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Mrs. Boykin Now Enroute Home From Australia

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Dear Mr. Kirk,

Hope everyone in Robert Lee are doing fine and having a Merry Christmas. I want to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

I had a wonderful visit with my family and enjoyed every minute of it. The baby and I left earlier. I would love to have made it back to spend Christmas with Ben and children but it is such a long way. We left Sidney on the 11th Dec. and won't arrive in San Francisco til the 31st Dec. I am already counting the days.

In New Zealand I spent the day with Daisy Hughes' family and saw some really beautiful country. Daisy has a wonderful family and I enjoyed meeting them all. On the first trip to New Zealand I was on the radio. It was pouring rain that day and I told about the long drouth in Coke County.

While I was in Melbourne I followed the Olympic games. It was really a beautiful sight. I wrote and told Ben I got to stand up more for the Stars and Stripes more times in 10 days than 10⁹ years in the States. The people could well be proud of the teams. The stadium held 100,000 people and was full up every day.

Victoria has had its best ten years in rain and was very green and pretty. I drove the car from Melbourne to Sydney the day before the ship sailed, almost 600 miles, and nothing but green grass and fat stock all the way along. I would love to have brought some of the green grass back to Texas. Do hope we get lots of rain this coming year.

All my family were well and doing good. It was very hard to tell them good-bye again but mother and daddy plan to come back and visit us in the fall in 1958 so I feel very fortunate.

Australia has really grown. I found parts of it just like the States. The cities are very crowded, more so on account of the Olympic visitors. 15,000 flew in from overseas and even more came by boat. I left before all the big rush back overseas. On this boat are mostly people from Hungary, Holland and the Balkan States going back to their homes in Canada and the States. I have enjoyed the ports of call, Honolulu, Fiji and New Zealand. The ship arrives in Honolulu in the morning and from there to Vancouver, then San Francisco. I will be very happy to see the Golden Gate bridge so I can hurry home to Texas.

The cities are nice places to visit but I am a country girl at heart and will be very happy to be home again. Everyone has been very nice but the Robert Lee people are very hard to beat.

Wish Mrs. Kirk, yourself and all in Robert Lee and up on the Divide a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Rosanna and I. Will see you all very soon. Bye for now.

Yours sincerely,
Dawn May Boykin

A new subscriber to The Observer is Lvon Reid, whose address is 629 East Harris, San Angelo. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid of Sanco, Lvon is a graduate of Robert Lee high school and is employed by the Commercial Credit Corp. in San Angelo.



STANLEY AUSTIN

Stanley Austin Promoted To Yeoman 3rd Cl.

Naha, Okinawa (FHTNC) — Stanley C. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isham M. Austin, Sr., of Robert Lee, Tex., and husband of the former Miss Mary E. Seerden of San Angelo, was promoted to yeoman third class, USN, Nov. 16.

He is serving in the administrative office of Patrol Squadron 4 based at Naha, Okinawa.

Before entering the service in December 1955, Austin graduated from San Angelo College and was employed by the Quaker Oats Company of Chicago, Ill.

NEW YEARS HOLIDAY

Next Tuesday, Jan. 1, will be observed as a holiday, with all Robert Lee stores and offices being closed for the day. Business is expected to be conducted as usual both Monday and Wednesday.

Local News

The home of Mrs. Frank Clawson, northwest of Robert Lee, was the scene of a happy family gathering over Christmas. Guests included her mother, Mrs. W. F. Thompson, Frank Clawson, Jr. and family and Christine Clawson, all of Oklahoma City, and Johnny Clawson and family of Baytown.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace entertained a family group at Christmas dinner, including Gilbert Wallace and family of Pecos and Willie Wallace and family of Amarillo. Harve Wallace, who spent a few weeks at Pecos, returned to his home here with his son.

Coach C. D. Manire and family are spending the holidays with kinfolks in East Texas.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 19 — Mrs. Frank Dickey, Jr. and son, Bill, and Ray Gene Ivey dismissed.

Dec. 20 — Mrs. David Haught, Mrs. Sam Jay admitted. Mrs. Lena Millican dismissed.

