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Young Salesman Ends Life With Shotgun Blast

Buford Dee Drake, 28, Ballinger World War II veteran, scribbled a short suicide note to his mother Saturday, then literally blew his head off with a .20 gauge shotgun three miles west of Bronte.

Drake's body, the shotgun and note were found in the cab of a Gabbert meat delivery truck at 3 o'clock. The vehicle was parked off the pavement on Highway 158 near the O. Z. Littlefield farm home.

R. S. Crum, justice of the peace here, was immediately notified and hurried to the scene in the Clift ambulance driven by Marvin Simpson. A report of the inquest conducted by Justice Crum appears in another column. Later the body was removed to Ballinger where officers of both Coke and Rannels counties helped make an investigation.

For the past six months Drake had operated the Gabbert truck which delivered meat to cafes and small stores. He was well known in Coke county and was engaged in making his regular run Saturday when the tragedy occurred.

Some of the customers he visited earlier in the day reported the man was not himself. Before leaving Bronte he bought a new .20 gauge shotgun and box of shells at the Keeney Bros. store. Contents of the note addressed to his mother gave no reason for his action, and relatives and friends said they did not know why Drake had taken his life.

He was a native of Lott in East Central Texas and at one time his parents lived in the Maverick community. He moved to Ballinger in 1946, and married the former Millie Martin of Paint Rock in 1941. During the war he served with the Fourth Marine Corps Division.

Surviving are his wife and son, David, 8 years old; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Drake of Hobbs, New Mex.; and two sisters, Mrs. John Ingle and Mrs. J. E. Bracken, both of Odessa.

Funeral services and burial occurred Monday afternoon at Ballinger.

Gets 30-Day Leave

Sgt. Preston Ross is here for a 30-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ross. He is stationed at Hill Air Force Base near Ogden, Utah, and made the trip to Robert Lee with a buddy, Sgt. Nealson Carter of Norton. Preston's home town friends are proud to learn that he was recently promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thoms of Amherst arrived Tuesday for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Jim Robertson, and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Thoms is in the former Lonnelle Landers Keith is in the army reserve and has been called for active duty Jan. 3. He is farming near Amherst and his wife plans to continue operating the place.

Miss Naomi Brown has been caring for her sister, Mrs. Will Millican, the past few weeks, while the latter is recovering from a recent illness. Joy Millican arrived Wednesday from Hardin-Simmons University for a holiday visit in her parents home.

Report of Inquest

I, R. S. Crum, justice of the peace of Precinct 1, Coke County, Texas, do hereby certify that I did view the body of Buford D. Drake on Dec. 16, 1950, at 3:10 p. m. Said Mr. Drake was found dead in the cab of a Chevrolet truck belonging to the Gabbert Wholesale Meat Co. of Ballinger, Texas.

The man was sitting in the cab of the truck with the top and back of his head blown off. There was a .20 gauge shotgun sticking through the steering wheel with one empty shell in the chamber. A new box of loaded shells was on the seat by his side.

A note addressed to his mother was on the seat, that read: "Dear Mother: Remember I love you I will see you in heaven if you will be good. I have gone crazy over you I love Lillie and I love my baby but I am not fit for them. Don't try to blame me."

There was no evidence of foul play, and it is my opinion that he met death by gunshot wound self-inflicted, and it was the opinion of all witnesses to this effect.—R. S. CRUM, Justice of the Peace.

Skinny Adams Erects New Office Building

A new business building for Robert Lee is being erected by S. E. (Skinny) Adams. It is located just west of the Chevrolet garage building owned by Fern Havins and faces the court house.

The structure will be 25 feet wide and 60 feet long, and is to be built of concrete and Tex-Crete tile. Joe Tharp has the contract and footings were to be poured Thursday.

Mrs. Sam Williams has been very ill this week at Coke County Memorial Hospital with a serious throat infection. She is improving.

Mrs. R. S. Crum was improved enough to return to her home Wednesday after being treated a few days at the local hospital.

Fred Roe Gets Wildcat Test

A new wildcat was started this week on Fred Roe property, seven miles west of Robert Lee. The test is being made by T. W. Murray, prominent independent operator of Texarkana and San Angelo.

T. W. Murray No. 1 Fred Roe will be in the center of H Hartman Survey No. 498. The property is known as the Little Snyder Pasture which Roe purchased a number of years ago from the late John Saul.

It is 1-2 miles north and east of the Edith Tabernacle, and a half mile north of the farm home occupied by Dave King. The location is about a half mile south of the Colorado River.

A block of 2,412 acres was leased by Murray a few weeks ago. It includes 1,961 acres of Fred Roe land, 160 acres owned by Marvin Stewart and 291 acres owned by the Sam King Estate.

Rotary drilling equipment moved in this week and is now rigging up.

