to the teams that placed and the individuals who were outstanding players. Making the girls' all-tournament team were Kay Havins, forward, and Mary Beth Walker, guard. At the time, Mary Beth was at the Alamo Theater watching a "shoot 'em up" western called "The Young Guns of Texas", and didn't find out about the honor until the next morning.

## SENIORS TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO GRADUATION

At 11:00 Friday, the Seniors chose the type of invitation they plan to send when they graduate in the Spring. These invitations are printed by the Southern Engraving Co. in Houston.

They were also measured for their rented caps and gowns which come from the E. R. Moore Co. of California. Dick Jacks the sales representative, also handled the Senior rings.



OLLIE ROE & FAMILY

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

As Christmas comes and the Old Year goes,  
New Year tripping right onto its toes  
(Whatever comes with it, nobody knows)  
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For your patronage and good will,  
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at  
CHRISTMAS TIME

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TO EVERYONE

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WASHINGTON AND

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Whether or not much comes of it, the U. S. decision to offer wheat to Russia will be discussed long. It perhaps, then, would be well to put the situation into a proper perspective.

The sale of a million and a half bushels of wheat to Russia makes a very small dent into the more than a billion bushels of U. S. surplus wheat.



Roughly, the sale would bring into the U. S. \$250 million, but inasmuch as the American taxpayers must make up the difference between the higher pegged domestic wheat price and the world wheat price, government subsidies of about 55 cents per bushel will cost \$82½ million, bringing net gain to less than \$170 million, so financially it is not tremendous.

There is the moral issue. That is whether or not the American people should come to the aid of a communistic government whose system is unable to feed its own people. On the other hand, two "staunch allies" Canada and Australia have no compunctions in the matter. And presumably there can be an argument over when a dictatorship is most dangerous. Is it when it's people are well fed, or when they are hungry and dictatorship starts a war to take their minds off their stomachs?

However, Senator William Proxmire has stated the Russian need for foodstuffs is no greater than it has been for

several years, and the wheat deal will open road for further sales to Russia.

If the Senator's position is correct, then there is an area to watch closely. Recently Russia opened a bank in Beirut

This is the part of the world where gold is sold for far above the U.S. pegged price of \$35 per ounce. In India, for example, gold brings at least 50% more, or \$52.50. Now it is known that Russia has long had vast deposits of rich gold bearing ore. The Russian success in mining the metal is the best kept secret of the 20th Century.

But it is possible that the Russian bank in Beirut will principally engage in selling gold for dollars. If it can get prevailing Indian price of gold it will be in a profit, discounting dollars 33-1/3%.

This means that instead of getting wheat at the world price of \$1.75 per bushel, it will be paying, in fact, \$1.17. Russia can then sell this wheat at world price and make a profit of almost \$90 million.

A few deals like this and Russia could become the dominant trading power in the world, provided she has sufficient gold reserves. Experts estimate that despite the poverty of its millions, the upper classes in India have gold reserves reaching \$7 billion. If this is true, Russia could easily have \$10 billion or so in gold around, which could bring it \$15 billion in dollars. And in all the discussion of this Russian wheat deal, this seems to be the area to watch. Russian cleverness, is not to be discounted. They do understand the profit system, but only for government not the individual.

DPS Head Says "Do More" Than Just Drive Safely

Austin — The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety today called upon Texas motorists to "awaken their consciences and do more than just drive safely during the Christmas-New Year holidays" to forestall an expected toll of 96 lives in traffic accidents.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., in announcing that past experience indicates such a toll for the nine-day period from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, urged motorists to "drive legally on holiday excursions and not only watch out for those who don't, but report them to the nearest police agency."

Garrison announced that the DPS Statistical Services calculates that a total of 180 persons will meet violent deaths of all kinds during the period of "Operation Deathwatch," which begins at 12:01 a. m. December 24 and ends at 11:59 p. m. January 1.

Of this total, 96 traffic deaths, 40 suicides and homicides, and 44 other accidental deaths are indicated, he said.

The "Deathwatch" is a statewide program coordinated by the DPS in an effort to dramatize the tragedy of violent death during the holidays. Fatalities will be tabulated by the Department during the nine-day period and the totals will be announced officially three times daily, as a means of trying to keep safety uppermost in the minds of the traveling public.

"The Department of Public Safety also will strengthen the Highway Patrol with some 150 additional patrolmen from the other uniformed services during the holiday period," Garrison said, "but the most effective work in the drive to cut down on deaths, injuries and economic loss can be done by the drivers themselves. Studies indicate that speed too fast for conditions was a major factor last year, followed or accompanied by driving while intoxicated, and driving on the wrong side of the road. But if this tragedy could be laid to one single factor, I would say that general carelessness and inattentiveness, coupled with disregard for the law, would stand out."

