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## 4th Producer Indicated On Ralph Harris Ranch

Al G Hill's No. 3 Ralph Harris Estate, a mile south of the Colorado River on the upper end of the former Saul Ranch northwest of Robert Lee, flowed 115 barrels of oil in its recent official 24-hour test. Gauge was through 14-64 inch choke from open hole at 5,728 to 5,800 feet. Gas oil ratio was 1,547-1.

Hill's third producer in the area, which has been designated as the Lygay field, is a quarter mile northeast of his No. 2 Harris, which was completed for a natural flowing daily potential of 358 barrels through 12-64 inch choke at 5,808 to 5,848 feet.

The No. 2 Harris is a quarter mile east of Hill's No. 1 Harris, a 30-barrel a day pumper, completed last August in sand pay from 5,808 to 5,838 feet.

The fourth test, staked as No. 5 Harris, has set pipe after recovering 300 feet of free oil in a drillstem test this week. It was bottomed below 5,900 feet. It is one location south of No. 2.

No. 4 Harris, east of No. 5, was drilling below 4,800 feet Thursday. Delaney Drilling Co. which completed the first three wells has not been given another location as yet.

### Seaboard's Russell

No. 1 Mettie Russell, Seaboard's wildcat 3 miles west of Robert Lee, was drilling Thursday in shale at 4,600 feet.

### Algord's Marvin Simpson

Algord's No. 1 Marvin Simpson, 3 miles northwest of Sanco, was drilling Thursday morning at 5,493 feet in shale. Location is a southeast offset to No. 1 Jack Lassiter, which is producing from the Marble Falls from 6,494 to 6,528 feet.

No. 2 Lassiter, a northeast outpost to No. 1, is pumping from the Ellenburger from a pay section 6,818 to 6,868 feet.

### Plymouth Near Pay

Plymouth's No. 1 P. W. Millican, an east offset to Sun's discovery west of Edith, resumed drilling Thursday afternoon at 5,873 feet following a 16-hour fishing job.

### Bronte Field

American Republics No. 1 Jess Percifull, north outpost to the Rawlings discovery a mile west of Bronte, was scheduled to be treated with acid Friday. The hole is bottomed at 4,420 feet in Palo Pinto lime, with casing cemented to 4,379 feet.

After drilling plugs the first of the week the well flowed naturally for a time after swabbing and is reported to have made 44 barrels Wednesday night.

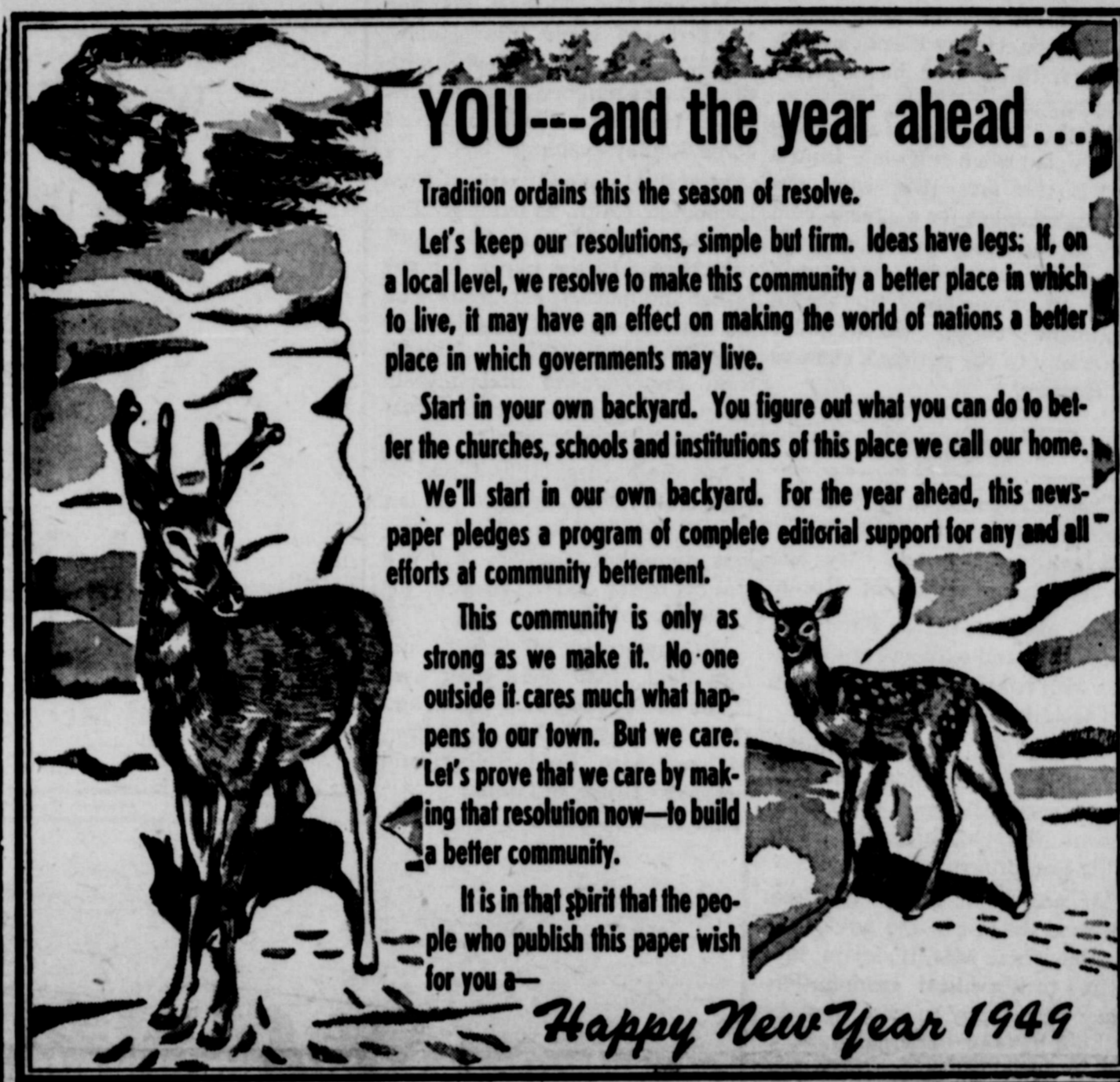
Humble No. 2 R. E. Hickman, east offset to the No. 1 Hickman big producer, was drilling below 3,200 feet in lime and shale.

