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Fines Assessed For Operating War Vet west of Robert Lee, should not be Automobile Raffle

Three attractive ladies stopped after securing permission from bridge will be open in two or three from a side road. Mayor H. O. Whitt, began selling weeks. The old bridge has been tickets on a car raffle.

They were soon picked up by Sheriff Paul Good and brought to Robert Lee to face charges. Leader of the group seemed to be Mrs. Rawleigh Mitchell.

In the court of Justice R. S. Crum here she was charged with controlling predatory animals. The "unlawfully establishing a raffle usual grist of claims were allowed. for the purpose of disposing of certain personal estate, towit: One Christmas Program 1950 Ford automobile of the value of \$1,500."

Late that night, the date was Nov. 21, her husband came from a Vesper Service at 6:30 p. m. Brownwood and the woman was next Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Ro- Ford, swerved out into a field and released from custody under a \$200 bert Lee Methodist church bond. The bond was signed by C. S. Brown and J. C. Strickland.

in the matter, when they learned Mrs. Jeff Dean. the raffle was being conducted as a veterans benefit.

Necessary to Win."

phoned the commander of the custom 2-door. VFW post at Paducah and was advised that the drawing was being sponsored by his group.

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The next day (Nov. 22) District Attorney Ralph Logan came over from San Angelo, and after a consulation with the sheriff and county attorney, charges were filed against the two other women, Juanita Minica and Alice Skipping. Also against Mrs. Mitchell's husband, in whose name the car was registered.

Their cases were filed in Coke county court under the charges of "unlawfully keeping for sale and offering to sell chances, tickets in a raffle of a 1950 Ford." The car was held by officers here to be used as evidence.

The cases never came up for trial, but the four defendants entered guilty pleas and paid fines on Dec. 1 through their lawyers, Smith & Lear of San Angelo.

Mrs. Mitchell was stuck \$50 and \$12 costs, and her husband paid \$50 and \$14.95 costs. The Minica and Skipping women settled for fines of \$14.95 each and \$22.70. The whole thing amounted to \$200.

It was the first time that persons sponsoring a veterans benefit raffle of this nature have ever been arrested in Coke county. Local officers have not come out with a straight forward warning that from now on raffles of this nature will not be tolerated.

However, County Attorney Frank Dickey has an article elsewhere in this newspaper urging the public to desist in promoting any and all kinds of raffles, bingo games and other games of chance.

Another angle to the arrests here last month is that big gambling syndicates are said to be backing similar car lotteries in Texas. If the Paducah VFW deal is crooked, no such proof has been made

Bridge Nears Completion

Date for opening of the new Colorado River Bridge, three miles In Highway Accident too far in the distance. Pouring of dismantled.

Commissioners Court

ers Court met in regular monthly in one foot and she sustained body session here Monday. County bruises. Agent Hicks submitted his report for the year and there was a discussion on ways and means of

At Methodist Church

The public is invited to attend proceeding onto the highway.

The program will consist of without turning over. Christmas Carols by the choir and A number of war veterans of a rev ew of the story, "The Other ministrator of the county hospital Robert Lee interested themselves Wise Man" (Henry VanDyke) by here Both she and her husband

New Fords Sales

Cumbie Ivey, Coke county Ford The auto, a 1950 Ford sport dealer here, attended a company coupe, carried the following large meeting in Dallas last week and sign: "This Car Given Away by learned that manufacturers predict Plant. Veterans of Foreign Wars. 25c a large cutback in cars for civilian Mr. Donations. VFW Vernon M. Mat- use. Ivey Motor Co. showed three and two sons left this week for ney Post 2528, Paducah, Texas. of the new 1951 models recently. Mena, Ark., near which place they 1950 Ford Convertible Awarded They were sold to the following: will operate a stock farm. Dec. 16, 1950. Presence Not Dewey Parmer, Tennyson, custom 4-door; Victor McCabe, custom One Robert Lee veteran said he 2-door; I. E. Slaughter, Bronte,

list of this month's inductees.