He also called attention to the significant fact that during the last holiday season, 62 per cent of the fatal accidents on rural highways involved only one vehicle, indicating that the accidents mostly could not be blamed on "the other guy."

"It is hoped that with the usual fine cooperation of the newspapers, radio and television, the safety emphasis program surrounding 'Operation Deathwatch' will be more effective this year in holding the line against holiday tragedy on the streets and highways," Garrison said.

Advertising has told Americans the story of America's progress. It is business news for those who buy, those who sell, and those who build. More and more as time goes on, the advertisements in this newspaper will carry information every reader will find worth while.



"Now we'll look at some U2 photos of our next opponents' secret practice sessions!"

Our Home Circle

By Fay C. Roe  
Home Demonstration Agent

The long awaited Holiday Season is upon us! I do wish for each of you a Happy Christmas and a wonderful year in 1964. I plan to spend my holidays with my family here where we can rest and enjoy being together.

Schedule

Monday, Dec. 23: Office. 4-H Caroling, Bronte and Robert Lee.  
Tuesday, Dec. 24: through Friday, Dec. 27: Holidays.  
Monday, Dec. 30: Office.  
Tuesday, Dec. 31: Office.  
Wednesday, Jan. 1: Holiday.

The recipe below is one I hope you will try. It is different as well as being one of those that can be prepared ahead of time. It is an excellent idea for using that left-over turkey.

Herb Bread Ring

Sift together:  
1½ cups yellow corn meal  
1½ cups sifted flour  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
2½ teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon thyme

Add:  
1½ cups finely chopped onion  
1½ cups finely chopped celery  
¼ cup finely chopped pimiento  
Combine and add, stirring only until dry ingredients are moistened:

1½ cups milk  
3 beaten eggs  
¾ cup melted shortening  
Pour into greased 3-quart ring mold or 10 inch tube pan. Bake in hot oven (400° F) 35 to 45 minutes. Unmold on serving plate. Fill center with creamed turkey. Makes 12 servings.

Creamed Turkey

Combine in saucepan:  
6 tablespoons soft butter or margarine

6 tablespoons flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
Add, blending well, 3 cups milk.  
Cook on medium flame (200° F) until thickened, stirring frequently.

Fold in 6 cups diced cooked turkey and 6 sliced hard cooked eggs.

Cover, reduce flame to keep warm (150° F) until ready to serve. Makes 12 servings.

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CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

# Dentist Here January 1

According to a letter received by R. B. Vandiver, Administrator of West Coke County Hospital, Dr. James Fjerstad, DDS, (pronounced Firsted) is to be here December 29, and will open a dental office in Robert Lee in the Roe Building, between the post office and the Robert Lee State Bank, as soon as he can install equipment and make the office ready after his arrival.

## Christoval, Steers, Split

The Robert Lee basketball teams traveled back to Christoval Tuesday night right after the Tournament for a scheduled game.

The boy's game was a thriller, just as expected. It was close all the way and wound up in a 41-41 tie. In overtime, Christoval squeezed by the Steers 43-45. Rudy Menchaca and Gary Bivens paced the Cougar attack, getting 18 points each. Derwood Coalson, Terry Thetford, and Pistol Hood led the Steers.

Score by quarters:

Robert Lee	5	11	13	12	2-43
Christoval	5	11	14	11	4-45

In the girl's game, Linda Thetford and Edith McGinley (who was Captain for the game) paced the Robert Lee win with 10 points apiece. Mag Soto led the Christoval scorers with 10 points, also.

Score by quarters:

Robert Lee	17	4	9	8-39
Christoval	0	2	4	4-10

After the boy's game, Sandy Thomas, the girl's manager, fell down a short flight of steps and hurt her ankle. Christoval Coach Bobby Helmer and Gary Bivens administered first-aid. An ice pack was placed on her foot for the bus trip. The students stopped in San Angelo for a snack at the Better Burger before coming home.

Dr. Fjerstad comes here from Fort Worth. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in June of this year, and has practiced dentistry in St. Paul, where his father, also a dentist, lives. Information here is that his father expects to retire soon and may also come here, at least for a visit.

The young Dr. Fjerstad is 26 and single.

Hospital officials also have tentative word from a doctor on plans to move here early in the year, expected to office in the same building.

## Christmas Cheer Theme In El Valle Luncheon Meeting

The December 18 meeting of El Valle Garden Club featured a Christmas cheer luncheon of salad and dessert plate. Color scheme was a red and green, with a Scotch pine tree decorated in traditional style.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson was hostess.

A nativity fantasy adorned the buffet. The topiary tree was used on the opposite side of the room.

The program for the afternoon was entitled "Flowers and Music." Mrs. McCabe stood by the Madonna of the Flowers, flanked with red roses as she gave Christmas legends about plants and trees. Christmas carols played softly in the background.

