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# Robert Lee Observer

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## RL Ready For Top Rated Wheeler

### Missionary Home From Africa Will Speak Wednesday

The Robert Lee Baptist Church is to have a guest speaker next Wednesday night (Dec. 9) at 7:00 P.M. Miss Sue Snider, a missionary on furlough from Ghana, Africa.

Miss Snider is a native of Dallas, Texas and is residing there while home for a year's furlough from her work as a Southern Baptist missionary in Ghana. She was educated at T.S.C.W. (now Texas Women's University at Denton), Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth and Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in Mill Valley, California.

Before going to the mission field, Miss Snider was a church secretary and taught school. She is a personal friend of the Kenneth Lackeys. Mrs. Lackey met her while they were both in Southwestern Seminary. She will be an overnight guest in the Lackey home. People of all churches and the community are cordially invited to come.

### Long Illness Takes Jim Blair, Burial Here Wednesday

Funeral for Jim F. Blair of Robert Lee was held at Robert Lee Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery.

Rev. Bill Beatty, Baptist pastor, conducted the services, with Williams Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Following a long illness, Mr. Blair passed away at 7:10 p.m. Monday in West Coke Hospital at Robert Lee. He was born August 5, 1901. He was married in December, 1922, to the late May King, who died in 1931. On April 3, 1935, he was married to Vivian Muston.

Survivors include his wife, mother, Mrs. W. F. Blair of Robert Lee; five sons, Dwain Blair of San Angelo, Wayne Blair of Pueblo, Colo., Dennis Blair of Animus, N. M., Frankie Blair of Lubbock, and Carl Blair of Robert Lee; five daughters, Mrs. Madelle Thomas of Arlington, Mrs. Vivian Keel of San Angelo, Mrs. Mildred White of Robert Lee, Mrs. Doris Akins of Dallas and Mrs. Eunice Wilkerson of Waco; six brothers, Jeff Blair of Robert Lee, Raymond Blair of Big Spring, Bill Blair and John Blair, both of Sterling City, Ralph Blair of Odessa, and Curtis Blair of Nolan; five sisters, Mrs. Lyda Robertson of Lubbock, Mrs. Francis Greathouse of Odessa, Mrs. Samantha Robertson of Robert Lee, Mrs. Verna Bell Robertson of Midland and Mrs. Eudell Patterson of Snyder; and 17 grandchildren.

Guests in the A. J. Roe Jr. home for Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roe, David and Sheila, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Roe, Stephanie and Mark of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Roe, Joe and Sue, Billy Jack Roe, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lee, Ronnie, Janet and Craig of Bronte.

### Bus Chartered For Trip to Shamrock

A bus has been chartered for the people who wish to attend the football game Saturday night at Shamrock. Yvonne Devoll at the City hall has been in charge of arrangements and gives this information.

39 passenger bus complete with rest rooms has been arranged for.

Tickets are \$9.50 per person. Leave at 12, arrive at 6:00. Buses are bought and reserved so we need to know as soon as possible how many people are going.

Come by my office before 5:00 or by my house after 5:00.

Office Telephone — 453-3811  
Home Telephone — 453-2631  
Buses will be parked in next to the playing field.

Buy your tickets before you enter the bus.

Well, they did it! Their next assignment is to topple Wheeler, rated by sports writers as the No. 1 Class B team in the state, the game to be played at Shamrock, in the Texas Panhandle.

In the bi-district, Wheeler wheeled over Matador, which not long ago was top rated. The Steers have held rating near the top for awhile, and their 2 point loss to Eden dropped them a few places, to tenth before the Throckmorton game.

Those wishing to make the trip to Shamrock by chartered bus should contact City Hall with cash at the earliest possible moment.

Arrangements were being completed Wednesday night or first thing Thursday morning.

While the specialists give Wheeler the edge, locals who saw the game at Hamlin aren't buying that, especially Ronnie Baker, who came back from Hamlin

bareheaded (he threw his hat away) and romped into telling you-all who didn't see it, and refresh the memory of those who did.—Editor

By RONNIE BAKER

With the boys all that day, I saw it coming. They were ready, and they had the confidence in each other to do their job.

The defense, which any football team is built around, was next to perfection, holding the Greyhounds to only 21 yards rushing the first half, and 41 yards passing. Total that up, and you can see why they couldn't score.

The fans should be proud of their team, and that is an understatement of what I just can't put into words.

First Quarter

The Steers received the opening kick-off with Gattman returning to the 37 yard line.

On the first play, Thetford stepped back and, with Hatch speeding down field, he hits him with a long pass, where Hatch is

stopped on the 10 yard line. The play covered 53 yards right quick. It took all 4 downs for the Steers to score, but Dodson punched over from the 2 yard line.

Try for extras failed. The Steers now led by 6 to 0.

After Dodson's kick, Throckmorton could move only 5 yards before being forced to punt. The rest of the quarter was consumed in a punting contest between Dodson and Max Chick of Throckmorton, both kickers keeping the ball around each other's 30 yard line.

Second Quarter

With Robert Lee in possession of the ball at the 27 yard line, the Steers began another drive. A 4 yard run by Gattman, another 4 yards by Thetford, 2 successive 18 yard passes to Williams, a 7 yarder to Wink, an 11 yard run by Dodson, and a quick 3 yards to Hatch for the T.D. Try for points failed and the Steers led now 12-0.

