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Notes From The Oil Field

Miami 1-A Pat Havins, wildcat five miles south of Robert Lee, drilling ahead Wednesday below 5,200 feet. On a one-hour drillstem test in lime possibly the Palo Pinto, beween 5,002-21 feet, recovery was 30 feet of oily water 400 feet of oil and gas-cut salt water and 1,900 feet of salt water. Flowing pressure was 1,200 pounds.

Highland 1 Mendenhall, in the west end of Coke County, driling at 6,854 feet in shale and sand. The project is slated for 8,500

Norsworthy 1 Smith, west of Edith, spudded Dec. 18.

Henson No. 1 Burt Smalley, wildcat 4 miles northeast of Robert Lee, plugged Wednesday at a depth of 4,700 feet. No shows reported. Henson had the project on a farmout from Union.

Union 2-1 Jim McCutchen, two miles east of Robert Lee, drilling Thursday morning at 2,540 feet.

COSGROVE WILL PREACH

Owen Cosgrove will conduct services Sunday, Dec. 25, at the Robert Lee Church of Christ instead of the regular preacher, Al Payne. A former preacher here, Mr. Cosgrove and his wife are in Robert Lee this week for a holiday visit.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank D. Bryan and son, Pat, arrived the first of the week for a holiday visit with relatives and friends. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan, Eligible For Sr., and his wife is the daughter of Mrs. V. H. Simpson. Capt. Bryan is transportation officer at an army hospital near Philadelphia. He received the assignment last year after returning from duty in Korea and Japan.

Mrs. E. A. Burgess was transferred Saturday to Coke County Memorial Hospital here from Shannon hospital in San Angelo where she underwent major surgery recently. She has been improving but her condition remains serious.

Artell Roberts has been getting around lately with his left arm in a cast. He fractured the arm when he was thrown from a horse a few weeks go.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman and children will arrive Thursday from Dallas for a Christmas visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Dec. 14 — Mrs. Theo Menucci, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Morgan Russel admitted.

Dec. 15 - Mrs. A. Z. Sturgess, Mrs. Carl Brock dismissed.

Dec. 16 - Mrs. C. A. Dukes admitted. S. B. Plumlee, Morgan Russell dismissed.

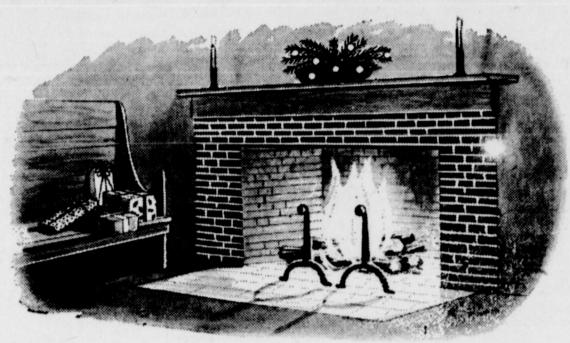
Dec. 17 - Cleve Casey, J. E. Self, Mrs. B. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. J. Mashburn, Mrs. E. A. Burgess admitted. Mrs. Theo Menucci, Mrs. Roy Taylor dismissed.

Dec. 18 - Mrs. B. B. Duncan, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Mrs. W. J. Mashburn dismissed.

Dec. 20 - Mrs. Richard Day Freddie McDonald, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Mrs. R. C. Sawyer, Mrs. W. D. McAdams admitted. Mrs. C. E. Bell, Mrs. Richard Day dismissed.

Dec. 21 - Virgil Streng admitted.

GREETINGS



As we think of all the good things that we could wish our subscribers and advertisers this Christmas, we cannot help but feel this sentiment is inspired by your good will and friendship maintained through the years.

The Observer Family

Coke Farmers Cheaper Feed

Coke County has been reinstated as a drouth disaster area where eligible farmers and stockmen may again participate in an emer gency feed grain progrm.

The program will operate about the same as it did last year in which feed grains may be purchased a price reduction of \$1.00 per hundred pounds.

Applications are now being ac cepted at the ASC office in Robert Lee and will continue until Jan 13 for a supply of feed grain sufficient to carry eligible live stock until Feb. 15, 1956.

In addition to grain, 60 or 75 per cent grain cubes may be purchased at the reduced price. Hay is not included in the program.

J. E. Quisenberry, ASC office manager, says many applications have already been filled. Key Feed Store of Robert Lee expects to handle a variety of grai nto fill orders in this locality.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

A long Christmas holiday period is coming up this weekend. Since Christmas falls on Sunday, a legal holiday will be observed on Monday, Dec. 26. All Robert Lee stores and offices will be closed from Saturday evening until Tuesday morning. County offices and the City Hall will also be closed Saturday, Dec. 24. Mrs. Jack Trimble states her laundry will not be open Friday of this week.

Tom Wiginton suffered a fainting spell Wednesday night in front of the Alamo Theatre and fell on the sidewalk. He recovered in a short time but was admitted to

NEW NIGHTWATCH

Ollie Roe is Robert Lee's new nightwatch. He was sworn in this week to succeed George Ray, who resigned. Salary of the nightwatch is paid jointly from city funds and by business firms. Ollie was an applicant for appointment as constable last year, but was declared ineligible because he had not paid his poll tax. The job went to Bruce Allen, who later gave up the work as nightwatch.

DOG BITES CHILD

Little Doyle McCabe, son of the Fred McCabes, is recovering nicely from a dog bite that laid open his face that seemed terrible at first. The little boy, about two years old, was chewing gum, said his mother, and maybe the dog was after his gum. Anyway the dog attacked Doyle and bunged him up considerable about the face.

The dog, a cocker spaniel, had been in the family about eight years, said Mrs. McCabe and had never been mean or vicious before.

Papa McCabe works at the R. T. Caperton Chevrolet Company. Sterling City News Record.

Helen Johnson is back in Robert Lee to spend the holidays with kinfolks and friends. She has been a patient in Veterans Hospital at Mc-

WHEELER - Mr. and Mrs. Ar-4216 South Gables St., Amarillo, are parents of their first child, a daughter born Dec. 15 at 7:30 a. m. She weighed 7 pounds, 51/2 ounces and has been named Gayla Maxine. The father is a Civil Service employee at the Amarillo Air | area. Base. Grandparents are Mr. and the hospital for overnight obser- Mrs. E. V. Lowrance of Robert



MRS. GERTRUDE GRAY

MRS. GRAY TO HEAD POLIO CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Gertrude Gray, Coke County Treasurer, has been named local chairman of the March of Dimes campaign.

The annual drive opens Jan. 3 and continues through January

"Polio Isn't Licked Yet" is the theme of the 1956 March of Dimes. With 68,000 polio patients still in need of assistance for survival or further recovery, the public should recognize that the fight against polio isn't over.

Salk vaccine is a powerful weapon, but to stop now would be chie Wheeler (Lura Lowrance) of like pulling the electric plug from an iron lung.

Mrs. Gray plans to secure the aid of a large group of volunteer workers and be ready to launch the campaign early in January. Joe Rose is chairman for the Bronte this week, Dec. 23. A big program

president to wear a beard.

CONTRACT LET FOR NEW ROAD **IN PRECINCT 3**

Contract for construction of 31/2 miles of new paving in Precinct 3 has been awarded to F. A. Seidel & Sons of Ballinger on a low bid of \$50,347.75.

Five bids were opened at a special meeting of the Commissioners Court Monday afternoon. Only \$400 higher was the proposal submitted by C & C Asphalt Paving Co. of Colorado City.

Other bids were Centex Paving Co. of San Antonio, \$51,160.25; D. H. Buchanan Construction Co. of Temple, \$53,467.92; and Wes-Tex Construction Co. of Borger, \$59 .-

In a conference with county officials Mr. Seidel said he was prepared to start work immediately after the first of the year. Bridge work will be handled for Seidel by West-Tex Construction Co. who reported they had the necessary steel on hand. Wes-Tex is at present engaged in a quarter of a million dollar state project on Highway 208 in Coke County.

A \$62,000 bond issue for the project was approved recently by Precinct 3 voters. It involves a new highway which leads 2 miles north from Pecan Church, west of Edith. The route then cuts through a section of ranch land owned by Mrs. J. J. S. Smith and continues to Shaggy Peak corner where it connects with new paving constructed by Precinct 1.

When completed there will be a new paved entrance to the big oil field across the river southwest of Silver. The new road will be built to the south end of the new Colorado River Bridge, five miles southwest of Silver. The bridge is not too far from Perkins-Prothro camp and is only 41/2 miles from the new Texas Natural Gas Plant.

Ed Hickman, commissioner in Precinct 3, announces that he has made arrangements for right of way and fencing. He was in hopes the contract would have gone cheaper, but thinks he can squeeze through and stay within the \$62,000 bond issue. Added expense includes right of way, fencing and engineering fees.

W. W. Greif, consulting engineer in charge of the project, said bids on the concrete items had gone up. He told county commissioners that contractors had filed real competitive bids and he recommended acceptance of Mr. Seidel's offer.

Included in the plans is a new bridge over Pecan Creek. It is to be 121 feet long and have a 26foot wide roadway, and its cost will be \$18,283 of the contract price. A cattle pass on Mrs. Smith is to cost \$2,500. No other concrete and steel structures will be required, but there will be some steel pipe used in drainage.

As was the case in Percinct 1 road building projects, the new highway in Precinct 3 will be constructed on State Highway Dept. specifications. Paving will be 20 feet wide, with 5-foot shoulders on each side.