Mrs. Strickland Injured

concrete floor slabs was finished serious injuries in an auto wreck Mr. Simpson has arranged to com-

She was given temporary treatment at the Bronte hospital and then brought to Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee. The Coke County Commission- Several small bones were fractured

> Mrs. Strickland suffered considerably early in the week but was much improved yesterday.

> She had been visiting an aunt in Coleman and was returning home when the accident occurred about 5 p. m. The men who drove in front of her were oil field workers, and said they failed to stop before

The Strickland auto, a 1950 came to a stop in a barrow ditch

Mrs. Strickland is acting adare active in community affairs.

For Sale-Tool shed 12 x 20 ft. and some used lumber. See R. B. Thornton at new city water

Mr. and Mrs. Clell Varnadore

Births

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Manley of Jerald Ivey will report to the Bronte are parents of a son born feet in the Ellenburger. The pro- H. Morrison and Lawrence Higdraft board in San Angelo Friday at 7:40 p. m. Dec. 13 at Coke ject was plugged back to the gins. morning for induction. Jerald, well County Memorial Hospital. The Strawn where extensive tests were known Robert Lee youth, is the infant weighed 9 pounds, five made. son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ivey, ounces. The Manleys have five He is 21 years old. The Observer other children. Mr. Manley is in Schools To Dismiss has not been furnished a complete the watch repair business at Bronte.

Building Repairs

Mr. and Mrs. Will Simpson of El Paso have been in Robert Lee this week visiting relatives and Tops Lime Reef Mrs. J. C. Strickland received looking after property interests. occupied by Earl Roberts.

Approaching Marriage

Mrs. Mamie Littlefield announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Joyce, to Mr. Richard L. Smith. The wedding takes place Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7 p. m. in the Robert Lee Baptist church. A reception for a few invited guests will follow at the J. M. Rippetoe home in Bronte.



Notes From The Oil Field

at a depth of 5,035 feet. There was continued. have been no previuos shows in the test being made on the 240-acre city owned tract, one mile east of the city.

Amerada No. 1 Frank McCabe, 3 miles northwest of Silver, was plugged and abandoned yesterday

Dec. 20 for Holidays

Robert Lee schools will have a be resumed Tuesday, Jan. 2, according to Supt. B. C. Goodwin.

A second new school bus arrived ed by Mrs. Finis Harmon for pupils residing southwest of Robert Lee. The bus has a capacity of 24 passengers. It has a GMC chassis and the body was manufactured in Jacksonville, Texas.

material from the old Planters Gin Bessent. here, the property being owned by the Sweetwater Cotton Seed Oil

Agreement states that the building is to be dismantled by the district which will pay \$6.00 per thousand feet for the lumber and \$5.00 per 100 square feet for corrugated iron roofing.

Supt Goodwin says the material from the structure will be used for a number of projects, including new sheep and hog barns for the FFA and a bus garage addition.

Work of tearing down the old gin is expected to get under way during the holiday vacation period.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek Ruby Harmes and daughter, San-Brandon dismissed.
dra Ann, of Odessa, and Mrs. Dec. 14—Mrs Sa Mildred Weathers of Dallas.

Sun 8 Davidson

Sun No. 8 G. W. Davidson, west Moday. Sanding and painting of Sunday afternoon on the highway pletely remodel the City Cafe and north of Edith, was drilling in the steel is now under way and between Bronte and Ballinger. Her building which was recently burn lime Thursday at 5,974 feet. Casguard rails will have to be erected car smashed into another auto ed out. He will also repair the ing had been cemented at 5,898 in Bronte a few weeks ago, and and approaches made ready. The which drove onto the pavement front of the adjoining building feet and the hole will be completed at 6,013.

> In the same area Sun F. S. Price A-3 was drilling at 5,736 feet in shale.

> In the Jameson field southwest of Silver, Sun No. 13 C.E. Mathers was in shale at 6.201 feet. Operators expect to pick up the lime reef at 6,300.

> Sun No. 3 J. S. Walker was drilling at 4,445 feet in shale.