Dec. 21 — Mrs. Thelma Mauldin admitted. Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. David Haught.

Dec. 22 — Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tinkler. Robert Jerry Large, infant, dismissed.

Dec. 23 — Mrs. Pearl Mayo, Julia Helen Bird admitted. Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr., dismissed.

Der. 24 — Mrs. Roy Tinkler and infant daughter dismissed.

Der. 25 — Howard Vernadore admitted. Mrs. David Haught and infant daughter and Julia Helen Bird dismissed.

Der. 26 — Son born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Elliott.

DEATH OF EUGENE OWEN

The Kirkpatrick family has received word of the death of Eugene Owen of Allison, Iowa, whose passing occurred at 11 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25. He was the father of the late Mrs. Gail Kirkpatrick of Robert Lee.

Mr. Owen was 82 years of age and had been in bad health since suffering a stroke last spring. A native of Butler County, Iowa, he served several terms as county auditor and was postmaster at Allison many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen enjoyed several trips to Texas and made a number of lengthy visits in the Kirkpatrick home here. Their last visit was in September, 1953, just prior to the death of their daughter.

Surviving are his wife; a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Shafer of Clarksville, Iowa; three grandchildren, Mrs. Joseph A. (Mary Jane) Dausch of Allison Park, Pa., Mrs. James E. (Betty Jean) Hillman of Bellevue, Pa., and Thomas Owen Kirkpatrick of Robert Lee.

Funeral services for Mr. Owen with Masonic rites were to be held at 2 p.m. in Allison Friday, with burial in the Clarksville cemetery.

GRAIN PROGRAM EXTENDED

Walter T. McKay, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, today advised Paul C. Shillingburg, County Supervisor, of the extension of the Emergency Feed Grain Program in Coke County. Under this extension, farmers and ranchers may now file applications through Feb. 15, 1957, for a supply of feed grain necessary to carry their basic livestock through March 15, 1957. Mr. McKay also advised that the Emergency Roughage Program will be extended; however, there will be a delay in accepting applications for roughage until sometime in early January since financial aspects of the program are being worked out in Washington.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Willis Smith spent several days last week assisting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Bronte, in moving to Melvin where they will make their home. The Johnson farm north of Bronte has been leased by Bill Braswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen entertained their children and their families over Christmas. All the children were present except their son, J. D. McCutchen of Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton enjoyed having four of their five sons and their families here for Christmas. Unable to be present was Weldon (Jiggs) Lofton of Texas City. Others here were Leslie and Keith Lofton of Snyder, Norris of Gainesville and Dale of Lubbock. Dale and his wife went to Austin to visit her kinfolks. Dale is a student at Texas Tech.

Guests of the Jeff Dean and Bobby Baker families over Sunday were Mrs. Cecil Lewis and children of Weatherford and Mrs. Nora May of New York City. The ladies are sisters of Judge Dean and Mrs. Baker. Also here for an extended stay this winter is their mother, Mrs. Claud Dean, of Weatherford.

BIRTHS

TINKLER — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tinkler (Jennie Lee Burns) of Robert Lee are parents of a daughter born at 6:10 a. m. Dec. 22 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 13¹/₂ ounces and has been named Jeania Lynn. She has a brother, Walter, 2 years old. The father is employed at McCabe's Humble Station. Grandparents are Mrs. Mattie Tinkler and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burns.

DAVIS — Mr. and Mrs. Addison Davis (Joan Hester) of San Angelo are parents of a son born Dec. 18 in St. John's Hospital at San Angelo. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and will answer to the name of Michael Duwayne. Other children in the family are Burl, 3, and Nadine, 13 months old. The father is employed by Gandy's Creamery. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Davis. Great-grandparents are G. E. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childress of Robert Lee.

MESSER — Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Messer (Rosa Leigh Sparks) of Amarillo are parents of a son born Nov. 19 in St. Anthony's hospital at Amarillo. He weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces and has been named William Waide. He has three brothers. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sparks of Roswell, N. Mex., and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Messer, Sr. of Amarillo. Mrs. Annie Sparks of Robert Lee is the baby's great-grandmother.