GREEN MT. MUSICAL

Regular monthly music festival at Green Mountain community center is scheduled for Friday night of of entertainment is in store and everyone is invited to be present Abraham Lincoln was the first and take part in the holiday festi-

The True Value Of Christmas

BY ALICE ROSS

December 25, 1955. What does this mean to you? To me it means

born. He was born in a manger, and there was no blankets to wrap they should vote until they are 21. Him in. Swaddling clothes were nificance.

Who was this baby and why was the Saviour of the world. His life on world matters as a twenty-one was short, lasting a little over 30 year old. years. He gave His life on the eross to save the world.

brate it. Some people believe it is the most dreadful thing a person the form of government they want. can be taught to believe. The the younger generation. They their life and future in fighting should teach their children the true | for their country they should have meaning of Christmas. Let's have a little say so about who runs a quiet, peaceful, observant town their country. during Christmas of this year.

STUDENT QUIZ BY JO ALICE McDONALD

This week's question is "Should eighteen year olds be permitted to vote?" This has been a controversial question for many years. Here are some answers from the students of Robert Lee High.

Robbie Godwin. . . . It is hard to decide. Some people know enough about the government that they One thousand nine hundred and could vote intelligently, but there fifty-five years ago, in a small are so many that would just foltown called Behlehem, a baby was low the crowd and that could be influenced easily. No, I don't think

Carolyn Simpson. . . . I think 18 the best He had. People came year olds should not be allowed to from near and far to see this tiny vote because too many of them infant. Even the cattle in the man- don't know what they should vote ger seemed to understand His sig- for and their votes are too easily

Voleta Harwell. . . , Yes, I think His coming so important? The ba- they should because an eighteenby was Jesus Christ and He was year-old is just as well informed

Rose Marie Sawyer. . . . I think that 18 year olds should be allow-Like the people of that day, let ed to vote because I feel if they us observe Christmas and not cele- are old enough and mature enough to fight in wars for the country is a time for parties and fun. That they should be allowed to choose

Butch Davis. . . Yes, I think that adults should set an example for if they are old enough to risk

What do you think?

Sophomore News

The Sophomore Class members all shared in the fun of decorating their homeroom for Christmas. Mrs. Goodwin supervised the project. The class climaxed their Christmas planning with a class party Tuesday afternoon. The

The second year class in FHA have been studying pies. Monday the class invited the FFA boys over for pie and chocolate milk. The boys enjoyed it very much.

ful by baking cookies for the Freshman class party Tuesday.

The third year class has been studying "homes in Robert Lee." The FHA girls wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New

Band News BY ANNICE GARTMAN

Some two hundred persons enjoyed the band's annual banquet. Mr. Raymond Schooler, president of the Band Parents Club, presided as master of ceremonies. The Robert Lee Swingsters furnished some very entertaining muscial selections.

The band members have been selling a lot of good candy, and they still have some to sell.

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Grade School News Joe!

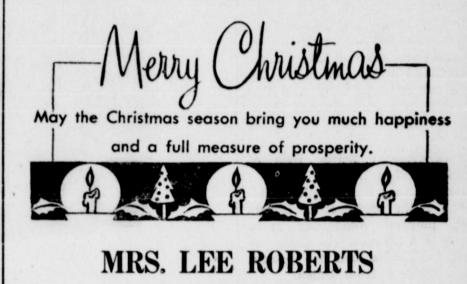
By Voleta Harwell

The first six grades are very exmembers of the class exchanged Each class has their own Christ- will give "Christmas Bells"; Wil-

The first year girls were help-bucking bronco. Happy birthday, treats for the party.

The second grade presented a program at their Christmas party Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. Robert cited about the Christmas holidays Wink is the program chairman. and the Christmas parties to be The ones taking part in the progiven on Tuesday, December 20. gram are: Doyle Robertson, who mas tree and will exchange gifts. liam Ray Hood, James Bird and Joe Milam, a member of the Robert Wink, who will give "Jest second grade, will be eight years Before Christmas"; Henry Davis, old December 20. He was honored giving "The Night Before Christwith a birthday party in the second mas"; Janice Stevens, giving "The grade room on Friday, December Birthday of Baby Jesus"; and four 16, from 2:30 until 3:45. The high- teen others who will present "The light of the party was a beautiful Meaning of Merry Christmas." The chocolate cake, centered with a room mothers will furnish the

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Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio



HICKMAN

Commissioner Precinct 3 And Mrs. Hickman



Straight from our house to you comes this message with hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

If we had the magic power of good old St. Nick to be everywhere at the same time, we could say it in person. But our thoughts at least can come to you with all the good things that go toward making each Holiday Season one of happy memories.

... To your house

S. E. (Skinny) Adams AND FAMILY

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Members of the Baptist W. M .S. met Dec. 19 with 12 present. The opened with prayer led by Mrs. S. prayer.

R. Young. After a short business | session Mrs. B .A. Austin taught a very interesting Bible lesson on president, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, was the Twenty-third Psalm. Mrs. Benin charge of the program. Meeting nie Smith directed the closing



WALKER'S HARDWARE

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker and Family

FOREMOST DAIRIES

Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman and Brenda Sue

Danger of Fire In Holiday **Decorations**

AUSTIN, Dec. 22 - Want to make the staff of the State Department of Health happy, and do yourself a good turn at the same time?

All you have to do is follow the Department's six suggestions on using fire-proof holiday decorations "so Christmas will be the festive time it is supposed to be."

- 1. Use only flameproof crepe paper for streamers. If the package doesn't say "flameproof," don't buy it.
- 2. Never use cotton bunting or any other decoration unless it has been flameproofed by the manufacturer, or unless you yourself have treated it with a non-flamable solution before using it. The local fire department will be happy to advise you on this point.
- 3. If you think Christmas simply will not be complete without the glow of candles, use them with extreme care. Never use them on Christmas trees. Take special pains to keep them away from curtains, and put them in sturdy flatbottomed holders to insure against their tipping over.
- 4. Make certain you use only decorative lighting which carries Underwriters Laboratory approval. These fixtures can be identifed on store counters by the UL label they are stamped with. Even after buying only UL products, pull the power cord from the wall outlet when lights are turned off. This is important because insulation failures and overheated circuits could develop while you are absent from home.
- 5. Saw your Christmas tree off at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in a pan of water throughout the holiday period. The tree will thus absorb a great deal of water, especially during the first few days and thereby be less valuable to fire. Be sure to add water to the pan from time to time so the entire angle cut on the stem will always be submerged.
- 6. As an added precaution, take down the Christmas tree and the decorations as soon as practical after the holidays. If you have a real tree, dispose of it as prescribed by the fire department.

"Please," the Department urges, "keep these few simple rules in mind this year as you make your Christmas preparations. Try hard to comply with them.

"Christmas is supposed to be a happy time."

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Xmas Party For HD COUNCIL

The Womans Home Demonstration Council met in its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Fay Roe, home demonstration agent at 2 p. m. on Dec. 13. Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr, Council chairman, welcomed every one. Mrs. Margaret Roane gave the opening exercise. Mrs. Brent Clark read the devotional and a Christmas

Recreation was in charge of Mrs. E. C. McArthur and Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Cosgrove plan to leave Waldrop of the Green Mountain | Monday for Oklahoma City to visit club. Gifts were exchanged and his relatives.

everyone had an enjoyable time. Cookies and spiced tea were ser-

ved by Mrs. McArthur and Mrs. Pat Rives to 14 members and two children, representing 4 clubs. Each one brought a gift to be sent to the State Hospital in Abilene. Next council meeting will be Jan.

Owen Cosgrove came down from Stratford the first of the week to join his wife who has been a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson. Mr.



May all the Peace of Christmas-

time abide forever in your

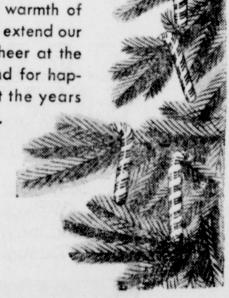
heart and give, through your

Faith in Him, a lasting joy.

KEY FEED STORE

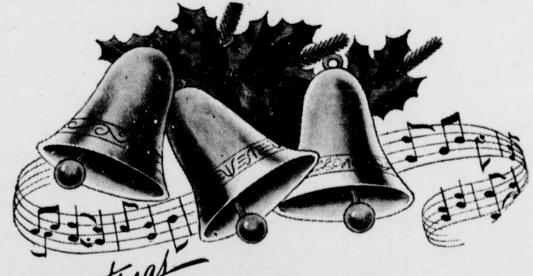
Christmas is a delightful respite when we spend a joyful day in reviving old comradeships and enjoying new friendships.

So, in the friendly warmth of Christmas time, we extend our wishes for good cheer at the Holiday Season and for happiness throughout the years to come.



FARRIS City Drug

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Farris **Nellie Jones**



May happy Christmas bells ring out for you the best of the season's cheer and may the melody stay with you for many, many joyous days.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

O. B. Jacobs

Sammy Jo Baker Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good Frank Keesee

Willie Bell Skipworth

Mrs. Boneita Robertson and children will go to Anton for a Christmas visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. S. (Billie) Talley and family. The Raymond Bloodworths and Milton Robertsons will join the family gathering at Anton.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Jackson will include his mother, Mrs. Geo. C. Jackson of Cleveland, Okla., and a sister, Mrs. J. C. Boone and family of Odessa. The family mourn the passing of Mr. George C. Jack- Laura Martin, spent the weekend son, whose death occurred last in Dallas with their sister, Mrs. G. month following an operation.

friends are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Engle of Richmond, Calif. They are accompanied by their children, Gary, Daniel, Carla, Sharon and Barry, and were met here by an older son, Donald Lee Engle, who has a 15-days leave from Sheppard AFB. The former Lucille Ashworth, Mrs. Engle is a sister of Fred Ashworth and Mrs. Roy

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock of Medina will arrive this weekend for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Craddock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark.