Shelton Anderson of McCamey was a guest over Christmas in the home of his mother, Mrs. B. W. Bilbo.

J. C. Strickland and wife left Monday for Temple where the former is being examined at the Veterans hospital.

Fifty relatives and friends visited in the Bert Duncan home during Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis enjoyed having all their children home for a holiday visit, and a big Christmas dinner was enjoyed at the Emory Davis home. Relatives from out of town included Bob L. Davis and family of Pecos, Jake Davis and family of McCamey and the Russell Zoets of Galveston.



**YOU---and the year ahead...**

Tradition ordains this the season of resolve.

Let's keep our resolutions, simple but firm. Ideas have legs: If, on a local level, we resolve to make this community a better place in which to live, it may have an effect on making the world of nations a better place in which governments may live.

Start in your own backyard. You figure out what you can do to better the churches, schools and institutions of this place we call our home.

We'll start in our own backyard. For the year ahead, this newspaper pledges a program of complete editorial support for any and all efforts at community betterment.

This community is only as strong as we make it. No one outside it cares much what happens to our town. But we care. Let's prove that we care by making that resolution now—to build a better community.

It is in that spirit that the people who publish this paper wish for you a—

*Happy New Year 1949*

## Dale Brown Marries Miss Juanell Blake

The marriage of Miss Juanell Blake, only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Blake, to Mr. Dale Brown of Robert Lee took place at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the home of the bride's parents in Sylvester. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Charles. She wore a two-piece dress of navy crepe with long pointed sleeves inserted with lace, and matching accessories of grey. She carried a gardenia corsage.

Maid of honor was Miss Dorothy Walton of Bronte, while the bridegroom was attended by his brother Pritchard Brown. Wedding music was played by Mrs. Paul Turner. Miss Patsy Josey sang "Because" and "Always."

Present for the wedding were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, of Robert Lee, and the bride's uncle, the Rev. Fred D. Blake, and family of Robert Lee. Also Miss Jean Smith of Bronte and Harold Sheppard of Robert Lee.

The bride attended school in Bronte, where her father served as pastor of the Baptist church for several years. She is a senior at Sylvester high school and plans to finish her high school work in Robert Lee.

The bridegroom graduated from Robert Lee high school in 1947 and is now employed in the oil field by Younger Bros. Construction Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have a new home under construction in the north part of town which they will occupy soon after the first of the year.

### Stores Open Jan. 1

According to plans most Robert Lee stores and offices will remain open on Saturday, Jan. 1. Holiday rules will be observed by the bank and post office.

### Tax Assistance

Frank C. Dickey has put in a special tax service and is now in position to handle any kind of tax matters. Ulmer S. Bird will be on hand again this year in Judge Dickey's office to assist in making out returns.

Jack Looney and family are moving back to Robert Lee after residing more than a year in San Angelo. J. C. Jackson and family have vacated the Looney residence and now occupy one of the new homes recently built at the northwest edge of town by Maurice Cole.

Jack Austin is back for a holiday visit in the parental Coke Austin home. Stationed at the navy base in San Diego, Jack was lucky to catch a ride from El Centro, Calif., to Colorado City, making the distance in 25 hours, he said.

Wallace Terry and wife, Floyd Higgins and wife and Mrs. Susie Barnes, all of San Angelo, were Christmas guests in the E. O. Higgins home.

Mrs. D. I. Durham and son, J. R., of San Angelo stopped here Wednesday enroute from Colorado City where they visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. L. Dorn, and family. Mrs. Fannie Green accompanied the Durhams to San Angelo for a few days visit in her sister's home.

Lost—Little dark brown dog, child's pet. Finder please notify Ed Trimble.

A Christmas holiday visitor in Big Lake was Mrs. W. M. Summers who was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Kuykendall, and family.

Gwyn, 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dickey, was released Wednesday from a San Angelo hospital where she was treated several days for an aggravated case of croup. Jimmie and his family are here from Alpine for a holiday visit in the parental Frank C. Dickey home. Mrs. Frank Dickey is also confined to her home with illness this week.

## Jewell Bloodworth And J. C. Wallace, Jr. Wed

Miss Jewell Bloodworth and Mr. J. C. Wallace, Jr. were married at 4 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, by the Rev. Fred D. Blake, pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist church. The ceremony was performed at the minister's home. The couple were attended by D. J. Walker, Jr., and Miss Mildred Wallace, sister of the bridegroom.

The bride wore an aqua blue wedding dress and her corsage was of white carnations. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver and is a graduate of Robert Lee high school. For sometime she held a position in the telephone office here.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace. He is also a graduate of Robert Lee high school and is now engaged in the electrical wiring and contracting business.