South of the river, midway between the Jameson and Millican fields, Sun No. 1 Ralph Harris Estate was drilling in shale at 6,132 feet. Drillstem test of a sand section 6,064-77 feet recovered 15 feet of slightly gas-cut mud, with no oil or water. A weak blow died in ten minutes.

Union's No. 1 City of Robert In southwest Nolan county Sun Lee was scheduled to run a drill. No 1 Eunice Paramore perforated stem test Thursday evening of a 7,111-21 feet and treated the 10-foot section bottomed at 5,046 section with 5,000 gallons of acid. feet. Operators reported a break Some oil was recovered on the in the formation just before noon swab Wednesday and swabbing

New Chevrolets

Harvey Chevrolet Co. exhibited four of the new 1951 models here last Saturday, and all of them were sold immediately. The buyers were A. D. (Buster) Fields, Bel-Air coupe; Frank Smith, deluxe after recovering sulphur water in the Ellenburger below 7,300 feet. 2-door; F. C. Wojtek, special 2-door; and L. L. Jernagan, 4-door Humble No. 1 H. E. Schuch, deluxe power glide. Sales of late wildcat on the Divide 14 miles 1950 model Chevrolets went to V. south of Robert Lee, has been M. Box, Ralph Garvin, G. A. plugged and abandoned at 6,685 Richardson, Walter Weathers, Geo.

Surgery For Baby

Good news was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. Allie Bilbo concerning their little grand-daughter, Sherry Jan Kay. The seven weeks old child had been suffering with a chest ailment and 12-day Christmas holiday vaca- was taken to a specialist in Dallas. tion, starting next Wednesday, A delicate operation was perform-Dec. 20, at 2:15 p. m. Classes will ed in which a large tumor was removed from the chest cavity. The baby is recovering nicely and was expected to be taken home Thursthe past week and is being operat- day. Sherry Jan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay of Lubbock. Mrs. Kay is the former Alta Bell Bilbo.

Charles Bessent returned Monday to Lubbock where he was scheduled to report to his draft Trustees of the Robert Lee board for induction on Wednesschool district have completed day. Charles is 21 years old and negotiations for the purchase of a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W.

Coke County Hospital News

Dec. 7-Jackie Brock admitted. Dec. 8-Jackie Brock dismissed. Dec. 9-Mrs. Ben Tubb admitted. S. W. Lord, V. L. (Pete) Gilbert dismissed.

Dec. 10-Mrs. J. C. Strickland, Mrs Johanne Allen, Silver, admitted.

Dec. 11-Mrs. E. B. Clark ad-

Dec. 12-Mrs. Della Brandon

admitted Mrs. I. H. Devoll dismissed. Dec. 13-Mrs. Bob Patterson,

entertained three of their children Mrs. Charles Arnold, Silver, Mrs. over the weekend, including Mr. H. L. Manley, Bronte, admitted. and Mrs. Billy Meek and son, Son born to Mrs. Manley at 7:40 Roger Wayne, of Pinwell, Mrs. p. m. Mrs. Ben Tubb, Mrs. Della

> Dec. 14-Mrs S am Jay, L. B. Martin, Jr., admitted.



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About Lotteries and Raffles

Lotteries and raffles are condemmed as crimes by the Con stitution of Texas, and are punish able under our penal laws.

Every drawing or guessing enterprise where a ticket or chance is sold or given with a purchase comes within the definition of one of the above terms.

"It is immaterial whether the lottery or raffle be for a religious benevolent or profane purpose' (Long v State, 2 S. W. 541)

There are literally hundreds of rackets and frauds being perpetrated upon the people of Texas today in the names of patriotic organizations, schools and charitable institutions.

Officers are powerless to stop the rackets because too many of the people of Texas are guilty themselves of conducting lotteries and raffles and can not speak up. They buy tickets and chances and never give the matter a second thought.