Coke County Commissioners Meet Monday

Coke County Commissioners Court will meet next Monday, Dec. 31, to check claims and transact other matters incident to winding up the year's business.

Commissioner J. W. Service will attend his final meeting as a member of the Court, since he is to be succeeded by Fern Havins, newly elected commissioner in Precinct 1.

Commissioners will meet again Wednesday, Jan. 2, when Mr. Havins will officially take over his new position.

Only other new official is O. L. Roe of Robert Lee, who is the new constable in Precinct 1, succeeding Bruce Allen. T. F. Sims, Sr. was re-elected Precinct 2 constable for a four-year term.

DEATH OF JIM BROWN

(Bronte Enterprise)

Mr. and Matthew Caperton were called to Whitewright Friday night because of the death of Jim Brown, who died at 9 p.m. in a Sherman Hospital after an extended illness. Mrs. Brown, the former Mrs. O. V. Looney of Robert Lee, is the mother of Mrs. Caperton and Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. of Robert Lee.

The couple was married October 20, 1954.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Whitewright. Mr. Brown's survivors include his wife and four children, Rex Brown, Mrs. Max Holmes, Mrs. Bill Sutton and Miss Polly Brown.

The Capertons returned to Bronte Sunday night, accompanied by Mrs. Brown. She will return to Whitewright in a few days to attend business matters and then return to Bronte to make her home in the private apartment in the Caperton home.

RECEIVED BAD BURNS

Fred Roe, Sr was badly burned on the back of his left leg at his farm home just west of town Wednesday morning. He was warming himself in front of a small gas heater when his clothing caught afire. Mr. Roe extinguished the blaze quickly and later entered Coke Memorial hospital where he was reported comfortable yesterday.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phelan entertained a group of relatives at Christmas time, including Loyd's four brothers. Those present were J. D. Phelan of Ackerly, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Phelan and son of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Phelan of Traver, Calif., Orvan Phelan of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Nance and son of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Spicer and daughter, Gayle, of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard Brown came from Delmita for a Christmas visit with their parents, Ms. and Mrs. John Brown in Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Walton at Bronte.

Visiting in the D. P. Key home over the weekend were their grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shelburne III of Abilene. Joining them at the Key home on Sunday for a family gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and children, Mr. and Mrs. David Key and son, Joe David, B. W. Shropshire, father of Mrs. D. P. Key, was also a guest.

Silver News

COALSON INFANT DIES

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Coalson whose infant son, Randy Lloyd, died Sunday morning in the Bronte hospital where he was born Friday. He was the couple's first child.

Funeral services were held Monday morning in the Bronte Church of Christ, with burial in Fairview cemetery at Bronte.

The mother is the former Charlotte Bussey, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bussey of McKenzieville. The father is employed by Texas Natural Gasoline Corp., southwest of Silver.

Survivors include the parents; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coalson of Silver, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bussey.

Mrs. Howard Beringer of Meadville, Pa., arrived last Wednesday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Haigood, and husband. The Haigoods and their guest motored to Alice for a Christmas visit with their son, Melvin, and were joined there by another son, Elvin Haigood of Freer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers enjoyed having their three daughters and their families with them for Christmas, including the George Penningtons of Prague, Okla., the J. L. Kuhns of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Higgins of Robert Lee.

The O. W. Newells went to Austin to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Asdy Prather. Both Mr. Prather and his wife, the former Beth Newell, are students at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson visited a few days last week with their son, G. A. Jameson, and family near Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jameson entertained their three sons and their families at a Christmas dinner and gift exchange Monday night.

Earl Lindsey and family plan to spend New Years with his mother at Bishop, south of San Antonio. She is 78 years of age and has been in failing health recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hood and their new baby came from Dallas for a weekend visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen went to Tennyson Monday for a visit with Mrs. Allen's mother and other kinfolks, including a sister, Mrs. Frank Farmer of Waco.

Buster Jones and family left Monday to spend Christmas with kinfolks in Dallas.