County Agent and Mrs. Jack Waide and children will be in Llano for a visit over Christmas with Mrs. Waide's parents, Senator and Mrs. Carlos Ashley.

W. G. Martin and his sister, Miss C. Casey, who is hospitalized there.



MISS JUDITH JONES

Announce Engagement

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. G. Jones of Guam announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith (Judy) A., to Charles McDaniel, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel of Robert

The couple met eight years ago when they were on the same boat enroute to the Far East mission field with their respective parents. They also are looking forward to a joint career in missionary work.

Miss Allen will graduate next August as a nurse from Presbyterian Hospital at Columbia University in New York City. Mr. Mc-Daniel, now stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., is serving a two-year period in the army afer which he will enter medical school.

Jack Brock and family left Wednesday for a few days' visit with his parents at their ranch near Meridian in Bosque County. They will return home for Christmas but plan a Ft. Worth trip next week.



Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visiors welcome.

L. E. HEUVEL. W. M. W. H. ALLEN, Secy.

Life, Hospitalization, Polio, Fire, Auto and Bonds

SEE

T. A. Richardson or G. C. Allen At Robert Lee State Bank

Back in West Texas for a holiday They report her condition is very visit among kinfolks and old critical. CHRISTMAS

It is our sincere hope that, through the

years ahead, a relationship

based on friendship, confidence, and mutual

respect, may grow stronger and

more enduring. Meantime, cc course,

we wish you a joyous Christmas.



McCABE SERVICE STATION

J. F. McCabe and Family

Roy Tinkler Jim Ybarra Joe Ross

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Lt. and Mrs. Paul S. Ferrell and | Rita McCutchen is employed durdaughter, Diane, are here for a ing the holidays as an extra clerk holiday visit in the home of the in the office of County Clerk J. L. former's parents, Mayor and Mrs. Tinkler. The daughter of Mr. and J. S. Ferrell. Lt. Ferrell reently Mrs. Luther McCutchen of Bronte, finished an Air Force school at she resigned her court house po-Sheppard AFB at Wichita Falls sition last fall to attend San Angelo and is awaiting a new assignment. | College.

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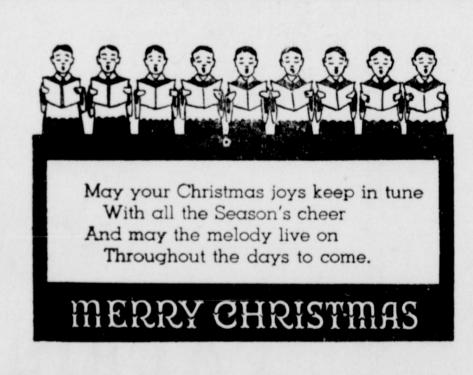
San Angelo, Texas



WHAT IS CHRISTMAS MADE OF? Well, it's things like good cheer ... friendship ... love, happiness...good will...and there's the laughter of children . . . the cheerfulness of good fellowship . . . the warmth of a Yule log and the mystery of gaily wrapped packages . . . Christmas is the worship of the Prince of Peace . . . the singing of carols . . . trimming of Christmas trees and the lighting of candles ... It's a marvelous experience made up of things wonderful and beautiful and cheerful. May all of it be yours to enjoy.

VARNADORE CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore Mr. and Mrs. Howard Varnadore



BAHLMAN CLEANERS

Nelan Bahlman

Evah Mahon

Melvin Bahlman and Family

Mrs. A. J. Rawlings is a guest in returned a few weeks ago from Marvin Simpson, and family. She health,

the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arizona and is much improved in

Christmas . and the coming year

WALLACE **GROCERY AND MARKET**

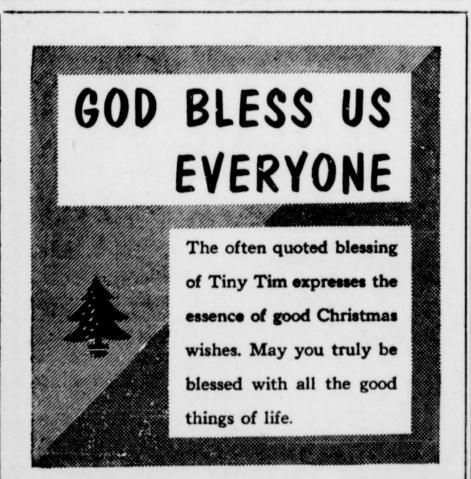
Calvin Wallace and Family Mrs. Lee Richards

Greetings for Christmas



May the true spirit of Christmas bring you peace and happiness.

REBA'S Beauty Salon



COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

Judge Jeff Dean and Family Mrs. Mary Patterson



MRS. M. L. LINDSEY

Louise Meek Is Bride Of M. L. Lindsey

Miss Louise Meek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Meek of Center City, former Robert Lee residents, became the bride of C. D. Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lindsay of Goldthwaite, Thursday evening, Nov. 24, at seven o'clock in the chapel of First Baptist Church of Goldthwaite. Rev. Ramon Simms, pastor of Star Baptist Church, read the impressive ceremony.

Mrs. Mildred Weathers of Lovington, N. Mex., sister of the bride, and John Gilliam of Waco were the attendants. Present at the wedding were the parents of the contracting parties.

The bride wore a white faille dress with blue accessories and a corsage of blue carnations.

She attended Robert Lee High School until this year when she enrolled as a senior at Goldthwaite High School after her parents moved to that communiy. Mr. Lindsay also attended Goldthwaite High School.

After a wedding trip to New Mexico the couple are at home in Arlington where the bridegroom is employed by General Motors

If You Don't Get the Observer You Don't Get the News

FOR SALE equipment which includes five 4section units with a capacity of 500 chickens. Anyone interested in buying this equipment is requested to contact Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, phone 23.

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NOTICE - I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cess pools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte, for this service. Also do plumbing. - A. L. ROGERS. tfc

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FOR CAST IRON AND HEAVY STEEL delivered to our yard than you get anywhere else. SAN AN-GELO IRON & METAL CO., 700 Block W. 14th St., San Angelo, Texas. Tel. 21421.

NOTICE

My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission.

-Fred McDonald, Jr.

Bananas

20

Potatoes

39c

10 LBS.

GOLD MEDAL

10 LBS.

Fiour

73c

WHITE, YELLOW, MARBLE OR DEVILS FOOD

CAKE MIXES, Gladiola - 4 for \$1.00

TOMATOES, Fresh Florida - lb. 19c

ANY FLAVOR

3 for **25c** Jello

OCEAN SPRAY

Cranberry Sauce

20c

SWIFT'S JEWEL

3 LB. CAN

Shortening

73c

CELLO

2 FOR

Carrots

25c

LIBBY'S

PICKLES, Sour or Dill

SCOTT TOWELS

Roll 20c

FRANCO AMERICAN

MACARONI, No. 303 - 2 for 35c

SWIFT'S SHOPPER PAK

3 LBS.

Bacon

\$1.00

SEVEN BONE

Roast

43C

TENDER LEAN

Pork Chops

MERRY CHRISTMAS We Will Me Closed Monday, Dec. 26

KRALL'S **GROCERY & MARKET**



MAC'S GROCERY

CHRISTMAS

My family joins me in wishing our friends the merriest of Christmas seasons and the brightest of Happy New Years! Sincerest greetings for the holidays.

J. W. SERVICE

County Commissioner Precinct 1



BAGWELL SERVICE STATION

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bagwell **James Robertson**

Bobby Lee

Soil Building Clinic Is Held At Friendship

An important gathering of agri cultural leaders and agricultural representatives met on the farm of L. B. Petty, located in the Friendship community northwest of Robert Lee on December 13, 1955. This meeting was in the form of a clinic and was arranged by Paul C. Shillingburg, county supervisor, Farmers Home Administration and A. V. Sheppard.

Those making the tour were: Louis Bridges, Bronte; Marvin Corley, Tennyson; Royce Riddle, Abilene; C. N. Webb, Tennyson; D. K. Glenn, Bronte; Robert Walker, Sanco; J. E. Quisenberry, Robert Lee; Delmir Sheppard, Robert Lee; W. W. Ivey, Bronte; T. W. Wiginton, Robert Lee; Jack Wade, Robert Lee; James Coffman, Robert Lee; Bernard Petty, Robert Lee; A. V. Sheppard, Robert Lee; Fred Lee, Jr., Robert Lee; W. E. Burns, Robert Lee; Bryan Yarbrough, Rober Lee; R. C. Pattersen, Robert Lee; Elmer Foster, Abilene and Paul C. Shillingburg, Sweetwater. This meeting was an outgrowth of the interest of farmers in soil building through soil and water conservation, Mr. Shillingburg said.

Farmers Home Administration is authorized to make loans to farmers for soil and water improvement practices. The practices for which soil and water loans are made must be in line with Soil Conservation Service and Extension Service recommendations. A part of the cost of faciliies, improvements and practices planned may be earned by the farmer through participation in the ACP program under the agricultural stabilization and conservation ser-

Soil and water conservation loans were made possible by legislation passed by the 83rd Congress. Loans may be made for such purposes as building terraces, developing and sodding waterways and digging ponds in connection with handling water run-off. Farmers are becoming more conscious of the value of water and controlling it on the ground, Shillingburg says. In some areas, sub-soiling is necessary in order to enable better water penetration of the soil. Loans are being made for this purpose. Loans may also be used for brush removal, the establishment and improvement of permanent pastures, well drilling, land levelling, and for the purchase of pumps and irrigation equipment, Shillingburg said.