Present for the wedding were parents of the contracting couple, also Ernest Bloodworth, Raymond Bloodworth and family, Mrs. Waymon Robertson and Edna Mae Wallace.

A Christmas gathering at the J. I. Murtishaw home included Mrs. Murtishaw's three children, Mrs. Clyde Gibbens of Clyde, Tex., Mrs. El Hatley and A. V. Hughes and their families. Also Mr. Murtishaw's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boykin, and son, Lamar, of San Angelo.

Mrs. Irvan Escue and infant son, Freddie Lee, were brought home Monday from Shannon hospital where the baby was born Dec. 20.

Jewell Hunter has gone to Denver, Colo., for a holiday visit with friends. Her sister, Mrs. Noel Percifull of Bronte is taking her place in the Robert Lee State Bank this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tubb spent Christmas in San Angelo with the former's sister, Mrs. Alice Preslar, and daughter, Lois.

## Second Edith Well Makes 372 Barrels; Cummings Hit Oil

Sun Oil Co. No. 1 C. C. Millican, second well in the new field 3 miles west of Edith, flowed 372 barrels of oil during an official 24-hour test ending at 1 p. m. Wednesday. Gauge was through a quarter inch choke. There was no water.

Tubing pressure was 950 pounds, and gas-oil ratio 1,010-1. The oil tested 43.5 gravity. The reef was topped at 5,800 feet, more than 100 feet higher than the P. W. Millican discovery, and the well was completed naturally from open hole bottomed at 5,930 feet.

No. 1 C. C. Millican is a north-west offset to the P. W. Millican 575-barrel discovery brought in by Sun a short time ago.

Crudoil Drilling and Exploration Co. rotary equipment, which had the contract for both the new Millican wells, moved one location west to No. 2 C. C. Millican.

A third well in the Edith field was assured Wednesday following a drillstem test on No. 1 Annie Cummings, a north offset to the discovery. The test recovered 350 feet of clean oil. Hole was bottomed at 5,961 feet and operators planned to run tubing for completion.

No. 2 Annie Cummings, a west offset, was rigging up rotary equipment and will spud early next week.

In Sun's Jameson field at Silver No. 1 Bloodworth was running casing after reaching a depth of 5,956 feet. The reef was topped high at 5,700 feet and operators will core to completion.

No. 14 Homer Jameson was drilling in shale at 6,158 feet, and No. 12 Homer Jameson was coring below 5,800 feet in sand and shale with no shows.

No. 5 J. B. Walker, south of river, was still trying to remove stuck core barrel. Bottom of the hole is 6,271 feet. The well has flowed when valves were opened.

No. 4 Jewell Brannan was drilling Wednesday at 4,470 feet in shale, and No. 10 C. E. Mathers was in shale at 3,743 feet.

Sun has staked No. 2 Beatrice Anderson, between Anderson No. 1 and Homer Jameson No. 12. It will be a short distance north of the Sun camp at Silver.

The company has under construction two new residences for permanent employees. One of them will be the ninth house in the Silver camp and a fourth switchers house on the C. E. Mathers lease.

### McDonald Is Optimistic

Fred McDonald, prominent Robert Lee lumber and hardware dealer, is optimistic over the future growth of Coke county. He feels the oil development is just starting and expects a large increase in building activities the coming year. Mr. McDonald is a jobber for drilling mud and is supplying several drilling contractors in this locality.

### Death of S. B. Ratliff

S. B. Ratliff, well known West Texas resident for more than a half century, died at his home in San Angelo on Dec. 26 at the age of 93 years. He was the father of O. M. Ratliff, former Robert Lee resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jackson and daughter, Christine, of Abilene were Christmas guests in the home of the former's brother, J. C. Jackson, and family. Christine remained for a few days visit here.

## Health Dept. Warns Against Pneumonia

Austin, Texas, Dec. 29.—A Statement from Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, discloses the fact that 2,531 Texans died from pneumonia during the year 1947, and emphasizes his often repeated warning that this disease is a killer.

Pneumonia is caused by the pneumococcus germ which is present in the bodies of almost everyone, and ready to start trouble if the resistance becomes lowered for any reason. We can build up our resistance by avoiding undue fatigue and unnecessary exposure to extreme weather conditions. When we go outside in cold

weather, sufficient clothing should be worn to keep the body warm. Keeping the temperature of our homes and offices as low as is consistent with comfort will greatly lessen the difficulties encountered in adjusting ourselves to the cold when we leave the house.

Another method of prevention in pneumonia is to never neglect a cold, for the common cold often opens the door for pneumonia if it is neglected. A person with a severe cold should stay at home and call his physician for advice, if temperature persists and the cold lingers on. He should follow his physician's advice until the cold has entirely disappeared.

Another advantage of consulting a physician when suffering from a cold is the fact that what the patient mistakes for a severe cold may be beginning pneumonia. If this is the case, the doctor will have an opportunity to begin treatment early, which adds materially to the patient's chances for recovery.

## Personals

Christmas guests in the S. B. Plumlee home included S. B. Jr. and family of Colorado City and Alvin King and family of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Farris and son, T. W. and wife, spent Christmas with relatives in Brownwood and Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Douthit of Lubbock were holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. Mrs. Douthit is the former Billie Sue Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickham returned the last of the week from Temple where Mrs. Bickham submitted to a medical examination. They were happy to learn that she will not have to undergo surgery.

Dee Ballew and wife visited over Christmas with her parents, the R. L. Howards, at Winters.

## Folks You Know

Will S. King of Stanley, N. Mex., writes as follows: "I enjoy your paper and expect to see you starting a daily most any time now. Enclosed find check of \$5.00 for a three year renewal."