When an arrest is made of some one suspected of selling tickets or chances and keeping the money themselves, good citizens spring to the defense; they intimidate the arresting officer and the prosecuting attorney with threats of reprisals; they prejudge the case and demand that they be furnished with all of the evidence on the spot. Should it develop that the lottery or raffle is being sponsored by some service club, church or school; then, the officers and the prosecuting attorney are really on the spot: "Why are not all lotteries and raffles stopped?" "Why pick on some people and let others go?" The bad part about it is: These indignant citizens are right.

We have no right to prosecute anyone for promoting a lottery or raffle simply because the money is not disposed of, or accounted for, to our liking. All should be prosecuted, or none should be prosecuted.

Good people of Coke County: I slipped into the office of County Attorney. I have not had an opponent in an election. I did not come into the office with clean hands. I had broken our laws against gambling. I am ashamed of it. My record as county attorney is clean in this respect. Please do not remember these bad things against me. I want you to help me and help the officers. Let's find another way to raise money for our civic, educational, charitable and religious enterprises; some

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teries and raffles that are being sponsored by groups of good Christian citizens are b. ing used tor shields and fences by crimesyndicates and racketeers all over our country, and even here in Coke County. We will do well to remove the shield and destroy the fence.

If we abandon the raffles and otteries we hit a lick for law and order.

This is no threat of prosecution, it is my own humble appeal to the people of Coke County for help and co-operation -Sincerely, Your County Attorney, FRANK C. DICKEY.

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Rites Held For Mrs. T. E. Puett

Mrs. T. E. Puett, 81, former Robert Lee resident, died early last Sunday in Dallas after a declining illness of two years. She had been bedfast for several coming to Coke county in 1906. months.

Her passing occurred at 3:48 a. m. Dec. 10 at 318 North Rose- mile south of Robert Lee, moving mont where she made her home to town in 1921. Mr. Puett died Inge.

Lee Monday night in the Clift Dallas to live with her daughter funeral coach and services were conducted here Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Effie M. Inge, Dallas, and from the East Side Church of Mrs. James (Nina) Wallace of Christ, with Leon Sharp of Bronte New Orleans; and two sons, Ivan officiating.

Robert Lee cemetery in charge of 14 grand children. A son, Albert Clift funeral home. Pallbearers W. Puett, former publisher of The were C. S. Brown, A. J. Bilbo, Harry Porter, E. C. Davis, J. C. Wallace and Earl Roberts.

Joplin, Mo., in the year 1869.During her childhood she lived several years in Oklahoma and later mov- joyed an exchange of Christmas ed with her parents to Texas. She gifts. Twelve members were prewas married at Weatherford to T.

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For Sale-150 gal. butane tank. This tank is in good shape. See C. R. Smith, Bronte.

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E. Puett in 1884.

They farmed in Oklahoma for a period and moved to Edwards county, Texas, in 1898, where Mr. Puett was a goat rancher and farmer. Later they went Goldthwaite where he operated the Blue Front livery stable. They re-

They lived on a Paint Creek has announced. ranch and then bought a farm a The body was brought to Robert ten years ago Mrs. Puett went to out.

Surviving are two daughters, Burial was in the family plot at Albuquerque, New Mex. There are Observer, died several years ago.

4-H Girls Meeting

The Senior 4-H girls of Robert Rosa Warren was born near Lee met Dec. 12, when a demonstration on leather craft was given by Gladys Waldrop. Members ensent with their leader, Miss Waldrop.—Olean Millican, Reporter.

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Soil Conservation District News

Mrs. Helen Harris Weaver completed a complete soil and water conservation plan on her ranch this week, C. N. Webb, chairman sided at Eola for a year before of Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation,

The plan on 14,200 acres of rangeland and cropland was developed to treat each acre accordwith a daughter, Mrs. Effie M. in 1926 and at that time was ing to its needs to make an operating the Tubb Hotel. About economical return, Webb pointed

The plan included a 3 pasture deferred rotation grazing system for faster improvement of range vegetation.