Loans are made by the Farmers Home Administration, primarily out of funds advanced by private lending institutions. The government insures the repayment of the loan. The repayment period on loans to individuals can be up to 20 years, and can be secured by liens on chattels or real estate depending on the amount and length of the loan.

Information about soil and water conservation loans can be obtained from the local county agent, representatives of the Soil Conservation Service and the local Farmers Home Administration office. Applications for loans are to be made at the county office of the Farmers Home Administration, located in the agriculture building in Robert Lee. The 3-member county committee of the Farmers Home Administration will certify as to the eligibility of applicants for soil and water conservation loans.

J. D. Green has moved his family back to Big Lake where he has a new job with the production department of Slick Oil Co. He had a position with Texas Natural Gas Co. until the plant closed down recently.

Mrs. Elsie Latham is looking forward to a Christmas visit from her son, Lee Roland Latham and family. They are expected to arrive Saturday from Carmi, Ill.

The Robert Vaughan family will spend Christmas in Big Spring with Mrs. H. H. Haynes.

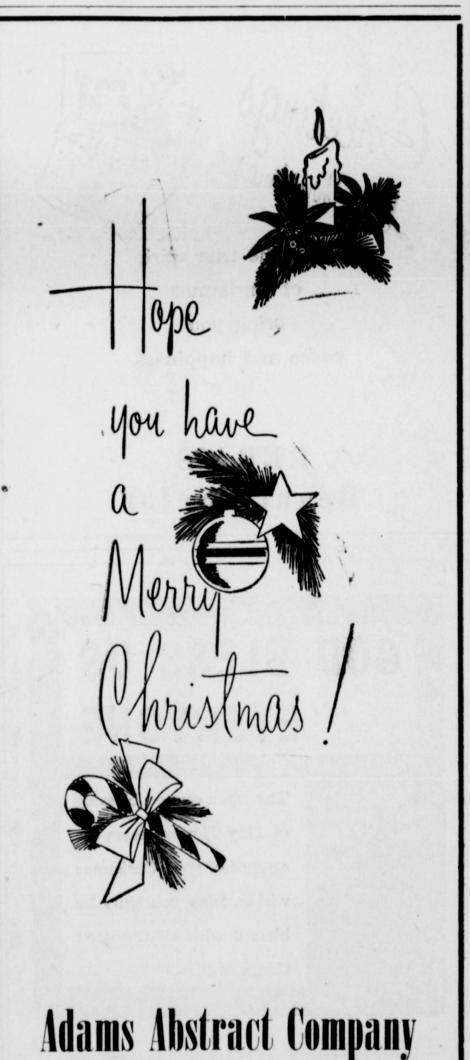
Erven Escue and family of Spearman are here for a week's visit with relatives and friends and will make their headquarters in the home of Mrs. Escue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell. Erven is operating an oil field truck for Baker & Taylor. The company has six rotary rigs running in the Spearman area and a number of Mrs. Vaughan's parents, Mr. and Robert Lee people are employed

N this land of ours, we are stirred and inspired by the true meaning of this great, joyous festival of Christmas time. In its spiritual meaning it is the greatest of all occasions . . . and in the solemn spirit of the day we pray that all peace-loving humanity everywhere may join in devout and sincere adoration of the Child of Bethlehem.



Merry Christmas

And Thanks for the Lovely Christmas Cards MRS. GERTRUDE GRAY **County Treasurer**



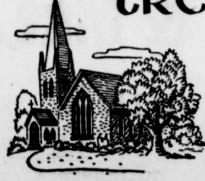
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell

to Your

We send this wish on Christmas Day ... May it find you blest with peace, happiness and all the things your heart desires.

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As you observe the Christmas season, it is our hope hat it will bring the sacredness of God's love ery near to you and yours. May it give that extra blessedness for you to treasure through the coming year.

MR. AND MRS. SAM JAY

New Microscope Will Aid In **Cancer Study**

HOUSTON, Texas - A powerful new microscope which will aid in cancer study has been acquired by the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor In-

Objects which can be seen only by means of an ordinary microscope are magnified to the size of a four-story building by the new instrument, an electron microscope. The images produced are so sharp that a specimen can be photographically enlarged to 300,-000 times its original size.

The \$28,000 instrument, installed with accessory equipment, was paid for by a \$35,000 gift of an anonymous Texas philantropist.

Dr. Leon Dmochowski, virologist and experimental pathologist at Anderson Hospital, will supervise work with the new microscope. He has long been associated with the application of electron microscopy to cancer research, having conducted previous studies at the University of Leeds, England, and at Columbia University.

With the instrument, Dr. Dmochowski will seek an explanation of the structure of animal and human tumors. His studies will also include an investigation of eye cancer in cattle and of attempts to purify transmissible agents responsible for various tumors in

The new microscope, most powerful of three such instruments in Texas, will be used also for undergraduate and post-graduate instruction in the Texas Medical Cen-

J. W. Flkner was treated for second degree burns at the local hospital late Friday night. He is a driller on the Delaware Drillers rig on the Jim McCutchen lease, east of Robert Lee. He was burned by fire which spread from a leaky house. After being treated he went butane stove connection in the dog to his home in San Angelo.



Win Two From **Sterling City**

Robert Lee won a double header basket ball game Tuesday night on the local floor from Sterling City.

The girls game resulted in a score of 29 to 16 with Doris Sparks making 10 scores. Charlene Robertson accounted for 9, Sue Goodwin 6 and Jo Clawson 4.

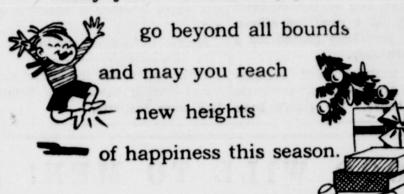
After trailing 10 to 15 at half time, the Robert Lee boys played better in the second half. They were ahead 22 to 21 at the start of the final quarter and came through with a 38-37 victory.

Robert Lee has no more cage games until after New Years.

If You Don't Get the Observer You Don't Get the News

Christmas Joy!

May your Christmas joy



TRIMBLE LAUNDRY

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble

Season's



Though Christmas comes but once a year, we wish that we could extend the gay Holiday spirit throughout all our years . . . so that the feeling of friendship which has characterized our associations through recent months can be made even more friendly...more cordial...more heartfelt ... than ever before. Good wishes to all.

ROACH'S

SMALL TALK

Verse on a Christmas card received by Lew Heuvel from his sister in Houston:

Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd 1 would bring a lamb If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part-Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart.

What can I give Him,

Officials at the basket ball games here Tuesday night were Paul Ashby and Bob Edwards of Silver. Paul is the new school superintendent up there and Bob is chief clerk in Sun's Jameson gasoline plant. Bob retired as a basket ball player last year after the traveling girls team trounced his all-stars, although he had previously lost two to the donkeys. The boys did a good job officiating and have been booked for a date in January.

at our house. We didn't have 1765 were seaports.

enough to go around, and we had New Wildcat to work at it in spurts. Some were overlooked and others may have received two by mistake. So sorry. Hope to do better next

Back in New York the gas companies charge their consumers as much as \$2.42 per thousand cubic feet. The independent gas producer down here in Texas gets only 7.7 cents per thousand. The gas is transported some 1,800 miles by pipeline for a cost of 25 cents per thousand or less. No wonder Eastern gas utility firms are opposing independent producers in their fight to do away with federal price fixing.

Don't look yet, but a fix-up and clean-up program is underway at The Observer office and plant. Son Tommy, home from college for a couple of weeks, is the promoter. Says he thinks every print shop should have a going over every ten years whether it needs it or

Merry Christmas everybody!

This Christmas card business Three-fourts of the American has been pretty difficult to handle towns having newspapers before

West of Edith

C. L. Uorsworthy Jr. of Dallas will drill a 7,500-foot rotary wildcat in Coke County, three miles east of the Millican field and 10 miles west of Robert Lee. It will be the No. 1 L. E. Smith.

Operations are to begin when permit is approved. Location, on a 160-acre lease, is 660 feet from the north and east lines of 233-2-

The prospector is 1 3/8 miles northeast of Ginther, Warren & Ginther 1 Davidson, wildcat failure abandoned Aug. 27 at 7,159 feet. Operator reported no tops. Elevation is 2,058 feet.

It is also 1 3/4 miles north of Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. No. 1-A Burns, 7,188-foot failure abandoned July 23, 1954. The following tops were picked on elevation of 2.121 feet: Strawn, 6,529 feet and Ellenburger, 6,960 feet. The base of the Saddle Creek was at 4.165

Drilling operations started the last of the week. Dual Drilling Co. has the contract.

DRY HOLES

Three miles north of the Mc-Cutchen Cisco field, J. R. McLean Dallas, and J. D. Tompkins, Abilene, plugged their No. 1 H. C. Allen, section 402, block 1-A, H&TC

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Sun No. 1 Jo Ella Leeper, wild- was released .

One-hour drillstem test of the cat in the Arledge field north of Ellenburger from 6,740 to 6,930 Sanco, plugged and abandoned affeet, the total depth, recovered ter recovering sulphur water in 2,070 feet of muddy sulphur water the Ellenburger. Total depth 7,120 and 2,650 feet of sulphur water. feet. Duncan Drilling Co. rotary

Dec. 23, 1955



good wishes for Christmas

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"FAR HORIZONS"

(In VistoVision and Technicolor)

Also Cartoon WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 & 29

Lin McCarty, Stephen Courtleigh, Berry Kroeger, Harold Gordon "YELLOWNECK"

(In Trucolor)

Also Cartoon

GOOD WILL TO MEN!

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Robert Lee, Texas



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25 Lb. Bag \$1..89

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Box 25c

PURE CANE

Sugar

5 lbs.