Mrs. Myrtle Davis and son, Tom Daughty and wife, of Carlsbad, N. Mex., were guests over Christmas with the former's mother and sister, Mrs. Betty Neagle and Mrs. Charlie Millican.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Harmon and little son came from Hobbs, N. Mex., for a Christmas visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. P. H. Wood writes from Escondido, Calif., as follows: "Enclosed find two dollars for a gift subscription to the paper for my father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Merchant, 1324 South Broadway, Escondido, Calif. This is from my husband and myself. They have enjoyed The Observer each week the past year."

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lloyd of Austin are holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Burgess, and other relatives. Bill is a student in the dental college at the University of Texas.

Holiday guests of Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good were their son, Eddie Paul, of Norman, Okla., and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker, and son, Fred Bruce, of Ozona.



## We Sense ...

a New Year filled with plenty of good things for the people of this community.

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Oil Field Hauling

## Ray-Harris Drilled 14 Wells This Year

Ray Harris Drilling company is another contractor which began its operations in Coke county soon after Sun discovered its big field at Silver.

Their second rotary rig was brought into the field last May after drilling three tests for Sun in Gaines county, at Eunice, N. Mex., and back in Martin county.

One of the Ray-Harris rigs drilled the three Arledge wells north of Saco, and a total of 96 days was spent on Arledge No. 2 where the Eilenburger was explored and long periods of testing took place. Their record for the year here has been 14 completed wells for Sun.

The company is owned by the Ray Brothers, Ferrell and Harlan, and Dave Harris of Dallas. The Rays operate in the East Texas oil fields and have large industrial holdings at Dallas. Mr. Harris has been connected with the oil business for many years and is active in the company's management.

Walter F. Tucker handles tools for Ray-Harris and is doing an excellent job.

## Varnadore Oil Co. Expanded in 1948

Varnadore Oil Co. has enjoyed a steady increase of business during the past year. Their efforts are now devoted entirely to the wholesale of gasoline, diesel fuel and lubricants. Their retail station at the Y-Courts has been sub-let to C. R. Richardson as manager.

The company is owned as a partnership by Clell and Morris Varnadore and their brother-in-law, Wilton Scott. The latter came here a year ago after selling his filling station at Lampasas.

Varnadores are servicing 12 oil well drilling rigs and also sell wholesale to farmers and ranchers. Their present equipment includes a 2,600 gallon transport with new Ford tractor, a delivery truck of 1,187 gallons capacity and one flat bed truck.

The company is the exclusive jobber in this territory for Sun Oil company's lubricating oils. Their gasoline is hauled from the Col-Tex refinery at Colorado City.

Varnadores have their office and warehouse on the paved highway just outside the northwest city limits of Robert Lee.

Wanda Dale, largest of the twin daughters born three weeks ago to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Yarbrough, was brought home from Shannon hospital on Monday. She now weighs 5 pounds, 4 ounces. The other baby, Wadren Nell, weighs 3 pounds, 12 ounces, and will remain in the hospital nursery for a longer time.

Dick Kannady and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Kannady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Williams, in San Angelo.

## Folks You Know

W. C. Caffey and family enjoyed a Christmas visit with relatives at Justiceburg and Post, returning to Robert Lee Sunday night.

Herman Benningfield and family of Denver City were Christmas guests in the home of their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Benningfield.

The Genie Baker family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Williams at Ballinger. They also visited the E. M. Bakers at Clyde and on Sunday were guests of Mrs. Baker's brother, Foster Lett, and family near Winters.

Wallace Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross, submitted to an emergency appendectomy Monday morning at the Bronte hospital. Latest reports indicate he is recovering nicely.

J. B. Mauldin and family of Belton are holiday guests in the parental Jim Mauldin home.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Cragin over the Christmas weekend were the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cragin, of Odessa. The Robert Lee Cragins also entertained their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lambert, and little son, Tommy, of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Jernigan of Deming, N. Mex., visited here Tuesday with the Dan Campbells. Also visiting the Campbells were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keys and daughter, Koleta, of Christoval.

Mrs. Frank Kaeding of San Angelo is recovering at Shannon hospital from injuries received recently in a truck-auto collision. She had several broken ribs and serious head wounds. Mrs. Kaeding is a sister of A. E. Latham of Robert Lee.

The Bill Pharis family of Gatesville were Christmas guests in the A. E. Latham home.

## Edith Echoes

By Mrs. J. T. Thetford

The senior Sunday school class of the Pecan Baptist church held their Christmas dinner Monday night in the home of Mrs. Finner Smith, with Mrs. Finis Harmon helping with the entertainment. Everyone reported a fine time.

Harmon Edge of Lubbock spent a few hours in the J. T. Thetford home enroute to Grapeland, Texas to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Edge.

J. D. Green and wife of Borger were Christmas guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Peays.

James Smith and family of Guyton, Okla., and the Finner Smiths of Edith spent Christmas in the parental Lake Smith home south of Robert Lee.

Harold Capps and wife spent the holidays in Santa Anna.

Wm. Radle, who is employed on highway work near here, spent Christmas with his parents at Santa Anna.

The C. C. Millican No. 1 was tested Sunday evening through a half inch coke and made 44 barrels of oil an hour.

The Cummings well is drilling at 5,660 feet.

C. C. Millican and family spent Christmas Day with his mother in San Angelo.

Weldon Schooler, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Russell of Maryneal were Christmas guests of her parents, the W. M. Millicans. Also home for the holidays is their daughter, Joy, a student at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene.