Mrs. E.C. Bundick and her son, R. R. Bundick, and family of Bloomington, Tex., have been here for a Christmas visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. B. Higginbotham, and family. Mr. Bundick is employed by Suntime Pipeline Co.

HAUGHT — Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Haught of Silver are parents of their first child, a daughter, born at 2 a. m. Dec. 21 in Coke County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and has been named June Ann. The family moved here from Sundown a few months ago. The father is a pumper for the Texas Company, a few miles northwest of Silver. Grandparents are Guy H. Haught of Maunie, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wood of Fairfield, Ill.

R. L. Hughes and family spent Christmas with relatives at Beeville.

W. A. Goodwyn and wife were in Waco for Christmas and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wahl went to Dallas for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson entertained their three daughters and their families at a Christmas party Sunday. All were present except their son-in-law, Joe Ash, who is stationed with the army forces in Germany.

Spending Christmas with his parents at Rio Grande City were Lee Weigel and family.

Don Hull and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Hull's parents at Rotan.

A. P. Gilbert and wife of Shreveport, La., arrived Monday for a visit over Christmas with his son, Paul Gilbert, and family, at Jameson Camp.

Forrest Ferguson, Sun production field clerk and his family who reside in Colorado City, are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moe, of Onawa, Iowa.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston were their sons, Bill of Kingsville and Kenneth of Big Spring, and Mr. Preston's brother, A. E. Preston, of Amarillo. Also Mrs. Preston's nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Brown, of Oklahoma City.

The group joined Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown for a Christmas gathering in the Brown home. Also present was the Brown's son, Sgt. Ernest Brown, who is stationed in the Air Force at Victoria.

Bill Preston, who has been attending A & I College at Kingsville,

has taken his pre-induction physical and expects to be called into the service in the near future. Kenneth is a pumper for Sun Oil Co. at Forsan, and lives in Big Spring.

The R. B. Allen home was the scene for a happy family gathering over the Christmas holiday.

College students home of the Christmas holidays:

San Angelo College — Glenn and Jerry Wilkes.

Texas Tech—Lee Mullican, Kay Stewart, Barbara Clifton.

West Texas State, Canyon, — Cecil Coalson.

Southern Methodist—Allen Snead Texas A & M — Sonny Palmer.

Guests in the O. L. Snyder home are Mr. and Mrs. Wade Graham. He is a student at West Texas State, while his wife, the former Mary Ann Snyder, is employed as a secretary in an Amarillo oil office. She makes daily trips from Canyon to Amarillo.

PERSONALS

Howard Varnadore ran his car into a utility pole near the Marven Stewart residence Christmas Day, when he pulled over to miss hitting a car driven by his father, Ernest Varnadore. Howard received a chest bruise from his steering wheel and was hospitalized over night.

Julia Helen Bird, 2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Bird, became seriously ill Sunday. She was treated at Coke Memorial Hospital and was able to return to her parents' home Christmas Day.

Mrs. Nell Pruitt came from Paris, Tex., for a Christmas visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey and their son, Cumbie Ivey, Jr. and family joined other relatives at the annual Christmas celebration in the parental home of R. E. Hickman at Bronte. Seventeen members of the family were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Sr. and Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr. and family were dinner guests Sunday in the Cecil Kemp home at Bronte. The group enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Sr. in Robert Lee.

W. T. Roach has returned to Three Rivers after a holiday visit with his family here. Mr. Roach is engaged on a construction project near the South Texas city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin visited here Christmas Day with their daughter, Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr. and family. They were returning from a visit with kinfolks at Temple and were accompanied to their home in Crane by their granddaughters, Gayle and Lexie Lewis.

Mrs. R. L. Page returned the fore part of last week from Crystal City where she visited her mother, Mrs. M. S. Winston, and her sister, Mrs. J. R. Martin and family.

Christmas guests of Miss Ollie Green included her nephew, J. W. Swofford and wife of Dallas, and her brother, Walter Green, of San Angelo.

Mrs. Gertrude Gray and family were Christmas dinner guests at the C. D. Beaver home in Bronte.