AUSTEX CHILI

Lge. 1½ Lb. Can 53c

AUSTEX TAMALES

Can 19c

TINY WHOLE BEETS

No. 300 Can 19c

MORTON'S SALAD DRESSING

Pint 25c

MORTON'S BLACK PEPPER

1½ Oz. Can 10c

Pure Lard 4 lbs.

Picnic Hams

SWIFT'S THICK SLICED

Bacon

2 lbs.

89c

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY



RECENT BRIDE-Barbara Allen Clegg of Pocasset, Mass., granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen of Silver, was married last month to Milton Edward Williamson, Jr. of West Falmouth, Mass. Mrs. Williamson is a graduate of Boston University, College of Practical Arts and Letters. Mr. Williamson is a graduate of Massachusetts School of Art in Boston, majoring in commercial art. He is presently serving with the U. S. Army and is stationed at Fort Bragg, No. Carolina. Barbara has made many visits to her grandparents home in Silver. Her mother is the former Ruthelle Allen.

Baptist Church

Morning services will be one hour earlier. Sunday School at 9: 00 A. M. Preaching 10:00 A. M. The evening services will be at the regular hour. T. U. 6:30 P. M. Preaching 7:30 P. M. Dec. 25, 1955.

The Baptist pastor and family will visit relatives Monday through Wednesday following Christmas. This is around Burkburnett, Texas Walters and Temple, Okla.

The Robert Lee Baptist Church has on a campaign to raise funds for Foreign Missions which mounted to \$337.41 on the 18 of December, but all through December special offerings will be given to this fund known as the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering." The Church gives 15% of its regular income to missions through the Cooperative Program.

The Baptist church has a wellplanned "Watch Night" Service for Dec. 31, 1955 to watch the Old Year out and the New Year in. Beginning at 8:00 P. M. through 12:05 A. M. It will be a time of fun, fellowship, a religious film, devotional, and prayer. Every one is welcome. Bring your sandwiches, cookies and cake and the church will furnish the drinks. We will spread sandwiches, cookies and cake together.

On Dec. 29-30 a group will go from the Baptist church to a Sunday School Convention at Dallas. Mr. J. L .Carwile, the Sunday

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School Supt. thinks this is a meet-1 day School Staff will be there to conduct the program. ing that will be worth much to the church, as well as to the workers that attend. The outstanding

leaders of the denominations Sun- you don't get the news.

If you don't get The Observer,

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ach Christmas brings to us a deeper appreciation of the loyal friendships and pleasant memories that make life worth while. So, at this Holiday season, may we extend

our cordial greetings and best wishes

for your health, happiness and success.

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GOOD WISHES



Because it's Christmas time

we want to

wish you health and happiness for Christmas Day, for the day after Christmas

For your fine patronage

and through the year.

we are grateful.

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HOWARD PRESLAR, Local Representative



here is a special warmth of feeling and a deep sense of friendliness in this greeting at Phristmas time and in all the good wishes it brings.





Vaughan Chevrolet Co.

DONALD MAULDIN JEROME SHEPPARD

FOY ASKINS MARVIN CLEPPER

ROBERT VAUGHAN AND FAMILY

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: R. P. Humphrey, Eliza Humphrey wife of said R. P. Humphrey, C. R. Kinchen, Ollie V. Davis, Mr. Davis, husband of the first Monday next after the expirasaid Ollie V. Davis; the unknown tion of forty-two days from the heirs of R. P. Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Eliza tion, same being the 23 day of Humphrey, deceased: the unknown January A. D., 1956, to Plaintiff's heirs of Ollie V. Davis, deceased; petition filed in said court, on the the unknown heirs of Mr. Davis, 10 day of December, A. D., 1955, deceased, husband of Ollie V. Da- in this cause, numbered 2056 on vis; the unknown heirs of C. R. the docket of said court. Kinchen, deceased.

GREETING You are hereby commanded to R. P. Humphrey, Eliza Humphrey

appear before the Honorable District Court of Coke County at the Courthouse thereof, in Robert Lee, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the date of the issuance of this cita-

The names of the parties are: Marcus Turner, as Plaintiff; and

heirs of R. P. Humphrey, de-

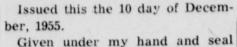
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows:

in 90 days after its issuance, it

Dec. 23, 1955 wife of R. P. Humphrey, C. R. Kinchen, Ollie V. Davis and husband Mr. Davis; the unknown ceased; the unknown heirs of Eliza Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Ollie V. Davis, deceased; the unknown heirs of Mr. Davis deceased husband of Ollie V. Davis; and the unknown heirs of C. R. Kinchen, deceased; as defendants;

For the title and possession of All of Lots 2, 3, and 5 in Block 35 of the Austin & Northern Land & Cattle Company Addition to the Town of Robert Lee in Coke County, Texas; plaintiff claiming title by regular chain of title from the soverignty of the soil and in addition under the 5 year and 25 year statutes of limitations.

If this citation is not served withshall be returned unserved.



Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this 10 day of December, 1955.

J. L. Tinkler, Clerk of the District Court of Coke County. Texas.

By Winnie Waldrop, Deputy (SEAL)

Publish Dec. 16-23-30, Jan. 6

Vaughan Chevrolet Co. of Rob ert Lee reports the following sales of new units during November:

CHEVROLET SALES

J. W. Bynum, 4 door. T. W. Casey, 4 door. Melvin Allison, 4 door. H. E. McClusky, 2 door. Raymond Hamby, 4 door. O. D. Calvert, 2 door. Walter Paul, 4 door. Harold E. Rohde, 4 door. Walter McGallian, 4 door. H. C. Moreland, 4 door.



"The bigger a man's head gets, the easier it is to fill his shoes."

If we just wish you, simply and sincerely, the old, yet always new wish, you'll understand that we're wishing you ' With all our heart, a very Merry Christmas

MR. AND MRS. A. B. SHEPPARD



"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David."

LUKE 1:32



Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to Our Friends

MR. AND MRS. C. A. DUKES

Donald and Connie



At no other time of the year do any of us derive the pleasure, satisfaction and contentment we receive from the joys of Christmas. The pleasant associations of friends and loved ones, the spirit of good feeling and love for our fellowmen are in evidence everywhere and from these associations come a stronger confidence in those around us. Christmas is important! It is the season of sincere good will, the spirit which should go with us three hundred sixty-four other days of the year. Let us each pledge ourselves toward this goal.

Robert Lee State Bank

T. A. RICHARDSON, Cashier

R. C. RUSSELL, PRESIDENT

G. C. ALLEN, Executive Vice-President

WILLIS WAYNE SMITH ZELDA CARAWAY

GLADYS WALDROP WILLIAM H. ALLEN

Gifts-How Much Do They Cost?

Since thoughts of gifts come quite naturally to mind during the Christmas season, the subject of gift taxes may be a timely one. Although it may surprise some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another.

However the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given to each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given to each individual in each calendar the given in gift taxes.

The law also excludes from taxfore the tax applies.

The tax applies whether the gift itance the cost basis is the fair Of course, there would have been

of property, the tax is computed on | decedent's death. the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift.

remove the property from the tax- days at a cost of \$10,000. This able estate of the giver at the time property is now worth \$50,000. The of his death. This may or may not farmer wishes to retire and to esbe accomplished. The federal law cape estate taxes, so he gives the provides that transfers made with- farm to his daughter. in three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been n:ade in contemplation of death dollars, when the daughter decides and shall be taxable in the estate to sell the farm for its \$50,000 vaof the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift may cost the one who receives ther's cost of \$10,000.) the gift in income taxes as well as

For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by his will, he would have saved the able gifts, gifts to the church, com- gift is the cost to the giver re- gift tax. The daughter would have munity chest, and similar charit- gardless of the fact that the giver taken the property at a cost basis able organizations, and allows each may have paid a gift tax on the of \$50,000, so upon the sale she giver an exemption of \$30,000-be- gift. The other rule is that in the would ont have had to pay any incase of property received by inher- come tax.

An example will show the applicaiton of the rules. Suppose a far-The purpose of many gifts is to mer acquired his land in early

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand lue, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference begift horse in the mouth" for the tween the sales price and her fa-

> On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter but had left it to her under

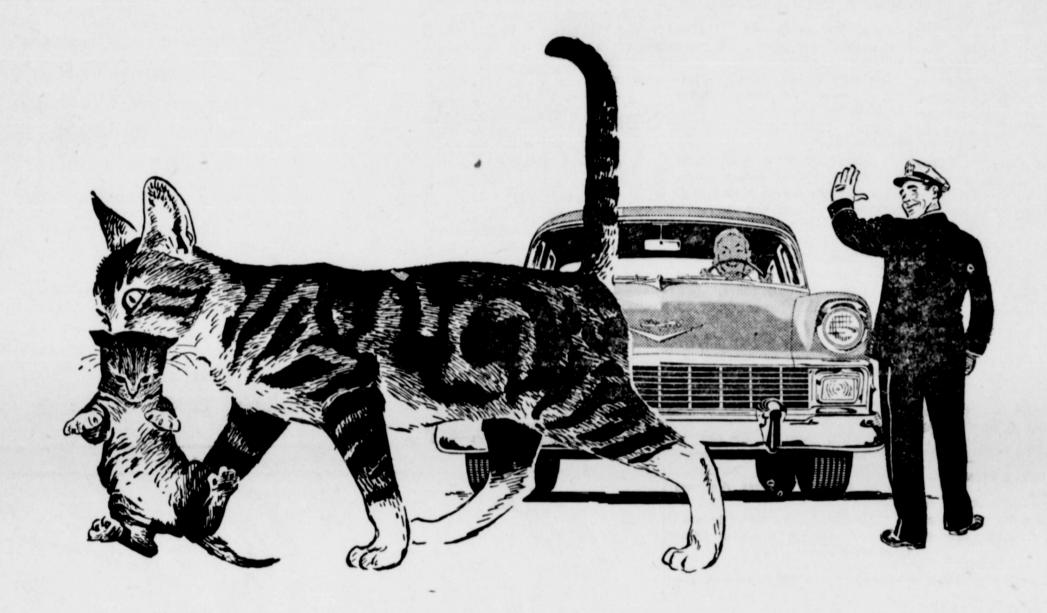
is of money or of property. If it is market value at the date of the The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

some estate taxes and administra- pending upon individual and partition expenses in the father's es- cular circumstances, there may be tate, but that would have been occasions when a gift is advisable. much less than the taxes which re- Your lawyer can advise you on this sulted from the gift. However, de- matter.