The Thomas Harmon children and their families were all home for Christmas, except Alf and Alfred, and Cortez and Randle, who are in the service.

Royce Gene Hurley, who is in school at Albuquerque, N. Mex., spent the holidays in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. T. M. Freeman.

The L. B. Martin family is moving this week to the Clarence Mitchell place between Edith and Robert Lee.



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**Almanac 1949 RESOLUTIONS**

**JANUARY**

- 1—New Year's Day
- 2—Manila occupied by Japanese, 1942.
- 3—U. S. Weather Service organized, 1871.
- 4—First bicycle trip around the world completed, 1886.
- 5—American Red Cross chartered, 1905.
- 6—Benjamin Franklin born, 1706.
- 7—George Washington elected president, 1789.

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## H & L Truck Does Oil Field Hauling

One of Robert Lee's new business concerns which is almost entirely dependent upon oil development in this locality, is H & L Truck Company.

Owned jointly by Dave Harris and A. E. Latham, the firm started in business late last March and its activities extend to all kinds of oil field hauling. They not only move derricks and heavy drilling equipment but also haul pipe and machinery.

The combination of Harris and Latham was ideal for such a setup, since Latham had been engaged in the trucking business here for many years, while Harris has had wide experience in the oil fields. At the start H & L hired experienced men and purchased the best new equipment on the market.

It was soon necessary to double their capacity and today they operate 13 pieces of equipment and are big enough to handle two rig moving jobs at the same time. They employ from 12 to 24 men.

H & L is getting a good foothold in this territory. They are doing most of the work required by rigs in Coke as well as adjacent counties, and have had calls from much farther points.

H & L is a good concern for the community. They render a rapid and dependable service to the oil fields, and give employment to a lot of men.

### Claud Deans Leave

Robert Lee is losing a fine family this week with the moving of the Claud Deans to their new home near Weatherford. For the past number of years they have owned the former Stroud place, just southwest of Robert Lee, having recently sold their holdings to A. B. Shepard. Mr. Dean bought a nice farm and ranch, south of Weatherford, which is well improved. They moved their farm equipment and household goods on Wednesday. Claud sold off all his livestock except a few head of milk cows. Janet, who is a senior at Robert Lee high school, will accompany her parents after taking semester exams. Douglas will remain in Robert Lee to continue his work in the oil field. Their older son, Jeff, is our new county judge, so the Deans will have a stopping place when they return to visit, which we hope will be often. The family take with them the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

D. V. Joiner and family have moved to Robert Lee from Big Spring and are occupying one of the Arnold Samuelson houses in the south part of town. Mr. Joiner operates one of the oil well cementing rigs for the Haliburton company.

Mrs. Jack Martin returned to Austin Monday after a short Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. Ruth Ann Taylor, who is teaching at Weimer, is here for a longer visit

## Improvement For Cragin Lumber Co.

Another Robert Lee concern which has had a rapid growth during the past year because of the oil development, is Cragin Lumber Co.

Established here 18 months ago just as the oil activity was getting a good start, Mr. Cragin engaged in selling drilling mud, cement and lumber for the oil field.

During the past year the firm constructed a new warehouse with dimensions of 20 x 150 feet, which is large enough to hold from 15 to 20 carloads of drilling mud. At times the big stock of mud taxes the capacity of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Cragin are also now enjoying the spacious addition to their living quarters, which includes a large living room with fireplace, two new bedrooms and two baths.

The company has three regular employees and uses considerable extra help. Two large trucks are in constant use delivering material to oil fields in Coke and surrounding counties.

J. C. Snead, Jr., Allie Bilbo and Dr. J. K. Griffith returned Tuesday night from a deer hunting trip near Mason, and each of the trio bagged a nice buck. Doc's was a 7-pointer, and the other two had 5-points. Doc says he got his without the help of J. C. or Allie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. (Snookie) Roe, Jr., and daughter, Daphne, of Honey Grove, Tex., were holiday guests of Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Farris and grandson, Lerry J., went to Menard Tuesday for a couple of days visit with the formers' son, Raphy, and family.

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## SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

I wish to take this small space to thank my friends for the many kind deeds, Christmas cards, flowers and other gifts at a time when they meant more than any thing I'll always cherish them.

Effie Carwile spent Christmas at home with Henry and J. L. Carwile, Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt had all their children and grandchildren at home for Christmas.

Charles and Eva Bell Fowler spent Christmas night with relatives in San Angelo.

Bro. Wright and family have moved from Sanco. Their many friends will surely miss them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Sr. went to Carlshad, N. Mex., for a Christmas visit with the Herman Carwile family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt went to visit the Bob Haggerton family Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cooper were there also. The three ladies are sisters.

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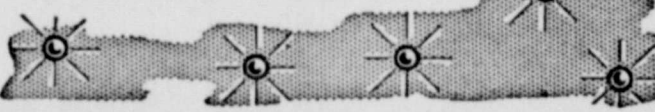
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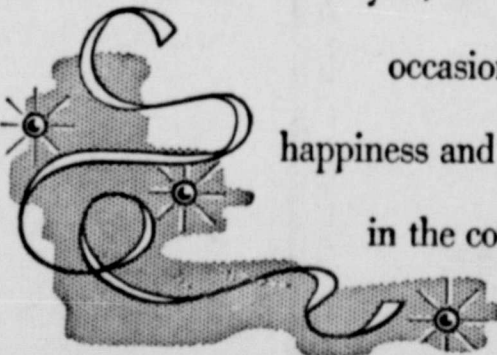


For all of you, on this joyous

occasion, we wish

happiness and prosperity

in the coming year.