Dodson kicked off to the 7 yard line, with no return. The Greyhounds took to the air. They completed one for 29 yards, and on the next pass, Thetford makes a diving interception on Throckmorton's 43 yard line.

The Greyhounds held, and Dodson punted out of bounds on the Greyhound 10 yard line. The Steers then held them to short yardage, and they punted out to the Steer 29.

The first half came to an end soon after, with the Steers in possession.

Third Quarter

Dodson's kick was fairly short, and was returned to the 35 yard line. With the Greyhounds taking to the air again, Hatch intercepted and returned 30 yards to

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## Report Prepared for Hearing at Austin on Robert Lee Dam

Engineers for the Upper Colorado River Authority and for Colorado Municipal Water District respectively have worked out a tentative agreement on water use from the proposed Robert Lee Lake, and the committees from the two bodies have submitted it to the respective boards of directors.

Gerald C. Allen, Chairman of the UCRA, at the meeting of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development Tuesday noon, said this proposed agreement would be incorporated in papers submitted before the Texas Water Commission at their meeting on December 14 in Austin.

It would provide for Robert Lee, Bronte, and Ballinger, along the Colorado River to have their future needs supplied, and for San Angelo to get water in case of emergency arising from running out of water over there, and only in such emergency.

Spelled out in detail, but not yet acted upon by the directors of the two bodies, it marks another step in working out a joint program satisfactory to both agencies.

Mr. Allen expressed the belief that the case for the project is in good order for the hearing.

### Coke Gold Star Winners In San Angelo Program

Daphne Elayne Roe and Darrel Pitcock, 4-H Gold Star Award winners of Coke County, attended the District 7 luncheon in San Angelo Wednesday. The luncheon is sponsored annually by West Texas Utilities for the Gold Star winners from the 22 counties in the district.

Daphne and Darrel received the Gold Star Award during the program.

Others attending from Coke County were Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock, adult leaders; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lindsey.

### Santa Puts Down December 19 For Robert Lee Trip

You can spread the word that Santa Claus will be in Robert Lee a few days before Christmas. Saturday, December 19, is the date, by arrangement with the Robert Lee Board of Community Development.

A committee of local helpers was appointed Tuesday noon at the regular meeting.

Santa will use his own conveyance to reach Robert Lee, then be met by the Robert Lee fire boys and ride the big fire truck into town, with his bag of candy especially packed for this particular visit.

### Mrs. Lee Tubb Was Pioneer In This Community

Funeral for Mrs. Bettie Beatrice Tubb, 88, longtime resident of Robert Lee was held at 3 p.m. Friday in Robert Lee Methodist Church. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery directed by Williams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tubb died at 12:15 a.m. Thursday in Morris Nursing Home at Roscoe after a long illness. She suffered a broken hip last July in a fall and had been confined to bed since.

Born Feb. 8, 1876, in Leon County, Mrs. Tubb was married to the late John Lee Tubb Jan. 14, 1894 and moved to Coke County in 1903. They lived at Sanco a year before moving to Robert Lee in 1904. Mr. Tubb died in 1956.

She was a longtime member of Robert Lee First Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Arthur M. and Edward (Jake) Tubb, both of Robert Lee; a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Parker of El Dorado; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

For years Mr. and Mrs. Tubb operated a hotel in Robert Lee, which also served as a friendly meeting place for town and country friends in by-gone years.

## Rev. B. B. Edmiaston Dies Following Fire

Heroic efforts of Bronte's volunteer firemen and the staff of Bronte Hospital failed to save the life of a retired Methodist minister who was trapped Tuesday night in his burning home in the southeast part of Bronte.

The Rev. B. B. Edmiaston, long time Methodist minister, died at 5:15 Wednesday morning. Dr. John R. Harris, who worked with the injured man all night, said cause of Mr. Edmiaston's death was massive inhalation of smoke. He also had first, second and third degree burns on his face and on parts of his body, the doctor said.

Several attempts were made to enter the burning house from the time it was discovered about 9 p.m. until Martin Lee was successful in pulling the fallen man to the front door of the home. From there several firemen carried him to the waiting station wagon of C. B. Barbee. He was rushed to Bronte Hospital where the doctor and a corps of nurses worked all night to save his life.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, Mrs. Bobby Vaughn, when she heard Mr. Edmiaston's cry for help. She ran to the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Stout who live next door

to the Edmiaston residence. The fire alarm was turned in there, and everyone in the vicinity was soon alerted to assist in fighting the fire. Mrs. Vaughn and Roy Wayne Stout were first persons at the scene.

Attempts were made by C. B. Barbee, Stout, R. W. Sims and others to enter the house and rescue Mr. Edmiaston, before Lee was able to get him to the front door.

Young Stout was the only one who apparently suffered any injuries from the inhalation of smoke and from the heat. He went to the hospital about 11 p.m. Tuesday and was reported Wednesday morning to be recovering satisfactorily.

The fire started in the south-east corner room of the house, apparently from an electrical short. Those who checked the ruins say they believe Mr. Edmiaston was in the kitchen at the time, went from there into the room where the fire was, and then headed for his living room where he was overcome by the smoke.

The house was heavily damaged, but firemen put out the blaze once they got their equipment in operation.

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