Dec. 23, 1955



SNEAD BARBER SHOP



Two things that make for <u>SAFER</u> driving!

The first and most important thing is you -the driver. As the highway safety organizations and law enforcement agencies point out, the courtesy, care, and common sense you show count more than anything else. You can drive any car safely - or foolishly.

The second thing is the car itself. All cars are safer today. That's shown by the number of accidents in relation to the number of miles passenger cars are driven. The figure's been going down steadily and sharply.

Chevrolet engineers and designers have always made your safety a major consideration, introducing many such features as the all-steel top, safety plate glass all around, and windshield-wide defrosters into the low-price field. And this '56 Chevrolet is the safest one ever built.

Its lively new power means safer passing. Its special Ball-Race steering-the oversize brakes with Anti-Dive controlthe Unisteel construction and safety door latches of its Fisher Body-the nailed-tothe-road stability that comes from outrigger rear springs, an advanced suspension system and better balance—the sweeping panoramic windshield - all these things add to your safety.

Seat belts with or without shoulder harness? Instrument panel padding? Of course, they're available at extra cost on your new Chevrolet. But the best protection of all is to keep out of accidents in the first place. And that depends mostly on you and the built-in safety of your car.

As your Chevrolet dealer, we'll be glad to show you the many safety features of the '56 Chevrolet.



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CAROLYN'S **QUIPS**

Carolyn Box and Byron Russell went to the show Thursday night. Someone was their shadow after the show.

Eight junior girls Carol, Carolyn, Carolyn Lee, Carroll, Jo Alice, Joyce, Mary, and Sharon went to the tournament at Water Valley Friday afternoon. They then went out to Carroll Bagwell's house to a slumber party after being detained in Sterling City about three hours. Long cokes and lots of

Mary Vaughan and Robbie Godwin had a date Saturday night. Some Sterling City boys were over Saturday night. Could it be because some certain girls were in Sterling City Friday night? Joyce Hester went with L. J. Brown. What did he talk about Mary Vaughan?? Jo Alice McDonald and Arbie Phillips, Carolyn Box and Dennie Ray Braswell went to Bronte. Jo Alice and Carolyn Lee were shown the big city of Bronte by the boys. They went to the show Sunday afternoon also. Why the sudden departure Jo???

Wondering. . . .

Whose "football on a chain" has Mary Vaughan got on? Is it a Sterling football?

Why a blue Chevy was following June McKinley Sunday afternoon instead of a black mercury.

Why two Robert Lee girls went to the Bronte game in Norton instead of going to the game in

What some Bronte boys told Delton Chatham and Martha Humphrey Saturday night.

WORTH REPEATING

Coach Manire said that one can genuine." kill more than one thing on a deer hunt. "I killed time; the deer got | "I sure been beat out of a dollar away."

PLANS FOR HOLIDAYS

Wednesday night the M. Y. F. had a formal Christmas dinner and dance. Dates for the festive occasion were Mary and Robbie, Crolyn and Jack, Jo Alice and Bill, Kenny and Roland, Rose Marie and Garland, Carolyn Lee and Byron, Maria and Jimmy, Mary Francis Wylie and Butch Davis, Tom Sawyer and Doris Sparks.

A big night is planned for another formal dance at the country club December 30. Dates for it are Jo Alice McDonald and Jack Gray, Mary Vaughan and Bill Simpson, Freddie McDonald and Carolyn Childress, Carolyn Lee Box and Byron Russell.

Let's Smile Awhile

Small boy to father: "I wish you'd let Mom drive. It's more exciting."

Doctor: "You have to quit thinking of yourself so much. Throw yourself into your work."

Patien: "But, doctor, I'm a cement mixer."

A little Mexican boy in an American school, told to write the first verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner," began: "Jose, can you see?" A student at the University of Wisconsin and his girl tipped over in a canoe on Lake Mendota. The fellow grabbed his fair companion and swam with her to shore. Then he swam back to the canoe, righted it and managed to get it ashore. Finally he swam back to get the canoe paddle. As he reached the paddle, he became exhaused, his feet sank - and struck bottom. lar? The water came up to our hero's chest.

And then there is the cowboy who was wearing an enormous, flashing gem. An awestruck friend asked, "Is that diamond

"If it ain't," the cowboy drawled and a half!!!"

Supt's Column By B. C. Goodwin

As we bring down the curtain on our school work for 1955, we must turn our thoughts to fewer ideas and more ideals. May the first thought be one of humility! Nearly twenty centuries have passed since the Savior was humiliated bearing the Cross to Golgotha. Let us fill the pages of 1956 with more kindness toward each other; let us humble ourselves and count our blessings. We live in a land of plenty. In Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal", the arrogant knight failed in his search for the Holy Grail. When he humbled himself enough to feed the poor part of his bread, he heard Christ say, "Not what we give, but what we share; the gift without the giver is bare." His life was a success; his happiness complete. May we, too, humble ourselves.

Senior Class News BY JACKIE SPARKS

The class enjoyed a party Tuesday, sponsored by Mr. Brock. The class exchanged gifts.

Voleta Harwell is entered as the Senior beauty in a contest sponsored by the Annual Staff.

Many dude ranches near Bandera have sent pamphlets, and it is beginning to get difficult to decide which one we want to visit.

The class favorites are Bill Simpson and Rose Marie Sawyer. This makes Bill's second year. By the way Bill, how did you get so popu-

The senior class would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Plain Talk

I love the Weaver of Dreams, the mighty Weaver who lifted man who painted rainbow silks on the pennant of tomorrow.

I love the Dreamer who visioned that the Earth was round and who brought these dreams to pass, that gold lay at the foot of am- Christopher Columbus. He is one bition's rainbow.

I love the Dreamer who sought | dreams.

new trade routes to the spice lands but instead fould a continent.

I love the Dreamer whose zeal from the wigwam of savagery, and for science, for King, and for Faith gave us the New World.

> The Freshman class has just completed a story about the man of the greatest dreamers of



for the opportunity of serving you and to wish you success and prosperity in the days that lie ahead ... may you enjoy a merry Christmas.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Winnie Waldrop

Janet Havins

Rita McCutchen

J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler and Family

of that still, Holy night

Today, tomorrow and forever

Clift Funeral Home

May the spirit of CHRISTMAS bring you Peace and Happiness

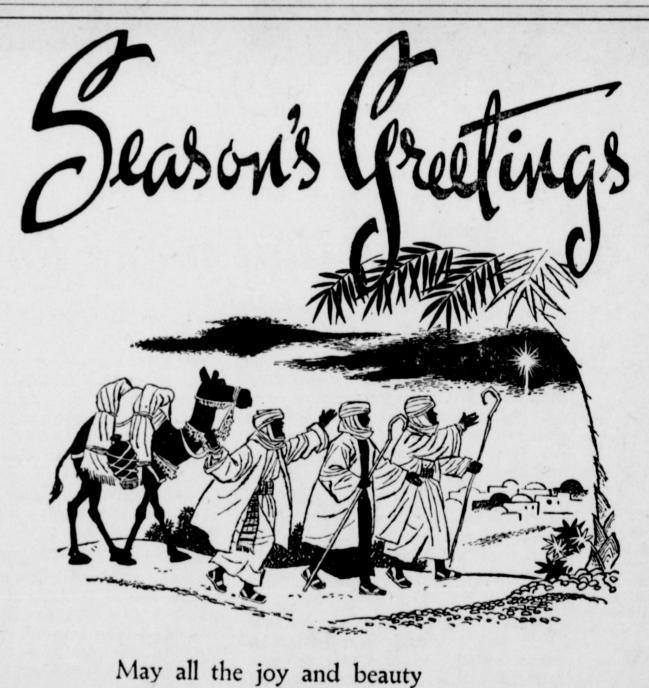


Among the blessings of the passing year our most valued one is the friendship and good will of those we serve.

It is a privilege at this happy season to express our appreciation and to wish you a Merry Christmas.

VOWELL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vowell



Be with you and yours

FFA Members Prepare For County Show

The Robert Lee FFA Chapter members are grooming and preparing their animals for the county livestock show January 23. Of the 28 members enrolled in vocational agriculture 23 will exhibit one or more entries in the county livestock show.

The Coke County Livestock Assn. decided that the show will be held Most of all the staff thanks Mr. in Robert Lee this year since it was held in Bronte last year.

agreed to alternate the showing place between Robert Lee and Bronte.

Robert Lee will exhibit 33 fat lambs, 15 barrows, 10 gilts, and 3 sows. Lamb exhibitors will be Bub Burson, Bobby Cowley, Jim Cox, Melvin Duncan, Jerrell Harmon, Joe Harmon, Gary Jackson, Freddie McDonald, and Monty Trimble.