Murray has been highly successful in the past year with oil developments in Rannels county. He has completed 20 producers on Condie Wylie in the Ft. Chadbourne field northeast of Bronte.

For the first time since its opening last June, the Coke County Memorial Hospital was filled to capacity last week. There are beds for 12 patients and there was one infant in the nursery. The hospital has been operating at near capacity for two weeks.

Mrs. Bob Patterson, who has been a patient at the local hospital since last Wednesday, is recovering and hopes to be allowed to go home today.

Mrs. Sam Jay is considerably improved from a recent illness. She was in the hospital several days, but returned to her home the middle of the week.

Contracts Wool at \$1.05

W. E. Burns, well known rancher west of Robert Lee, went to Mertzton Tuesday evening where he signed a contract to sell his 1951 wool clip at the record price of \$1.05 per pound.

Home From Laborator

Sgt. L. C. Day arrived Tuesday after a year of duty with the Air Weather Service at Goose Bay, Laborator. He will enjoy a several weeks visit with his mother, Mrs. Hattie Day, and his many home town friends before reporting for further duty at White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. L. C. enlisted in the Air Corps more than two years ago and was stationed in Arizona and Illinois before being sent to Laborator. He says that is a bleak country and he's mighty glad to be back and enjoying the Texas sunshine.

Union Failure On City Property

Union Oil Co. No. 1 City of Robert Lee was plugged and abandoned this week at a total depth of 5,370 feet. The test was made on the town's 240-acre waterworks tract, a mile east of the city limits.

Operators topped the Strawn at 5,338 feet and drilled 32 feet into the formation before making a drillstem test. Recovery was 5,000 feet of salt water in thirty minutes.

Last week a drillstem test in the Palo Pinto at a depth of 5,020-38 feet recovered 250 of salt water.

The failure dashed hopes of Robert Lee citizens who had dreamed of paved streets and no taxes if oil had been found. However, it appears that Union made a thorough exploration, and tested every formation break that appeared. There were no shows anywhere.

Morgan Drilling Co. pushed the contract. All Jennings, in charge, said yesterday the crew will have a vacation until after Christmas. He will visit with his family in Lubbock.

Next week the rig moves to Union Jim McCutchen No. 3. It is to be one location south and one east of Union's No. 1. Jim McCutchen drilled as a failure in 1948. The location is three-quarters of a mile southwest of the recent Daisy McCutchen discovery in Cisco sand.

Jennings said his crew would be back on the job next Tuesday.

Amateurs Perform

The home talent amateur show, sponsored last Thursday night by high school Seniors, was a fine success and a big crowd attended. Twenty numbers appeared on the program, including several from Bronte. First place was awarded the Bronte School Band. A close second was the quartet composed of Calvin Wallace and daughter, Edna Mae, Bill Wallace and Sam Williams. They were dressed as darkies and sang several spirituals. Third place honors went to a high school girls hill-billy trio which included Harriett Porter, Peggy Bilbo and Sylvia Harvey. The seniors realized a net profit of \$75.

New Years Edition

The Observer's annual New Years Edition is scheduled for next week, featuring the numerous improvements which marked a year of great progress for Coke County. It was impossible to contact all prospective advertisers for Christmas week, but they will be given an invitation to take space in the New Years issue.

Sun Finals Two More Oil Wells In Coke County

Sun Oil Company completed two more Coke county producers the past week, one each in the Jameson field near Silver and the Millican field west of Edith.

Sun C. E. Mathers No. 13 southwest of Silver flowed 173 barrels of oil and no water during a test lasting 11-12 hours. Pressure was 800 pounds on tubing and 1,260 pounds casing with a gas-oil ratio of 1,878-1.

No. 13 Mathers topped the reef at 6,215 feet and the well was completed in open hole bottomed at 6,428 feet.

Ray-Harris was the drilling contractor. Its rotary equipment was moved to Sun Allen Jameson No 5 which was drilling in redbeds and shale at 525 feet Thursday morning. Allen Jameson No. 5 is an east offset to his No 1, the discovery producer of Sun's Jameson field at Silver.

Sun J. S. Walker No. 3, southwest of Silver, was drilling at 5,355 feet in shale.

Sun No. 1 Ralph Harris Estate, wildcat between the Jameson and Millican fields, was drilling in sand and shale at 6,485 feet.

In the Millican field west and north of Edith, Sun No. 8 Davidson flowed 264 barrels of oil and no water during its official 24-hour test. Gauge was through one-fourth inch choke. There were 425 pounds pressure on tubing and 1,300 pounds on the casing, with a gas-oil ratio of 1,016-1.

Paul F. Rutledge had the drilling contract and moved one location west of Sun F. S. Price No. 3, in the northeast corner of Section 159. Casing was cemented Wednesday night at a depth of 577 feet.