Report was given by Mrs. Naomi Powell of the participation in the annual Christmas program at the school auditorium, describing the nativity scene presented.

Fourteen members were present with Mrs. J. D. Harmon co-hostess.

## Room for One More At WT Boys Ranch

With the ever increasing number of boys being referred to West Texas Boys Ranch the Ranch is having to turn down a disturbing number of boys. This is heart-breaking! Last year one fourteen year old boy who's parents dumped him, found himself without friends or a home. He had lived in the county jail for three weeks before he was referred to the Ranch. He had been in no trouble and was deserving of an opportunity. The Ranch was filled to capacity, however, the Ranch made room for one more.

The road has been rough for this boy, however, he has proven he has what it takes to make something worthwhile of himself. His over-all progress at the Ranch has gained him the distinction of being chosen as one of four candidates for the top honor of Boy of the Year. Selection of the Boy of the Year will be announced Jan. 18, 1964.

This is the type of story the Ranch deals with daily. There are many boys who need and would take advantage of the assistance offered at West Texas Boys Ranch. However, the Ranch can do only so much on limited funds. During this 1964 Christmas season the Ranch needs the help of all West Texas. Donations of any size will be appreciated as this year's Christmas donations are falling short of previous donations.

Last Friday, Dec. 20, was the day to turn in money or deposit for the Corral, Robert Lee High School annual. They are to be printed for distribution in the early spring.

As Good As We Make It

Today and Tomorrow

Robert Lee!

## School Out On Note of Jolly Talent Friday

Christmas jollity reigned Friday afternoon as the High School assembled for a talent jamboree in the auditorium, closing the school for the holidays.

Sponsored by the F.H.A., the program was planned by Kay Havins and narrated by Dick Waldrop, chapter beau.

By the Freshmen girls, there was a skit with Nancy Jacoby as moderator, "Like 63" featured Melinda Percifull as Santa Claus, Kathy Preslar as Mother, Dianna McClure as Daddy, Johnnie McDonald as Baby, Suzanne Burns as Grandma, Kitten Dean as Clan Vilburn, Marsha Dodson as Cool Cat, Rhinda Wojtek, Sherry Cole, Pauline Sparks, and Shirley Brice as children, with Nancy Jacoby narrating. "Teen Angel" was sung by Donna Williams and Janice Fowler. Sharon McCutchen and Martha Kinsey sang "Winter Wonderland" accompanied by Mrs. Salter. Marion Fikes accompanied Elwanda Sparks and Ruth McGinley singing "Silver Bells." "White Christmas" was presented in the form of a quartet sung by Barbara Steelman, Sue Percifull, Robbie Smith and Vickie Rowoldt, accompanied by Elaine Fikes. "Joe, the Bartender" was featured by Rusty Dodson and Bill Roach. Kay Roberts sang "Christmas Alphabet" accompanied by Mrs. Salter. "The Traveling Vagabonds," Robert Holland and Bobby Blaylock, played two numbers on their guitars. Mr. Garland Davis presented "The Meaning of Christmas" which was followed by members of the Robert Lee High School band playing "Jingle Bells" and "All Through The Night." The program was concluded by a quartet consisting of four teachers, Mrs. Coalson, Mrs. Malone, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Williams, accompanied by Mrs. Salter who sang "Polish Carol" and "Christmas is a Coming."

Several members of the band played the old standards "Jingle Bells" and "All Through the Night." Those students whose presence graced the stage were Bobby and Barbara Blaylock, Tony and Kitten Dean, Diana McClure, Kathy Preslar, David Roe, Lynn Shandley, Mary Wojtek, Buddy Vosburg, and Rita Tillman, who jingled the bells.

Mr. Davis gave the account of America's first Christmas tree which was put up in Wooster, Ohio.

School was then dismissed until next year!

## Cue Varnadore Funeral Held Here Sunday

Cue Varnadore, 60, of Big Lake, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday in Shannon Hospital.

Services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Johnson's Funeral Chapel with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery. Rev. Ferman R. Weedon, pastor of Harris Avenue Baptist Church of San Angelo, officiated.

Mr. Varnadore was born July 15, 1903, in Limestone County. On March 9, 1932, he was married to Kathryn Johnson in Carlsbad.

Mr. Varnadore had lived in Big Lake for 19 years. The first two years there he worked for the Noble Drilling Company and for 17 years, until May, 1963, he had been agent for Magnolia Oil Company in Big Lake.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Big Lake and a former member of the Lion's Club and Big Lake Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, and a son, Lelan Varnadore, both of Big Lake; three sisters, Mrs. Vernon Shackelford of Salinas, Calif., Mrs. Lyman Bilbo of San Angelo, and Mrs. Lillie Fisher of Midland; five brothers, W. J. Varnadore of San Angelo, Henry Varnadore of Robert Lee, Ernest Varnadore of Creed, Colo., Edward Varnadore of Stratford, Okla., and Jim Varnadore of Houston; and three grandchildren.