The swine exhibitors will be Dennis Blair, Charles Calder, Jerrell Harmon, Joe Harmon, Jerry Harmon, Johnny Jones, Larry Rabb, Douglas Robertson, Tom Sawyer, Sam Skipworth, Lanenon Stephens, Don Stewart, Donald Walker, Curtis Walker, Frankie and Marlow Wojek.

WHO IS IT?????

I have heard that the boy and girl have been easy to guess, so this week I'm going to make them extra hard and lets see how well you do?

Our mystery boy is a typical high school boy. Like most of the boys, his favorite sport is football. I might add that he did a splendid job this year. He likes to eat broiled steaks with plenty of french fries on the side. His favorite color is brown. He wants to be a rancher, and from the experience he has had with cattle he will make an excellent one. He listed Grammar as his most difficult subject. He enjoys Texas History. He detests people who talk all the time and never say anything of importance. This blond hair, blue eyed boy, likes to spend his leisure time with boys and girls. "Dumb Doodie" is his favorite slang expression.

Our girl of the week is a cute brown eyed Miss who says her ambition is to be a housewife. Her favorite subject is typing. She enjoys reading for a pastime. Her favorite sport is football and this year she never missed a game. English is her most difficult subject. She likes the color red. Her pet peeve is people who argue all the time. This sweet little girl is a favorite around R. L. H. S.

The mystery boy and girl last week were Jerrell Harmon and Carolyn Simpson.

"Our School"

By A Senior

Here's to good, old R. L. H. S. Which we think is the very best Her banners will always fly high And stand out well in the clear, blue sky.

Her name is known well throughout the land.

By every person: woman, child and man.

We let our voices ring loud and clear

As we give our school a mighty cheer.

The walls and floors are spic and span.

They are kept clean by a very

good man. The teachers here are kind in ways They teach us something new each

day. Their minds are brilliant, wide and

strong, We have not one who would do us

wrong. And here is to our good Alma Mater

Those who have left have not forgotten her

So now we close this poem with pride

And may the name R. L. H. S. forever ride.

GREETINGS

The members of the Observerette. staff take this occasion to thank the faculty and students of Robert Lee School for their wonderful cooperation in helping make this student publication possible. Kirkpatrick for his kindness and generosity in publishing the school The committee had previously news. A merry Christmas to every one, and a Happy New Wear.

The Goal Post

By Robbie Godwin

Tuesday night of last week Robert Lee and Miles clashed in what proved to be a narrow classic for the girls to the tune of 61-59 over Miles while the Robert Lee boys were cooled by Miles boys 55-33.

Leading the scoring for the girls was Charlene Robertson who made 29 points. Jo Clawson scored 19. and Doris Sparks made 13 points. Fredrick Ashworth led the scor-

ing for the boys with 17 points. Friday evening the Robert Lee teams entered the Water Valley was again high point with 11. tournament, playing their first tilts

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36-33. Jo Clawson and Charlene son led the scoring. Clawson -11 Robertson led the scoring 17 and and Robertson -14. 15 points respectively. This put the girls in the semi-finals. The boys lost their first game 48-42. Ashworth was good for 18 points and Jerrell Harmon made 12

Saturday morning the girls won their semi-final game 40-35 over Norton, Clawson and Robertson again led the scoring with 16 and 20 points. The boys lost their game with Garden City 45-31. Ashworth

In the final round the girls lost against Sterling City. The girls to Paint Rock another close one, took their game by a close one- 36-33. Again Clawson and Robert-

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In the presentation of awards later Saturday evening Jackie Sparks was awarded a guard position of the all-tournament team. The girls' team received the second place trophy.

Robert Lee and Sterling City played at Robert Lee in two nonconference games last Tuesday. We predict that the girls will take their game 42-35. The boys game will be close with Robert Lee on top 46-42. (?)

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, FRIENDS

As we enjoy to the fullest the joys of a happy Christmas Season, and await the coming of the New Year, we pause and look back with joy over the closing twelve months, to new friendships formed and old ones grown stronger. Looking toward the future, we are grateful to folk like you who have, in many ways made our journey through the past a pleasant one. Please consider this our pledge to merit your continued patronage and good will.

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Coke Gains Ellenburger Discovery

Jake L. Hamon of Dallas and West-Tex Drilling Co. of Abilene No. 1 E. C. Rawlings, Coke County Ellenburger discovery in 351-1A-H&TC, seven miles north-northwest of Bronte, has been completed for a daily flowing potential of 140.76 barrels of 47 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 937-1.

Production was through a 16-64inch choke and perforations between 6,330-335 feet, which had been acidized with 1,000 gallons. Top of pay was picked at 6,330 feet on ground elevation of 2,123 feet. Total depth is 6,862 feet. Casing (51/2 inch) is set at 6,410.48

Tubing pressure was 175 pounds, with packer on casing.

The strike is 1 3/4 miles northwest of the Bronte (Ellenburger) field, but separated by dry holes.

The Dixon (Strawn) Field, a few miles northwest of Silver in Mitchell County, has gained a second producer with the re-completion of Zapata Drilling Co. No. 1 Frank McCabe. It was formerly Amerada No. 1 McCabe.

It was finaled for a daily flowing potential of 371 barrels of 41 gravity oil, with gas-oil ratio 750-

LEGAL NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE

Pursuant to an order of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, passed and entered on the 5th day of December, 1955, notice is hereby given that at 10:00 o'clock a. m. on the 3rd day of January, 1956, in the Commissioner's Court room in the Coke County Court House in Robert Lee, Texas, J. W. Service, a special commissioner appointed by said court, will hold and preside over a public auction and sale where in the following described land, belonging to said Coke County, situated in Coke County, Texas:

FIRST TRACT: 2 acres of land out of F. E. Fannin Survey No. 401/2 described as follows: BEGIN-NING at a point 1429 feet S 29 degrees W and 22 feet S. 57 degrees 22' E of the NW corner of said F. E. Fannin Survey No. 401/2; THENCE S. 57 degrees 22' E 231 feet; THENCE S 29 degrees W. 377.2 feet; THENCE N 57 degrees 22' W 231 feet; THENCE N 29 degrees o' E 377.2 feet to place of beginning containing 2 acres of land; said FIRST TRACT being the same land described in a deed from Mrs. G. W. Keesee et al to Coke County, dated May 29, 1939 and recorded in Vol. 59 at page 379 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas.

SECOND TRACT: Being a parcel of land lying and being situated on the old Robert Lee-Sanco road, BEGINNING at a corner post; the S. E. of the old G. A. Harmon place in the N. line of the City of Robert Lee; THENCE North 261 vrs to a stake under fence in west side of Old Robert Lee and Colorado City road; THENCE South 12 degrees E 306 vrs. to a stake in the north city limits of Robert Lee and 100 feet South 60 degrees West from East side of said Robert Lee-Colorado City roadway; THENCE N. 60 degrees W 68 vrs to place of beginning; Said SECOND TRACT being the same land referred to and described in order of the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas, dated June 9, 1936 and recorded in Vol 6 on pages 588-589 of the Commissioner's Court Minutes of Coke County, Texas; will be sold to the highest and

J. W. Service Commissioner for sale. Publish Dec. 9-16-23.

best bidder.

1. Production was through a quarter inch choke. The pay section 6,-168-280 feet was fractured with Navy Exercise 20,000 gallons.

COULD BE MORE CAREFUL

The people of Silver community are unhappy because some careless folks are throwing paper all are people who occupy rented exercise on the West Coast. homes. It will be appreciated if instead of scattering waste paper and other trash, they will put it in their trash barrels and burn it. The practice is causing a great fire hazard, besides it is very un-

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class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. the destroyer USS Yarnall which over everywhere. Some of them participated in a major amphibious

Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Monte E. Wilkes, radarman third C. T. Wilkes, of Silver, has returned to San Digeo, Calif., aboard

The exercise, which involved 25 .-000 Marines, 20,000 Navy personnel, 300 aircraft and 125 ships, was climaxed November 15 with an amphibious assault on the beaches at

sightly. - Subscriber from Silver. The crew of the Yarnall received

commendations during the exercise

for their assistance in extinguish-

ing a fire on the destroyer USS

Hopewell caused by an aircraft

which crashed into the ships' side

when the pilot lost control.

The commendation read in part:

"Your actions in fighting the holo-

caust aboard the Hopewell and

saving the ship were in keeping

with the best tradition of the Unit-

ed States Navy. . ."

Once more we pause to welcome to our hearts this blessed season. May it renew the great warmth of reverent love

in the hearts of all men. and may this Christmas day herald the fulfillment of all our prayers for joy and peace to all. May your Holiday season be filled with outstanding happinese.