Sun F. S. Price A-3 was running drillstem test Thursday. It topped the reef at 6,051 feet and was drilled to a depth of 6,072 feet.

Sun No. 1 Eunice Paramore in southwestern Nolan county has been finalized for a daily potential flow of 70 barrels of oil and no water. Gauge was through 13-64ths inch choke. Production is from Caddo lime.

Coke County Hospital News

Dec. 14—Dennis Reed, 15 year old son of Mrs. Carl Reed, admitted.

Dec. 15—Garland West, Jr., 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland West of Robert Lee, admitted. Later removed to Shannon hospital. Mrs. Sam Williams admitted.

Dec. 16—Douglas Martin, son of L. B. Martin, Bruce Clift and Mrs. R. S. Crum, admitted. L. B. Martin, Jr., Dennis Reed and Mrs. H. L. Manley and infant son dismissed.

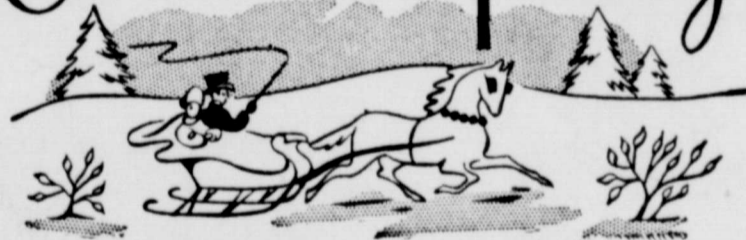
Dec. 18—Bobbie Hatley admitted. Douglas Martin, Mrs. E. B. Clark and Mrs. Charles Arnold dismissed.

Dec. 19—Jimmy Varnadore, son of Howard Varnadore, admitted.

Dec. 20—Mrs. Sam Jay and Mrs. R. S. Crum dismissed. Bobby, 9 year old son of Jack Cowley, admitted.

Dec. 21—Jerry D. Littlefield, 2 year old son of Jarvis Littlefield, and Mrs. Otis Rabb, admitted. Jimmy Varnadore dismissed.

Christmas Greetings



We want to say, with deepest sincerity, a very happy holiday to you.



1950

THE OBSERVER STAFF

Bertie Mae Gaines Tommy Kirkpatrick
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick

SANCO NEWS

(By Mrs. Sam Fowler)

Mrs. L. W. Jackson was recently honored with a pink and blue shower in the Sam Fowler home. Fourteen ladies were present and cake and punch were served. Many nice gifts were received by the honoree.

Mrs. Horton Devoll returned home the first of last week from the hospital in Robert Lee and her friends will be glad to know that she is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen recently enjoyed a visit from their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDonald, and Johnnie Ray.

Mrs. Julia Bird and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kiliam and children attended church Sunday a week ago in San Angelo and heard an interesting message from a former soldier who had been captured and tortured during the war in Korea.

J. M. Gartman was taken to the hospital Sunday for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cole of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Lela Robertson of Abilene visited with the J. L. Carwiles last weekend.

Louie Gartman was here visiting last week.

Sunshine 4-H Club

The Sunshine 4-H club girls met Wednesday, Dec. 13. In the absence of our leader, Zona Mae King, her sister Joyce sponsored the meeting. Following the lesson gifts were exchanged at a Christmas Party and songs and games were enjoyed. There were 39 members present and two visitors, Olene Millican and Annie Lou Boone — Joy Adkins, Reporter.

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AT HOME in Robert Lee are Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCabe, Jr., who were married Nov. 30 in Carlsbad. Mrs. McCabe is the former Miss Dolores Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Alexander of Carlsbad. Mr. McCabe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCabe, Sr., of Robert Lee. (Scherz Photos.)

SEASON'S
Merry Christmas 1950
GREETINGS



We're deeply grateful for the gift of your friendship.

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Roy P. Ross

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Tea For Bride-Elect

Miss Joyce Littlefield was honored with a Gift Tea Tuesday afternoon in the Baptist parsonage. Hostesses were Mmes. A. J. Bilbo, J. C. Harwell, Frank Percifull, Melvin Childress and Leslie Copeland. The honored guest received

many lovely gifts. Her marriage to Richard Smith will take place Dec. 21 at 7 p. m. in the Baptist church.

Frank Dickey, Jr., law student at Baylor University in Waco, arrived Saturday for a two weeks holiday vacation.

Attention Farmers!

You can get your tax-exempt gasoline at our station at usual wholesale prices.

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P.T.A. Notes

Elementary grades gave a program of Christmas carols at the regular Robert Lee Parents Teachers Association meeting on Dec. 14. Mrs. J. D. McDaniel gave an interesting talk on "Does Religion Make a Difference?" before a large group of PTA members and school patrons.

The Fourth Grade won first prize in the room count and the Fifth Grade was second.