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!



## To All Who Read This from All at The Observer

# Santa Claus Did Come

It was a mighty cold day, but there was a good crowd in town to greet Santa Claus Saturday afternoon on his annual visit to Robert Lee.

There was plenty of candy for the children and some nice prizes for young folk and adults, donated by merchants, as follows:

Wallace Grocery, \$2.50 in groceries; Robert Lee State Bank, \$5.00 cash; Woody's Economat, \$2.50 family wash; Jones Barber Shop and Beauty Parlor, 1 hair cut and 1 shampoo set; Hillcrest Laundry & Grocery, \$5.00 in merchandise; Sparks Texaco Station wash and grease job, \$3.75; Richards' Grocery, \$3.50 in groceries; Jack's Bait Stand, fishing lures worth \$5.00; Ivey Motor, outside rear view mirror, \$6.95; Williams Funeral Home, \$5.00 cash; Butane Sales, 50 gallons butane, worth \$5.00; Farris City Drug, Pittsburgh Wall Mirror, \$14.95; Reba's Beauty Shop, beauty merchandise, \$3.00; Baker's Grocery, \$5.00 in groceries; Ross Service Station, wash and grease job, \$3.75; Coke County Officials, \$5.00 cash; Robert Lee Recreation Center, \$5.00 cash; McCutchen Variety Store, \$2.00 gift; Olene's Beauty Shop can spray net; Bahlman Cleaners,

\$5.00 in dry cleaning; "Y" Cafe, two lunches; Froggy's Cafe, \$5.00 in meals; McCabe Service Station, 10 gallons gasoline, \$3.50; Adams Abstract, \$5.00 cash; Coke County Butane, 50 gallons butane, \$5.00; Vaughan Chevrolet Co., floor mat, \$7.95; Robert Lee Observer, year's subscription, \$2.50; Francilla Flowers & Gifts, poinsettia plant, \$5.00; McDorman Service Station, 10 gallons gasoline, \$3.50; Roach's Dry Goods, blanket, \$5.00; Brown Lumber and Supply, gift certificate, \$5.00; Alamo Theater pass to all shows during January, one person, \$4.50.

Others contributing to expenses, Buz Sawyer, B and T Well Service, and Lone Star Gas.

BCD committees working on the events were Candy, W. D. McAdams; contact Santa Claus, Fern Havins; picture show, Victor Wojtek; Drawing, W. D. McAdams, Sam Williams; ticket cage, Fern Havins, drawing cards and lists of prospective donors, Sterling Lindsey; Advertising, Willis Wayne Smith and Ulmer Bird; traffic, Sheriff Melvin Childress; Collection Committee, Vaughan Davis, Bob Vaughan, Bill Tom Roach, and Victor Wojtek.

Free show was courtesy of Alamo Theater.

Who was Santa Claus—why, he was Santa Claus, of course, no one else but.

## A Few If's

If we had more people giving more time to their own business we would have fewer people picketing somebody else's business.

If more people were making a better use of the rights they do have, there would be fewer raising hell over the rights they think they don't have.

If more students were working harder in the schools they can attend, they would be better qualified for the jobs they are picketing for, less worried over the schools they can't attend, and more likely to get the jobs they are yelling for.

The Texas Department of Public Safety calls attention to the fact that the Texas Legislature enacted a revised Safety Responsibility Law, which becomes effective January 1. A number of changes have been made that affect all drivers, according to Homer Garrison, Director, DPS.

Mama made a mistake. She put all the packages under the tree two days ahead of Christmas. Wanda came up with an idea: "Why can't we just open all these packages now?"

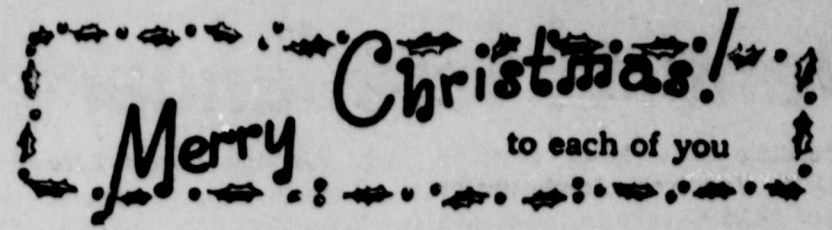
"But what about Christmas morning?" Mama asked.

"O, I would have the things Santa brings me then."

Now, how would you answer that one? Mama couldn't.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kasa and Jim, from Dowagiac, Michigan, are here for the holidays, visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Geist. They will leave here for Georgia to visit a son and his family before returning home, after a date here with Santa at the Geist Christmas tree.

Progress means people working and getting somewhere with it.



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