A 3,000 cubic yard ranch pond of Denver, Colo., and James of and 2,800 feet of diversion terrace was completed on B. St. George Tucker's ranch located 1 mile south of Robert Lee. The pond was designed to give Tucker permanent livestock water and provide better distribution of livestock water. The pond and diversions are a part of the complete soil and water conservation plan that Tucker is applying on his ranch. The pond and diversion were staked by personnel of the Soil Conservation Service assisting the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

Two miles of level channel type terraces are a part of the soil and water conservation plan that N. J. Taylor is applying on his farm entered into a limited partnership agree- located 5 miles north of Bronte. able to the provisions of the Revised The terraces were staked last located 5 miles north of Bronte.

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Robert Lee FFA Win High Honors

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Lake and Bronte FFA chapters team which took first place honors won the right to send teams to is composed of Robert Jay, Bill represent the district in one or more divisions of the area leadership contests, to be held at Colo-

rado City Dec. 16. The two high Sinus Trouble May teams in each of the district leadership events may represent their Result From Colds district in the area meet.

The Bronte farms skill team composed of Bobby Evans, Lyndon Waldrop, and Charles Blue won the Senior Division of the farm skill contest with an egg grading demonstration.

Of five contests held, the Robert honors in four. The Robert Lee Robert Lee, Eola, Eden, Big greenhand chapter conducting Casey, Garland Davis, Bill Havins, Elmer Greathouse, Thomas Lee, James Robertson, Norman Roberts, Dale Wojtek, and Donny Duncan.

> The Robert Lee first place senior chapter conducting team includes Milburn Wink, Bill Carwile, Bobby Hood, Marvin Simpson, Jack Thetford, Allen Sparks, Wilton Robertson, Elwood Snyder, Ted Cox, and Addison Davis.

Its winning greenhand farm quiz and chapter farm quiz teams are composed of Milburn Wink, Marvin Simpson, Jack Thetford, Bill Casey and Elmer Greathouse. Vocational advisor of the honortaking Robert Lee representatives is Carl Maddoux. Milburn Wink and Bill Casey of Robert Lee were the two outstanding individual scorers in their respective divisions

Mrs. Mary Lou Weathers has returned to Robert Lee and she and the children are making their home with her mother, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen. Mrs. Weathers, who is a registered pharmacist, operated a prescription department the past year for a drug store in

AUSTIN, Dec. 12.-Among the most frequent causes of sinus; trouble are infections of the nose and throat like the common cold, influenza, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, and diphtheria. says Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. Exposure and chilling of the skin, poor diet, fatigue, allergies, infected teeth or tonsils, enlarged adeno ds or other nasal obstructions also may cause sinus infection.

Blowing the nose violently, diving or swimming with the nose under water may force infectious material into the sinuses Frequent use of sprays, oils and antiseptics in the nose may injure the mucous membrane and bring on sinus infection.

General resistance to sinus in fection can be built up by observ ing the rules for good physical and mental health. Get plenty of rest, good food and exercise. Protect your body from sudden changes in temperature and from exposure to extreme cold or heat. Don't expose yourself to infections, since colds and other infections of nose, throat and chest are often forerunners of sinus trouble.

Rest in bed and medical care for respiratory ailments are wise precautions against complications.

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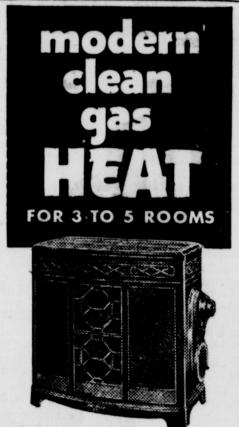
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Delmir Sheppards Now Occupy New Home

The Delmir Sheppard family is now nicely located in their new home in Robert Lee. The house, which has ground dimensions of 30 x 50 feet, was constructed by Arnold Samuelson at his material yard and then moved to its present location.

The site is on Austin Avenue that section of town which now kitcken on the west side.

has several new dwellings. It over on Mountain Creek.

into the spacious living room, double garage. Laundry and which is L-shaped to provide din- storage space is provided in one ing space. There are hardwood end of the garage. Ranch style floors throughout the entice furniture will be used in the breezestructure.