Bronte Wins Tourney

The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Robert Lee Steers, 48 to 31, for the boys championship of the Miles invitation basketball tournament last Saturday night.

The Bronte girls team topped the Robert Lee girls, 27 to 16, for the championship of their division.

Sandusky led the Bronte boys with 21 points. Allen Sparks led Robert Lee with 17.

Snead was high scorer for the Bronte girls with 18. Hester was tops for Robert Lee with seven.

Both Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw have been down with the flu the past two weeks, but are now improved.

Only 2 More Days to do your Christmas shopping at Roach's.

Want Ads

Your radio is your only Free Entertainment Have it repaired today. Leave it at Farris Drug Store. Ira M. Bird.

For Sale or Lease—Cafe building and station, garage and two apartment barracks buildings on Highway Y near Silver. I am unable to look after these properties because of ill health. Four acres of land is included. Inquire of the owner, H. J. Gartman, Sanco 21

For Sale—Good kerosene heating stove. C W Bessent. 24tfc

Wanted—One to two section ranch improved. Give location, full description, total price, all particulars including oil rights and possession. Fred Spikes, 1614 Broadway, Lubbock, Tex. 28w3p

For Rent—Modern apartment. Mrs. H. L. Scott.

For Sale—New 3-room modern house with bath, furnished or unfurnished, half block east of Robert Lee Gin. Inquire of Kermit Hardcastle. 23tfc

For Sale — 1937 Chevrolet in good running order. See Tommy Kirkpatrick at Observer office

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One W-C Allis-Chalmers tractor with equipment
One 8-disc Oliver one-way
One side rake
One 16 ft. 10 inch John Deere drill
One double disc pulverizer
One 4 section harrow
One 6-ft. A Case combine with motor
One John Deere horse drawn mower
One John Deere row binder, practically new
One John Deere scraper
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Molded Cranberry Salad

2 cups sugar
1 cup water
2 1-2 tablespoons g latin soaked in
1-2 cup cold water
4 cups raw cranberries, ground
1 medium sized orange with rind, ground
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped nuts

Cook sugar and water to make thin syrup. Add soaked gelatin. Stir until dissolved. Cool. Add remaining ingredients. Pour into mold. Chill. 16 servings.

COMPLETE MENU

Creamed Turkey with Roasted Almonds on Toast
Buttered Peas Broiled Tomatoes
Molded Cranberry Salad
Apple Pie
Coffee

Fred Spikes, well known Lubbock real estate man, was a visitor in Robert Lee the last of the week. He was much impressed with the Coke county oil development and the fine improvements which have been made recently in this locality. While in Robert Lee Mr. Spikes ordered a year's subscription to The Observer.

Joyce McCutchen arrived last week from Ft. Worth for a holiday visit with home folks. She has completed six months of a junior secretarial course.

ADVERTISEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

WE, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeable to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Texas relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:

1. The name or firm under which this partnership is to be conducted is STEKOLL-COKE OIL COMPANY LTD.

2. The general nature of the business to be transacted is the acquiring, developing, holding, disposing of, working on, either alone or in association with others, of oil and gas leases and of oil or gas royalties and the production and marketing of oil and gas to be realized therefrom, and the acquisition, holding, use or sale of real property as may be necessary or incidental to the main business of the partnership.

3. The names of the General Partners interested therein, and their respective places of residence are as follows:

MARION H. STEKOLL, 1700 M & W Tower Building, Dallas, Texas, with a mailing address of P. O. Box 956, Dallas, Texas; and

JOHN B. BONDS, 1700 M & W Tower Building, Dallas, Texas, with a mailing address of P. O. Box 956, Dallas, Texas.

4. The names of the Special Partners interested therein, their respective places of residence, and the amount of capital which each said Special Partner has contributed in cash to the common stock are as follows:

Name	Residence	Contribution
Louis Halper, 631 N. Alta Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		\$10,200.00
Groucho Marx, 806 N. Foothill Road Beverly Hills, Calif.		10,200.00
Gummo Marx, 601 N. Beverly Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		5,100.00
Harpo Marx, 701 N. Cannon Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		5,100.00
Chico Marx, 407 1-2 S. Spaulding Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		2,550.00
Louis Shelley, 9239 Doheny Road Los Angeles 46, Calif.		2,550.00
Arthur Freeman, 4555 Arcola Avenue North Hollywood, Calif.		2,550.00
Victor Saville, 807 N. Roxbury Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		2,550.00
Laurence W. Beilenson, 1946 Gramercy Place Los Angeles, Calif.		2,550.00
George Burns, 720 N. Maple Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		2,550.00
Fred Kohlmar, 716 N. Camden Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		2,550.00
Zeppo Marx, 1001 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		2,550.00
Norman Krasna, 144 Monovale Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.		2,550.00

5. The period at which the partnership is to commence and the period at which it is to terminate is five (5) years from September 29, 1950, or until such earlier time as (a) either of the General Partners or three of the Limited Partners shall die or become insane or (b) changes in the ownership of the participating interest of the General Partners shall occur, or (c) six months after written notice by two living Limited Partners given within 15 days following the death of the second Limited Partner to die, or of any subsequently dying partner.