**Ray-Harris Drilling Company**  
DALLAS, TEXAS



There's a New Year dawning—a year which, we trust, will hold in store for you and yours health, happiness and prosperity in unbounded measure.

## Berry's Jewelry



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## Soil Conservation District News

Land owners in the Coke County Soil Conservation District should begin to make arrangements to secure their Madrid sweet clover seed, is a statement made by Owen T. Colvin, district cooperater with the district, who farms six miles west of Blackwell. Madrid sweet clover is a biennial legume that promises to be a good grazing crop and also is one of our best soil building crops that we have, Colvin said.

Madrid sweet clover should be seeded sometime during the last half of February and first half of March depending upon available soil moisture. It should be ready to be grazed by June and furnish grazing until frost. It will go dormant during the winter months, but will put out early the next spring from the roots. The crop can be handled one or two ways the second year. First it can be grazed until sometime in June. If normal rainfall is available, it will make a good seed crop by late summer. Second it can be grazed on until early fall, Colvin points out.

To get the best results from Madrid sweet clover, land owners are urged to inoculate the seed with culture A. The inoculate is nitrogen-fixing bacteria that is placed on the seed and planted into the soil with the seed. The bacteria forms nodules which add nitrogen to the soil and is immediately available to the small seedlings during adverse weather.

C. E. Arrott, a district cooperater who ranches in the Tennyson conservation group, has deferred his range land during the entire growing season this year. The period of deferrment gave the better grasses a chance to grow and increase in plant vigor and mature a seed crop. Arrott said. By allowing the grasses to set seed, the grasses store plant food in the roots which aid the grasses to withstand drouths such as we have experienced the last several years, Arrott points out.

## Home For Christmas

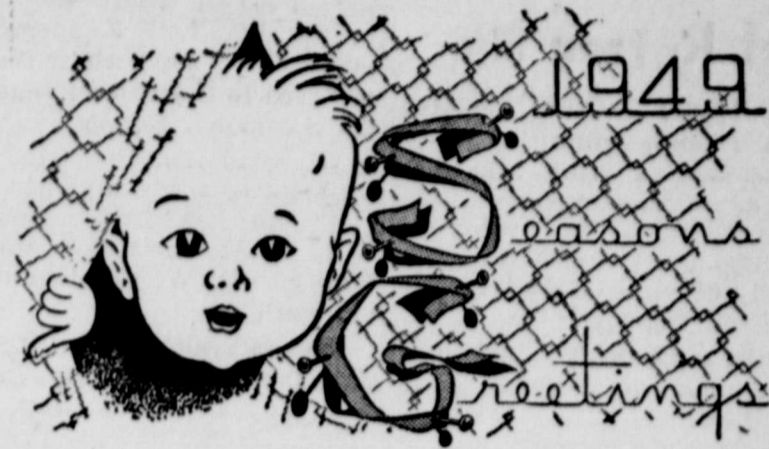
Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley enjoyed having all their children at home for a big Christmas gathering. They included the Pete Rampys of Mertzon, Franklin Cowley and wife of Ft. Stockton, Calvin Sparks and family of Eldorado, the Otis Smiths and daughter, Jean, of Bronte, Bob Fields and wife and Jack Cowley and family of Robert Lee. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Collett and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cowley and Nell of San Angelo.

## Folks You Know

Christmas guests in the Freeman Clark home included Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lowry of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and Mrs. Otto Scherz of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay of Childress, A. J. Bilbo and family, Marcus Turner and wife, Mrs. W. H. Bell, Jarvis Littlefield and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock and children of Colorado City and Mrs. W. J. Garrett and Jamie Bilbo of Big Spring.

Mrs. Fannie Green and Mr. and Mrs. John McCord of New London, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and daughter, Martha, spent Christmas Day at Colorado City in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Landon Dorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Havins of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hallmark enjoyed Christmas Day in the partenal Fern Havins home.



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## Baker-Taylor Buys Third Rotary Rig

Baker-Taylor Drilling Co. has purchased a new drilling rig which will be assembled within the next two weeks in the company's yard at Silver. It will be the third rotary owned by Baker-Taylor and will likely be put to work for Sun in the Silver locality.

The new equipment is identical with the other two, a Unitrig U-15 manufactured at Tulsa. It has a 125-foot jackknife derrick and is powered by two Cummins diesel motors of 240 h. p. each.

Baker-Taylor entered the oil well drilling business less than two years ago, and their first location at Silver was Fred Jameson's second well. A short time later they bought a second rig and did some work for Sun at Eunice, N. Mex. For the past year and a half they have drilled for Sun in the Jameson field at Silver. Their record for the past year is 15 completed wells.

The company operates its own shop at Silver which is in charge of Fred Jones. It is the most complete oil field shop in this locality and is equipped with an overhead crane, lathes, valve grinding tools, etc.

Owners of the company are Jay Taylor and Eddie Johnson, prominent Amarillo business executives and ranchmen, and Wm. H. Baker of Dallas, widely experienced in oil field activities.

In charge of the company's operations in the field is L. A. Tibbets. Leonard knows the oil business from the bottom up and much credit is due him for the fine record his company has made. With the arrival of the third rig J. C. Jackson will be promoted from driller to pusher to assist Mr. Tibbets.

## SILVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gunn returned Monday from a few days visit with the R. T. Risners of Hobbs, N. Mex., parents of Mrs. Gunn, and the D. E. Gunns of Duncan, Okla., parents of Mr. Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and Freddy Lee spent the holidays in Odessa and Jal. N. Mex. with relatives.