A hallway extends through the near the north edge of the city center of the home connecting the past year and Robert Lee and includes a 150-foot lot former- with two large bedrooms on the folks are happy that they will ly owned by Ell Harley. The Sheer least. A third bedroom is located make their home here. Delmir rely owned by Ell Hatley. The Shep- in the southwest corner. Then tains some holdings west of town pard residence will add much to there is the large bathroom and where he will continue to run

The kitchen is attractive with a looks the new city waterworks dam 5-foot wainscoting of knotty pine and numerous built-in cabinets Takes Navy ROTC Test The Sheppard domicle is large with a similar finish. A west door and seems to be well arranged. of the kitchen leads into a 14-foot Entrance from an east front leads breezeway which connects with a way for summer living.

> The Sheppards sold their ranch livestock.

Robert Lee Youth

Tommy Kirkpatrick and Supt. B. C. Goodwin were in Austin Saturday when the former took an examination for a four-year college scholarship sponsored by the U.S. Navy.

Those passing the tests will be physical examinations. eligible for four years, fully paid training in 51 colleges and universities in the United States offering ROTC programs.

The tests were open to any male high school senior over 17 years old. Winners must serve two years a Christmas Gift.

with the Navy, if they complete the college courses, but may withdraw to Naval Reserve after a the two year service.

Results will be announced to the boys individually by mail, late in February or early March. Those who pass the first test will be called to Dallas for interviews and

Texas schools which will launch the Naval ROTC program next year are the State University at Austin and Rice Institute at Houston.

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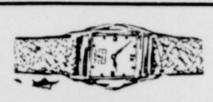
A wealth of tradition is covered by the crust of the Yuletide mincemeat pie.

Although few people today know it, the pie repre ents the cradle of the Christ Child surrounded by the gifts of the Magi I' was made originally in oval form, tosymbolize the cradle, and the varied ingredients were the gifts.

At one time mince meat pie was banned, and at still another time in its history, it was the cause of Christmas itself being abolished for a brief period.

For many years in England during the time of Oliver Cromwell, the custom of feasting and drinking at Christmas was regarded as worldly and sensual, and the more strict Puritans refused to eat mince-meat pie during the holiday season. This prejudice was finally overcome after the Restoration.

In the New World, during the first half century after the Pilgrims' arrival at Plymouth, similar troubles caused the banning of mince meat pies and Christmas. In meat seasoned with spices. Fruit, 1659, and for several years there-after, there was no Chistmas in probably because the dish was re-New England as a result of an argument over the shape and meaning of mince-meat pies. Eventually the indignation spent



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Recent Bride



Mrs. Jesse Eads was the former Willie Fave Gaines before her marriage Dec. 4. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaines of Ro bert Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Eads are residing in Hamlin.

itself, and the ban was lifted.

probably because the dish was regarded as a sweet, the fruit content was gradually increased until mince-meat became a mixture of fruit and spices, with or without the addition of meat.

The whole world has a part in the making of a mince-meat p'e, Entered at the post office in Robert Lee, according to the American Bakers Association. There are lemons, citrons, and oranges from Florida and California; apples from a half a dozen states; currants from

Greece; raisins from the Pacific Coast; sugar and syrups from Louisiana and Cuba; suet from the Middle West; spices from far away Ceylon; and other ingredients from far and near.

By and large, mince-meat pies have not changed noticeably since those early days when New England cooks began preparations for making the mince-meat weeks in advance of the actual pie bak-

History, tradition, and its own merits have made mince-meat pie one of the most interesting of all food products- rightfully occupy. ing its place of honor at the Yuletide feast.

As Samuel Pepys stated in his famous diary about his 1662 Christmas dinner:

We had, besides a good chine of beef and other good cheer, H. S. Lewis, Jr., Secretary eighteen mince-meat pies."

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Robert Lee Gin

Garden Club Party

El Valle Garden club members were entertained Wednesday afternoon at their annual Christmas Party in the ranch home of Mrs. Marvin Simpson, with Mrs A. J. Kirkpatrick as co-hostess. The program opened with Mrs. Sid Ferrell reading a clever poem, "Christmas In Texas." Mrs G. C. Allen spoke on holiday decorations in the home. Games and stunts were directed by Mrs. Sam Powell and Mrs. Frank McCabe, followed by a gift exchange. Refreshments included cheese sandwiches and assorted cookies in attractive Christmas designs, candy, nuts and coffee. Mrs. A. J. Rawlings of Bronte, mother of the hostess, was a guest.