This day of October, 1950.

Marion H. Stekoll
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Special Partners

Retires From Ranch

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker have retired from their ranch southwest of Silver and moved last week to San Angelo where they purchased a new modern home at 521 Angelo Blvd. Their son, J. B. Jr., will carry on the livestock and farm operations on a partnership basis. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Walker are happy to know they haven't moved too far away and that they will be back in Coke county often. Some of John's close friends have advised against getting too chummy with Russ Mathers down there in the city.

Bruce Clift, well known Robert Lee business man, underwent an appendectomy last Saturday at Coke County Memorial Hospital. His condition is very satisfactory, but Bruce regrets being bedfast at the holiday season.

Dr. O. H. Majors Dr. M. L. Majors

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OPTOMETRISTS

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Buys Stayton House

Earl H. Ivey recently bought the Clyde Stayton residence, a block east of the Robert Lee schools, and he and his wife are now occupying the property. Earl is an employee of the Ivey Motor Co.

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Diamond Golden Gream Corn, No. 300, 2 cans 27c

Valley Rose Sliced Pineapple, No. 2 can 33c

B - E TEA with glass 1/4 lb 29c

Armour Star Bacon lb 53c

Hormel Country Style Bacon lb 59c

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Soil Conservation District News

Four land owners became district cooperators with the Coke County Soil Conservation District when the Board of Supervisors approved their plans at their regular monthly meeting last Thursday, W. C. Shamblin, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors, has announced. The plans of H. G. Wendland, Mrs. Helen Harris Weaver, B. St. George Tucker, and N. J. Taylor were approved for assistance in applying the planned treatment. The four plans were developed by the land owners with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service personnel assisting the Coke County Soil Conservation District, Shamblin explained. The plans were developed to treat each acre according to its needs to keep it permanently productive, Shamblin went on.

The Board of Supervisors purchased 500 pounds of good King Ranch Bluestem last week, C. N. Webb, chairman of Board of Supervisors, has announced. The seed tested 56.9 per cent purity and 63.1 per cent germination with no Johnson Grass or obnoxious weed seed. This is the best purity and germination test that I have ever heard of, Webb explained. The seed were secured to provide a seed source for land owners planning to seed grass next spring or fall, Webb went on. The seed will be located at some central point and sold to land owners with little or no additional cost to land owners. The seed cost \$2.50 per pound.

Twelve Coke County land owners visited the Sonora Experiment Station last Tuesday. They observed a range experiment that has been running two growing seasons. The experiment was set up to find out the best stocking rate on year long grazing. To show the advantages or disadvantages of a given rotation deferred grazing plan. The best combination of livestock to carry on the range to best utilize the livestock feed on the range.

The group observed pastures grazed year long grazed with light, moderate, and heavy rate of stocking. The pastures are stocked with

different combinations of cattle, sheep and goats. They also observed a four pasture, four month rotation deferred grazing system. The rotation deferred grazing pastures were moderately stocked. These pastures have made as much improvement moderately stocked as the light stocked pastures grazed year long.

A Fine Thought

Dear Editor:
I know that everyone does not have a little boy or a dog. But I hope they don't put out poison this year and kill all the dogs. Today these boys are small and think a great deal of their pets, but tomorrow they will be soldiers.
—Hattie Day.

Personals

(Intended for last week)

Mrs. Ben Tubb returned to her home Wednesday after a few days treatment at Coke County Memorial Hospital for asthma and pneumonia.

Ivan and James Puett visited among old friends here Tuesday following burial services for their mother, Mrs. T. E. Puett. They reported that Chester, a son of the late A. W. Puett, is in Anchorage, Alaska, where he operates a watch repair shop at the army base.

Carroll Field writes from Wichita Falls: "Find enclosed \$2 for renewal of The Observer. We would hate to miss a copy."