The W. L. Carr and S. V. Fant families were weekend visitors of relatives in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mathers and little son, Robert Doyle, spent Christmas day in San Angelo with the Russ Mathers family.

Billie Jean Bussey, who is employed at McClellan's in Abilene spent the Christmas holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. F. A. Whitt and family.

Guests in the John Walker home for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wimberly and Billy Jack of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen, Esther and the Bob Odom family spent Christmas day at Tennyson in the home of Mrs. S. W. Gaston where a large group met for a family reunion. Those coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gaston and David from Fresno, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dickens and Neida from San Antonio, and the H. W. Gastons from Morgan, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers and the Upton Mathers spent the weekend in Cisco with the J. L. Kuhn family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Caswell and children left last Friday morning for Austin where they visited her brother, Jack Kennemer, and family. While there the group motored to Eddy for a reunion of the Kennemer family.

Weekend visitors of the C. G. Walkers were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ballard of Big Spring, parents of Mrs. Walker and her sister and family, the W. K. Scuddays of Garden City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rose and Syble spent the holidays in Hereford with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Shore, parents of Mrs. Rose.

The Clifford Thorn's spent Christmas day at Blackwell with the H. E. Thorn family.

Glen Kennemer, employee of the Southwestern Telephone Co. is attending a company school in Lubbock and spent the Christmas holidays with the F. A. Whitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson and Elna spent several days this week in the G. A. Jameson home at Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson were Christmas day guests of the formers mother, Mrs. Jennie Bilbo at Robert Lee.

Fred L. Jones was admitted to the Bronte hospital Tuesday suffering from a bad throat.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown had four of their five children at home for the weekend. They were the Leslie Browns of San Antonio, the Ernest Browns of Columbus, Ga., the Russell Grays of Kilgore and Mrs. Floyd Lingenfelter and small son, John, of Claremore, Okla. Mrs. Lingenfelter and son remained for a visit with her parents until after Jan. 1st.

Mrs. Bunyan Millican, who was quite ill for a few days last week

is much improved. She and her infant son, Jimmie Wayne, are expected home from the hospital within a few days.

Recent visitors of the Ed Snowdens were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Snowden and family of Edgewood, N. Mex.

Travis Glyn Allen of Vancourt is spending this week with his cousin, Bobby Hugh Odom.

Homer Jameson, who is still in a Big Spring hospital is reported improving.

Esther Louise Allen spent several days this week in San Angelo with her sister and family, the Bill Archers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Underwood and children of Buford came by for a visit Sunday with the Bob Odoms. They were enroute home from a trip to their farm in Arkansas and a weekend visit with the L. E. Walkers of San Angelo. The Underwoods are teachers in the Buford school and are former residents of Silver.

Another business was added to Silver's list last week when J. C. Carruthers opened an Humble service station. He is in the Anderson building across from Sun Cafe, and will appreciate you coming by to see him.

### Boy Scout Night

Next Monday night, Jan. 3, Boy Scouts or Robert Lee will receive their troop charter and a number of awards will be announced by the scoutmaster and committee. A group of Boy Scouts from Ballinger will be present for the event which takes place at 7:30 in the Baptist church. The Scout program depends upon the support it receives from the community, and adult visitors are urged to attend.

## Happy Holiday



Count us among the treasured friends calling to extend best wishes for a

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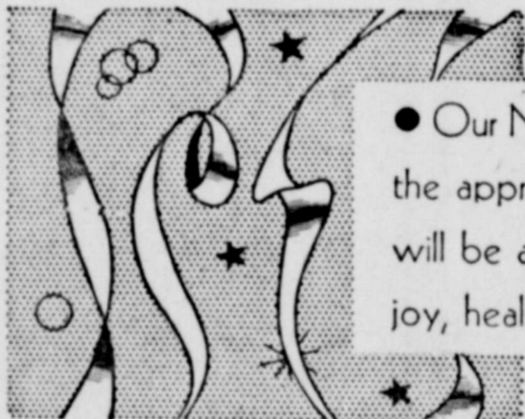
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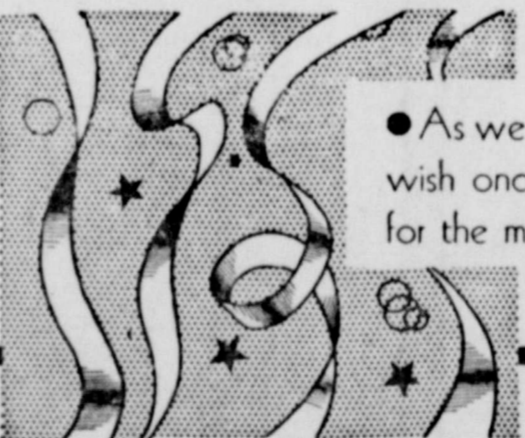
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• Our New Year's wish is that the approaching twelvemonth will be a saga of contentment, joy, health and good fortune.



• As we pause on the threshold of 1949, we wish once again to extend our appreciation for the many favors accorded us in the past.

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### Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Scott and daughter, Sherry, of Del Rio visited over night Tuesday in the parental H. L. Scott home. They were enroute home from a Christmas visit with Mrs. Scott's parents the A. L. Watsons, at Alexandria, Nebr.

Mrs. Hallie Robertson and three daughters arrived Sunday from Arizona for a visit with the former's father, S. B. Plumlee.

Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. J. J. Yarbrough included the Frank Meixners and son, Dale, of Paint Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Thomason, Bryan Yarbrough, E. J. Thomason and family and James Thomason and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lord and children and Mr. and Mrs. Iri Welch of Eunice, N. Mex., spent the Christmas holidays with the Clell Varnadores and other Robert Lee relatives.