Walter McDorman III

Mrs. Walter McDorman writes The Observer that her husband has just been brought back from a hospital at Gainesville where he was under care of a specialist for A pie which no other can ap- several days. The doctor described proach in the intricacies of its him as a very sick man and stated creation, mince-meat pies original- that he must be confined to his ly were made almost entirely of bed for three months. The Mc-Dormans are former residents of Robert Lee. They now live at 407 10th street in Ballinger.

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Sergeant Rives was graduated from Robert Lee High School and entered the Air Force in October 1942. He was recalled to active duty in August 1950 and is now stationed at Perrin as an administrative specialist.

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HD Council Enjoys Christmas Party

Twenty-five members and guests were present for the annual Home Demonstration Council Christmas Party held Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Home Making Cottage at Robert Lee.

Mrs. John Coalson, former council chairman, and Mrs. A. D. Fields, THDA chairman, were presented with THDA pins.

All committee chairmen were presented with gifts in recognition of their fine work during the year. There were other gift awards for perfect attendance and one to the first council chairman, Mrs. C. E. Arrott.

The program was furnished by Christmas songs and games were

We want to say thanks to Mrs. Hall for use of the cottage.

To Exhibit at Houston

HOUSTON, TEX -Billy Gentry and Lyndon Waldrop of Bronte will be exhibitors at the 1951 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition, January 31 through February 11, in Sam Houston Coliseum, President W. A. Lee announced.

The entries, the first from Coke county, consists of an Aberdeen-Angus 1950 Houston Fat Stock Show scramble steer to be exh bited by the Coke county farm youth at the 1950 Houston show

Personals

R. E. (Bob) Kennedy of Abilene was a visitor in Robert Lee on Tuesday. He called on manager W. D. McAdams at the West Tex as Utilities Co. office and also paid The Observer editor a friendly visit. Mr. Kennedy is advertising manager and public relations officer for West Texas Utilities Co

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harmon were weekend guests of Robert Lee relatives and friends. They are now managing the 101 Trailer Camp at Snyder.

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Mrs. Mamie Littlefield returned Monday from a week's visit with relatives and friends at Weatherford, Fort Worth and Dallas. On Sunday night she enjoyed attending services at Littlefield Bend mas. Church in which community she lived as a child.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Russell of Gladewater arrived Monday for a visit over the holidays in the home Talmadge, and Mrs. Alma Stokes of their son-in-law and daughter, Coach and Mrs. Charles Dennis.

Sheriff Paul Good, Judge Dean and Constable Vic Simpson were Leslie Copeland and wife. in Austin Friday where they atference.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barron are happy to have as a guest in their home a 2-year-old granddaughter, Donna Sue Sampson, of Noel, Mo. The little lady came to Ballinger with relatives and will remain with her grandparents here until Christ-

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Mrs. P. B. Copeland and son, and two little daughters of Sundown were weekend guests in "the home of their son and brother,

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New Bride



Mrs. Billy G. Webb was form-Palace Christine Meek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek, before her marrige Dec. 4

Mourns Two Sisters

Mrs. C. E. McDonald of this city mourns the recent passing of two sisters, whose deaths occurred within a few hours of each other. They were Mrs. L. H. Turner of Pauls Valley, Okla., who died of a heart attack at 9 p. m. Nov. 30. and Mrs. W. T. Stewart of Idabell, Okla., who passed away before midnight after a long illness. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald attended funeral services for the two women at Pauls Valley.

J. S. Ross left Tuesday for Childress to visit a daughter, Mrs. E. L Cole, and then will continue to Pueblo, Colo, for a visit over the holidays with his daughter and son, Mrs. W. M. Sheppard and Warren E. Ross.

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