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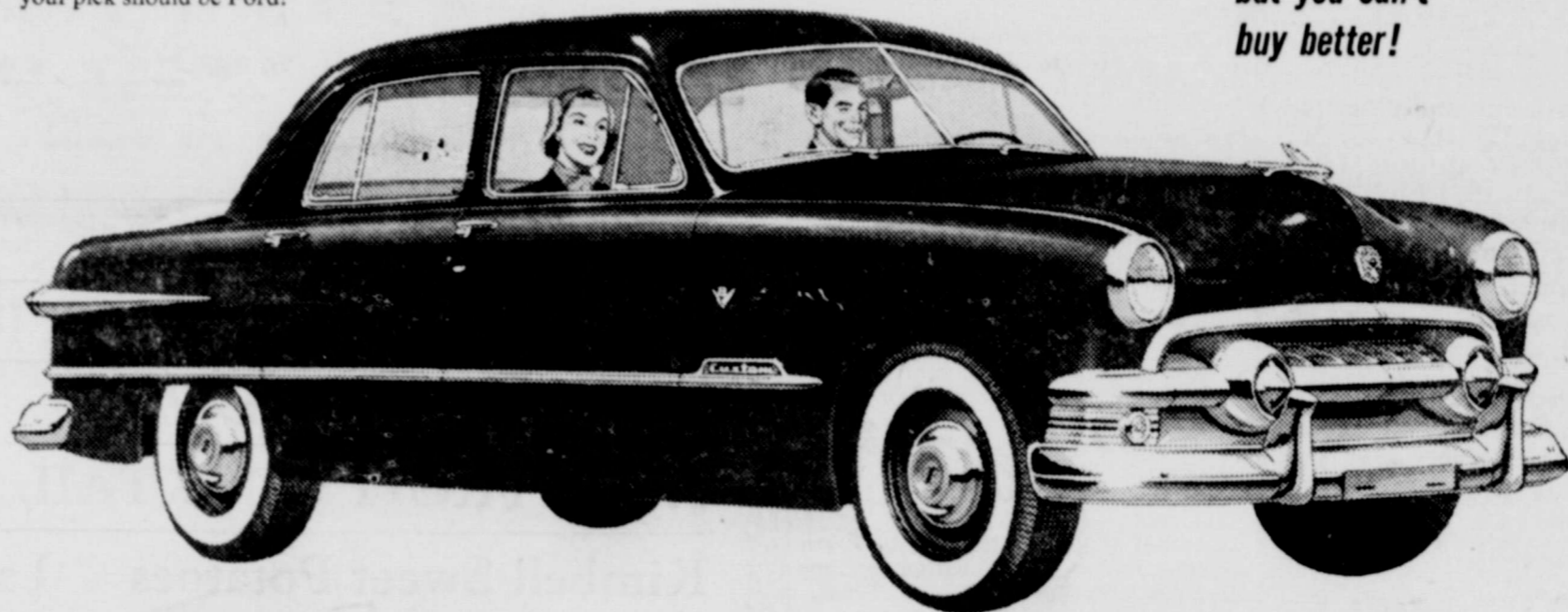
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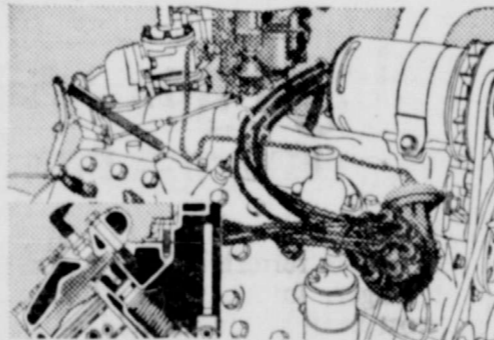
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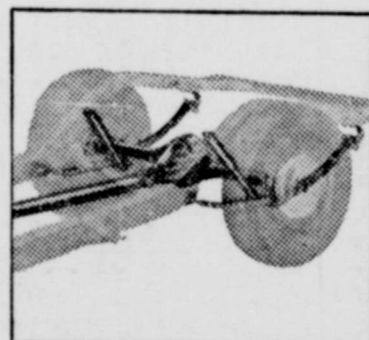
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Texas Polio Toll Reaches New High

AUSTIN, Dec. 20—A 20 per cent increase over the record 1949 total of polio cases is indicated for Texas this year on the basis of official figures.

According to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Texas will have over 2,800 new cases of polio in 1950.

Texas reported 2,684 cases up to November 18. During November and December in 1949, the state had 217 new cases. The Foundation, using this as a basis of what to expect this year, says Texas will have more than 2,800 cases. The 1949 total was 2,355.

Meanwhile, Texas has received from the NFIP for patient care slightly more than \$322,708 more than the state sent in to the national headquarters during the last three years.

The state thus has had to depend on other states to handle the complete research financing burden and to even aid with care of Texas patients.

Texas, which has been among the hardest hit of the states, has received almost one tenth of the cash advances made from the National Foundation.

The state is counted on to make up the deficit when the only financing campaign for polio care and research is conducted—the 1951 March of Dimes, January 15-31.

OES Deputy Matron Honored At Dinner

Mrs. Thelma Bennett of San Angelo, deputy grand matron, was honor guest at the dinner held by Robert Lee OES Chapter Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell.