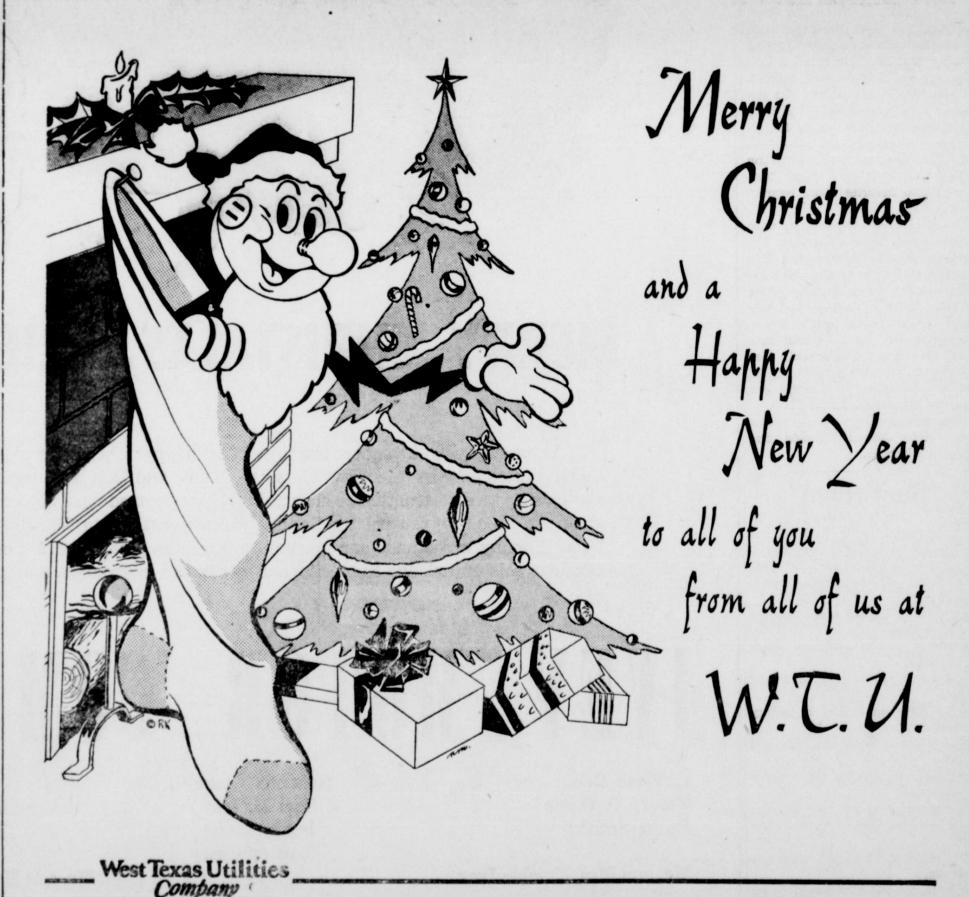
ROBERT LEE SAND & GRAVEL

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan Wilson Bryan and Family

We wish to express to you our most sincere appreciation for the cordial relations with you during the past year and assure you of our sincere desire for their continuance by wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

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H-SU Bible Prof **Writes Story** Of Christmas

Abilene (Spl) - Dr. Lindell O. Harris, Hardin-Simmons University Professor of Bible, has written of Robert Lee, were married in a this Christmas message as the University's seasonal greeting from one of its Christian institutions to the people of Texas.

The Christmas story centers in the Christ-child of Bethlehem. However, this fascinating story had its beginning in ancient Mesopotania, the cradle of the race and the probable site of Eden.

The "twelve days" of Christmas exchanging of gifts, brightly decorated floats, merrymaking, singing from house to house, feasting ings, and religious processions were all found in Mesopotamia more than 4,000 years ago.

The New Year's festival lasted 12 days, as the Christmas season is supposed to do. It was a time of crisis for the people as the old year died and the New Year born.

Many masqueraded in gay costumes. Friends exchanged gifts with one another.

Such was the festival spirit of this ancient land.

These ancient festivals found their way westward to Greece and Rome. It was in Rome that the festival of Saturnalia was conducted with such boisterous rejoicing.

It began around the middle of December and lasted until January 1. In the midst was December 25, the day when the sun was at its lowest ebb but soon ready to increase again and send its rays of warmth and growth to the earth.

They exchanged gifts and wished one another good luck. Moreover, the Romans decorated their houses this time with boughs of laurel and green trees and with lighted candles and lamps.

Slaves and masters ate together, often exchanging places, the masters waiting on the slaves.

After a battle of centures the thoughts of the people were turned from the pagan gods to the worship of the Lord.

The festival spirit of pagan merrymaking became the glad rejoicing over the birth of a Saviour.

When was Jesus born? No one knows the exact historical date of His birth. The observance of December 25 as the birthday of Christ was chosen several centuries after His death.

In fact, the early Christians were not interested in the date of His birth. The important thing to them was His death and resurrection.

Jesus was finally given a birthday. The Christmas story, after a long voyage of many centuries through many lands, has centered its message in the birth of the Christ-child.

Today it is a story that has become sacred to untold millions, not because of its ancient pagan background but because of its meaning to every Christian.

It means that more than 1,900 years ago the supra- temporal Christ broke into the stream of human history by taking unto Himself a human nature and being born of a human mother.

It means that God has revealed Himself to man.

It means that God has come near man.

It means that God has become man, the divine and human Godman.

It means that the song of the engels was true.

"For unto you is born this day In the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord."

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Miss McGilvray, Lynn Davidson Wed Last Week

Miss Vera Janelle McGilvray and Elbert Lynn Davidson, both double-ring ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the chapel of the First Christian Church at San Angelo.

Parents of the bride are Mrs. Marie McGilvray, 611 Hill, and J. A. McGilvray of Mertzon. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davidson of Robert

Dr. G. N. Goldston, pastor, read the ceremony.

The bride wore a periwinkle blue velveteen dress with a maching jacket and a white velvet hat. Her shoes and bag were of gunmetal reptile. She wore a white glamellia corsage.

For her role as maid of honor, Miss Carol Bagwell of Robert Lee wore a mauve colored dress trimmed in white, a white hat and black accessories.

Sherman Williams of Robert Lee was best man.

The bride has been a senior in Robert Lee High School where she was a cheer leader and member of the basket ball team. She is also a member of the Girls' Rodeo Assn. and has participated in a number of rodeo events in West Texas.

The bridegroom graduated the past year from Robert Lee High School where he was outstanding in football and other athletics.

The newlyweds will live in Robert Lee where Mr. Davidson is employed by Wes-Tex Construction Co. on highway and bridge work.



No family should have less than three children, so there will be two to support the preetings

It is a genuine pleasure at the Holiday season to depart from

usual business routines and

wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.



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IVEY MOTOR COMPANY

A large crowd was on hand Monday night for the Christmas program given by students of the Silver Peak school. "Once Upon a Christmas Time" was enacted by 3rd and 4th graders. Principal characters were: Louis Carden, Mother; Linda Shimer and John Pace Children; Jeanette Higginbotham, Mary; Ronnie Walker, Joseph; Sue Ree Kennedy, Angel; Darwin Mascho, Innkeeper; Lannie Sprugers, Donnie Smith, Donald Martindale, William Pettijohn and Mike Ledbetter, Shepherds; Tommy Jacobs, Theron Pickering and Russell Pace, Wise Men. Other pupils from these grades made up a choir.

Another feature was "The First Christmas Tree," given by 2nd graders. Rhonda Sue Gartman gone to Van for a holiday visit. was Gretchen, Mike Conner played the part of Hans, and Ragged Boy Visitor was Lane Arthur.

Christmas hymns and carols were sung by various groups.

Silver school turned out Tuesday afternoon for a two weeks' holiday vacation. A gift exchange took place at 1:30. Classes will be resumed Jan. 3.

Mrs. O. O. Burleson will come from Slaton for a Christmas visit ing kinfolks in East Texas. They with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson.

Sun Oil Co. is distributing Christmas checks of \$20 to all its employees.

to spend Christmas with kinfolks. Mr. Voelkel is a Sun pumper.

New warm up and game suits have been received by both the Next games will be at Christoval on Jan. 13.

Mrs. C. B. Jacobs and children and her sister, Mrs. Roland Palmer, are visiting the ladies' parents where the former accepted a Civil

cobs will join his family visiting his parents at Vernon, while the Palmer's will be guests of his folks at Maud, Okla.

Elmo Hargis is taking a vacation from his work at the Jameson gasoline plant. He and his family visited his parents at Grandfalls, and will spend Christmas with her folks at Avant, Okla.

Mrs. J. L. Gilbert of Vivian, La., is here for a visit with her son, J. D. Gilbert, and family.

T. A. Lyle and family returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with relatives in Oklahoma. They came by way of Wichita Falls and were accompanied here by Mrs. D. M. Perkins, who will be a guest over Christmas in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Shimer and

R. M. Tunnell and family have

A. T. Holt and family have spent a few days with relatives in East

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McClusky returned Monday from a visit with relatives and friends near Beaumont and other points in South

Buster Jones will spend Christmas with his parents in Kilgore.

Bill Dean and family are visitplanned to attend a family reunion at Longview honoring Mr. Dean's father on his 96th birthday.

Sonny Palmer is home for the holidays from A & M College.

Mr. and Mrs. John Voelkel and James T. Hays and wife have children have gone to New Orleans | returned from a two weeks vacation. They visited in Louisiana, also at Beaumont and Corsicana.

Attending the Abilene-Tyler high school championship football game boys and girls Junior High basket at Ft. Worth Saturday were Jerry ball teams of the Silver school. Gallier, Charles Kennedy, Ernest Clendennen, Paul Ashby and Perry Elliott.

L. D. Evans and family this week moved back to Albuquerque

Following prayer meeting last

at Muskogee, Okla. Later Mr. Ja-, Service position at the Air Base. The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

Wednesday night the congregation gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and mily. Refreshments were served of the Silver Church of Christ gave their five children were remem- and games enjoyed during the sotheir preacher, Foy L. Moore, of bered, and the event came as a cial hour. Mr. Moore has preach-Bronte, a shower of Christmas happy surprise for the Moore fa-led at Silver the past four years.

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Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the lolidays

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As you make ready for the Holy Christmas Day, we want to wish you the finest of everything. May choicest blessings be yours and graces in abundance fill the days that are to follow.

MR. AND MRS. R. S. ANDERSON

Silver, Texas

At this radiant season of good cheer when everyday cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we sincerely extend to you our

Best wishes for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MR. AND MRS. BOB ODOM

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