The Snead family enjoyed a reunion last Sunday in the DeWitt Snead home at Stanton. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr. and children, Jack and Johnnie Beth, of Robert Lee, Douglas Snead and family of Bronte, Joe Long Snead and wife, of Andrews, Miss Iva Snead of Fort Davis and Mrs. H. A. Nichols of Stratford. Miss Iva Snead and Mrs. Nichols are spending the holiday week with Robert Lee relatives.

Inez Gartman, Robert Ramage and family of Colorado City, D. R. Gartman, Jr. and family of Big Spring and D. R. Gartman of Colorado City spent Christmas with the Glen Thompsons at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCord of New London enjoyed a holiday visit here with Mr. McCord's mother, Mrs. Fannie Green.

### Family Christmas at Coles

The Elmer Cole Christmas was a complete family affair this year as all their children were present for the occasion. They were sons-in-law and daughters: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Monk, Jr. and children, Beverly, Margaret and Lawrence, from Alamogordo, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. Troy Vines and children, Sandra, Dale and Johnnie from San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caston and son, Homer, from Robert Lee. Sons and daughters-in-law were: Mr. and Mrs. John Cole and daughter, Brownie from Tulia, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cole from Floydada, Tex., Olene, Tommy and Lanny of Robert Lee. Also present were Mr. John Ross, R. D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson and son, Josh, Mrs. Claude Brown and children, J. A., T. C., and Eunice all of Robert Lee.

Guests here last week in the A. V. Sheppard home were Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Collins of Corpus Christi. The ladies are sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Caraway and children of Blackwell and Zelda Caraway of Robert Lee spent Christmas in Rotan with Mrs. R. M. Williams. She is Mrs. Caraway's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brad of San Angelo spent Christmas with Mrs. Brad's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomason were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, the J. E. Mitchells, at Bronte.



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## Sanco Minister To Breckenridge

The Rev. R. E. Wright, who served as pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church at Sanco for the past twelve months, has accepted a call to a Breckenridge church, and is now entering on his work there.

The pastor, Mrs. Wright, and their two sons, Kenneth and Billy Wayne, have moved from the residence near the Sanco Tabernacle and church to 505 N Oakwood, in Breckenridge. They came to Sanco in October last year, and during that time became well acquainted in Coke county.

Bro. Wright is a native of Louisiana, coming to Texas in 1928. He worked for awhile in the oil fields of Louisiana and East Texas, and entered the ministry in 1934. For a time he conducted a daily radio service over KOCA at Kilgore, and did special work with public school children. He served as pastor of several Texas churches and as Educational Secretary of the United States Drys. The Wrights came to Sanco after several months in the evangelistic field.

Mrs. Wright, a native of Jacksonville, Texas, assists her husband in the services at the piano and with special music on an electric guitar.

"The decision to accept the invitation to serve the Breckenridge congregation and immediate entry on that pastorate did not leave us time to see all the friends we



Rev. E. W. Wright

have made here" Bro. Wright said. "The people of Sanco and Coke county have been very kind to us, and we have been reluctant to leave, even though impressed with the need and the opportunity at Breckenridge. We carry with us the finest feeling for the people here, and pray God's blessings on you all."

The regular services will continue at Sanco Evangelical Methodist Church. The pastorate there is left vacant for the time being. Chaplain Ulmer S. Bird will conduct the morning service next regular preaching date. Services are held on the first and third Sundays each month.

Chaplain Bird has been at his home near Sanco for several months, preparing for a possible extended tour of army service. In brief assignments to active duty he has served as a major Officers Reserve, in the Chaplain's Corps at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from time to time during the past 18 months.

A little want ad will sell it.

## Folks You Know

Mrs. N. C. Brown is visiting at Marfa in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vera McSpadden, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Christian of Lubbock visited here Christmas Eve with her aunt, Mrs. Clyde Stayton, and husband.

Guests in the home of Mrs. J. C. Slaughter on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wilson of Winters, their son, Kenneth, who is stationed at the San Diego naval base, and Miss Marjorie Niel of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek and daughters, Vicki Ann and Mary Alice, and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young enjoyed a turkey dinner on Christmas at the R. A. Perry home in Miles.

John L. Ross spent a pleasant Christmas at Lubbock with his son, J. L. Ross, Jr. The latter is in charge of the mailing room of the Lubbock Avalanche.

Maurice Cole and family returned the first of the week to their home in Corsicana after a Christmas visit with relatives here. Maurice recently sold his drive-in theatre at Corsicana, and his future plans are indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Madison and little daughter, Mary Annette, returned to Robert Lee Tuesday evening from a Christmas visit in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Madison, at Big Spring. Mary Annette has recovered from a recent illness of bronchitis and influenza.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough joined relatives in a Christmas visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Houston Hill, in Midland. Mrs. J. C. Newton, who returned recently from an extended visit in California, is visiting in her daughter's home at Midland.

Guests in the S. R. Young home here Monday included C. L. Clark and wife of Corsicana, C. C. Townsend and wife and Mrs. Homer Gandy of San Angelo.

The Clyde Staytons enjoyed a holiday weekend motor trip to Junction and other points in the Hill Country.

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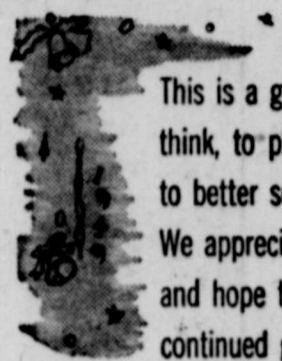
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