Following the dinner, a chapter meeting was held. Mrs. Bennett made her official inspection. Mrs. Naomi Lee Powell presented a gift to her from the chapter. Mrs. Ruth Garvin, worthy matron, and R. L. Read, worthy patron, presided.

In charge of arrangements were Mmes. Gerald Allen, Paul Isbell, and Mattie Bell Campbell. The Christmas motif was carried out in decorations.

Guests from San Angelo were Miss Eunice Grayson, Mrs. Amanda Runyon, Mrs. Bill Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hudgens, Miss Maud Shaw, and Mrs. Thelma Reed and Mrs. Hall of Edith.

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DECEMBER

23—Pope names four Cardinals in U.S., 1945.

24—Kit Carson born, 1809.

25—Christmas day.

26—Battle of Trenton, 1776.

27—Japs bomb Manila, 1941.

28—Woodrow Wilson born, 1856.

29—Texas admitted to Union, 1845.

30—Sun-Yat-Sen elected president of China, 1911.

31—Gen. George C. Marshall born, 1880.

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Adults Are Health Problem; Not Children

AUSTIN, Dec. 20—"Health examinations won't prevent old age, but many tens of thousands of persons, whose records of these examinations have been studied, have not only been helped to live longer, but also be sturdier and healthier, and enjoy more comfort and happiness by following the advice of the physicians who have made such examinations" declared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Once the individual leaves school, he assumes the responsibility not only for his choice of work and method of living, but also for his continued good health. But he often fails to apply the numerous available methods of preventing disease and prolonging life.

Hardly a day passes in which our attention is not called to the untimely death of some prominent person or acquaintance, which may be attributed to a preventable disease. So something should be done in the way of educating the adult group of the population, so they will voluntarily carry out those measures which prolong life and maintain good health.

It is our firm belief that if the

diseases of the gastro-intestinal tract, which includes the lips, tongue, teeth, mouth, stomach and bowels, are recognized in their early stage, their progress may be curtailed, adequate treatment advised, and many deaths might be prevented.

Today the medical profession realizes that many childhood diseases are now under control and that our present problem must center about the adult, encouraging periodic check-ups. Is semi-annual consultation with your physician too great a premium to pay for many years of additional life, freedom from suffering and consequently short periods of hospitalization?

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LEARNING THE HARD WAY—John B. Cole, 63-year-old Coke County stock farmer who took up painting three years ago, explains that he had to work out the technique by himself. "Too late now for lessons," he says.

Coke County Rancher Gets Fun from Painting

(Editor's Note: The following news story and the photo recently appeared in the Abilene News-Reporter. Mr. Cole resides between Robert Lee and Bronte and is well known over the county. Several of Mr. Cole's paintings are now on display at the Bilbo Drug Store in Robert Lee and they have attracted much favorable comment.)

Painting pictures is a current fad among old-timers. They're having fun, passing their idle time, and some are even making money.

One of these is 63-year-old John B. Cole, a stock farmer who lives down in Coke County between Robert Lee and Bronte. At least, he is one that is having fun passing the time with his brushes, oils, and the piece of plexiglass he uses as a palette. He hasn't made any money—but he has hopes.

Back in the winter of 1947 Cole had some time to kill while feeding a few lambs at his place. His son suggested taking up painting and a few days later came home with brushes and a few tubes of oils, and rancher Cole gave it a

try.

Of his first attempts, Cole says: "I just stood back and laughed. They were ridiculous."

Now, three years later, Cole has entered two of his pictures in the All-West Texas Annual Art Exhibit to be held here Dec. 4-17, and sponsored by the Abilene Museum of Fine Arts and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

It will be the first time Cole has entered an art competition.

The old rancher, with a little pride, points out that he had never had an art lesson "and it's too late in life" to start now.

"It's just a matter of lights and shadows, and a stroke of the brush. I had to work it out myself and found out the hard way," Cole explains.

In painting you have to step back to look at the picture, he

says, "and if it's not what you want, try again." His first attempt was a picture of a ranch road, but "the road looked like a river—and it went straight up."

Cole prefers to work from photographs or sketches rather than paint from real life; in the comfort of his own home he doesn't have to worry about the hot sun or the cold weather. And so far most of his paintings have been copies of scenes from calendars, snapshots, or Christmas cards.

Cole was reared on a ranch in northwest Coke County near Panther Gap. He's been a farmer and rancher all his life and can't remember any other artists in the family.

One authority who saw his work said: "He has possibilities if he sticks with it."

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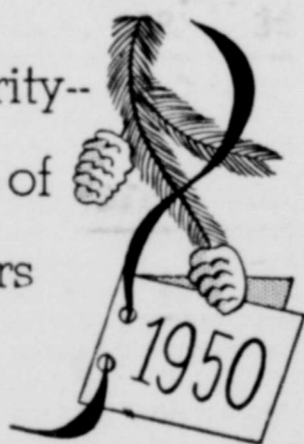


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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan visited recently at San Antonio in the home of their son, Lt. Frank D. Bryan. They were accompanied by Frank's wife and little son, Pat, who spent the previous week with Robert Lee relatives.

D. O. King and V. V. Wojtek and their wives attended sessions of the national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Dallas last week.

Building New Home

Alton Roberts has a new dwelling house under construction at his farm, six miles south of Robert Lee. The modern structure will have Tex-Crete veneer walls.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon, in company with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Epperson, were over from Coleman Sunday afternoon and enjoyed a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Millican. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harmon, who are now making their home in Coleman, seem to be improved in health.

Thrown By Horse

Millard Meek received a dislocated right shoulder when he was thrown from a horse at his home last Thursday about 5 p. m. The mishap occurred when a dog ran out of the weeds and frightened the horse. Mr. Meek was taken to the Coke County Memorial Hospital where examination revealed that no bones were broken.

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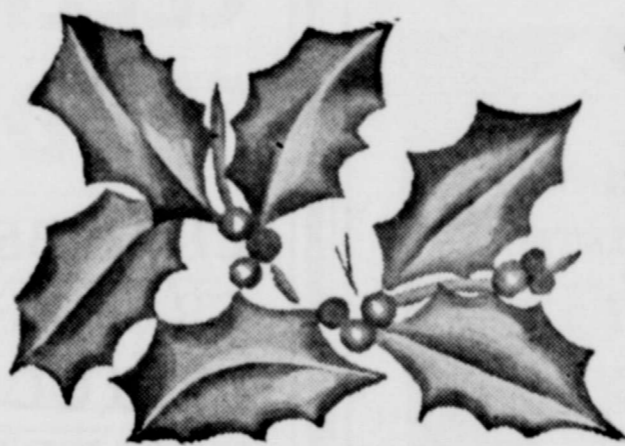
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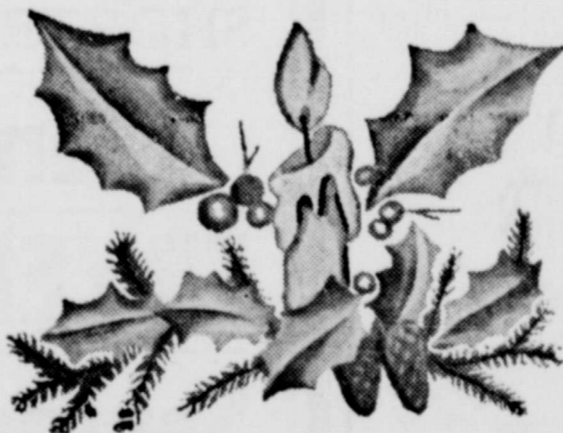
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Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. Paul Isbell was hostess to members of her Friday Bridge Club at a covered dish luncheon and bridge party Tuesday. Barbecued turkey was featured on the menu. Seventeen ladies were present including two out of town guests, Mrs. W. F. Tucker and Mrs. J. T. Valois of San Angelo. Mrs. John Harvey made high score for club members, and Mrs. Marvin Simpson was high among the guests. Following the bridge games there was a gift exchange.

The County 4-H Committee met here Dec. 16 and held their annual Christmas Party. Gifts were exchanged by the six members present. The group discussed buying leather tools for use in their projects the coming year. The next meeting will be held in February.

Marine Corps Enlistments

Marine Corps recruiters from the San Angelo office announced Wednesday that quite a few men from this vicinity are enlisting Dec. 26 in the Holiday Squad now being formed.

Eligible young men, who desire to enlist in the U. S. Marine Corps Holiday Squad, may get further information by writing to the Recruiting Office, Room 201, Post Office Building, San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress and daughters, Juanice and Carolyn, left Wednesday by auto for a holiday vacation at Mesa, Ariz. They will visit the former's father, Dean Childress, and other relatives in that vicinity. On their return home they plan to visit the Russ Lords at Eunice, New Mex. Mrs. Childress and Mrs. Lord are sisters.

CARD OF THANKS

The God who knows best has seen fit to take our mother home with Him to live spiritually in peace forever more. The memory of every expression of sympathy extended by mother's friends, the friends of our father and the family, shall forever be a beautiful and deeply cherished remembrance.

Mother loved you folks out there and often reminisced about all of you, and often wished she might visit among you again and commune with you in the quaint little Church of Christ she loved, where we bade her body good bye, but not her spirit.

As we shook the friendly hands of those dear in recollection, our memories raced back across a span of many years of peaceful childhood days spent there with you folks when we were blessed with having our father and mother both with us. No mere words could possibly convey to each one of you our deep appreciation for your generous kindnesses, so we leave the blessings in God's hands, and we know they will be the richest on earth for all of you forever.

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