Recent weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCabe, Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Alexander of Ballinger, grandparents of Mrs. McCabe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Britt of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Salvato of San Angelo joined local kinfolks in a Christmas gathering at the home of Mrs. Daisy McCutchen.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our Coke County friends for their sympathy and many acts of kindness in our recent bereavement; especially the congregation on the Robert Lee Church of Christ who served dinner to our group on the day of Millard's funeral. — W. N. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. John Gregston.

T. H. ROGGE RETIRES

T. H. Rogge retired Nov. 1 from General Telephone Co. when he was honored with a dinner by fellow employees. He began as a lineman for the San Angelo Telephone Co. in 1909. From 1925 to 1951 he was at Bronte and served as exchange manager part of the time and was in charge of maintenance of both the Bronte and Robert Lee exchanges. He was transferred to the San Angelo office in 1951 and had since served as a fieldman. Mr. Rogge and his wife reside at 219 Cottonwood in San Angelo.

A Christmas gathering of the Smith family was enjoyed here with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith entertaining the group at a holiday dinner. Present for the occasion were Edwin Smith and wife of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Williams and children of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis of Robert Lee. A sister, Mrs. T. C. Coffey of Christoval, was unable to attend because of injuries received in a highway accident a short time ago.

M. E. Petross and family are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Brownwood, Ft. Worth and Odessa.

MOVING TO CORPUS CHRISTI

H. E. (Buck) Ivey and his wife visited over Christmas with kinfolks and friends in Robert Lee and Bronte. They recently sold a grocery store which they operated a year at Center Point and are moving to Corpus Christi where Mr. Ivey will operate a Phillips 66 station and tire, battery and accessory establishment. Their son, Homer, also resides in Corpus Christi.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Hall and Randy, motored to DeKalb where they spent Christmas with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hall.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childress included Mr. and Mrs. Earl Childress and children, Betty and Mack, and Mrs. Maude Williams of Brazoria on a visit, Addison Davis and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Childress, and J. W. Wallace and family. Mr. Wallace, whose wife is the former Billie Hester, is home on leave from his army station at Fort Bliss.

Mrs. J. F. Hamilton went to Roswell, New Mex., for a Christmas visit with her children, Claude Hamilton and Mrs. John Gaddy, joining the family group there where other children who reside at Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gholson returned Tuesday from a ten days' visit with their children at Henderson and Longview.

Willie Wayne and Royce Smith and their families were Christmas dinner guests in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, at Melvin. Relatives from Waco joined the group for the holiday.

Donald Mauldin and family of Corpus Christi came up for a Christmas visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives and Mrs. Jim Mauldin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell were hosts at a family Christmas dinner. Guests included Mrs. Braswell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell of Bronte, also the J. C. Farwell family, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts, Mrs. Jerry Thomason and sons, J. W. Denman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Irven Escue of Spearman.

Millard McKinney, who was found dead near Big Spring from asphyxiation last Tuesday, was a son of John Gregston of Robert Lee. Another-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Gregston, the relatives stopped at the Gregston home here and were served dinner by members of the Robert Lee Church of Christ.

Mrs. Pearl Rutherford arrived Friday for a visit over Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Bill McCutchen and family. Mrs. Rutherford resided the past few years in El Paso but a few months ago returned to San Angelo where she purchased a home and resides at 2235 Chestnut. While here she renewed her subscription to The Observer.

Mrs. Nell Pruitt of Paris, Tex., arrived Friday for a holiday visit with her daughter, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr. and family.

The Jack Brocks of Shallowater and Bert Sheppard and family of Spearman were Christmas guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Shepard.

Leroy Brown, Jr. came from Dallas to spend Christmas here with his parents and his sister, Miss Violet Brown.

Mrs. Melrose Russell and son, Bryon, are spending the holidays with her sister and family at Riviera in South Texas.

The Henry Nease family went to Lawton, Okla., for a holiday visit with relatives.

Christmas guests in the T. M. Wylie, Jr. home were Mrs. Wylie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock of Colorado City.

Spending Christmas in Robert Lee with Mrs. Bert Duncan were her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baker, and son, Zackie, of Corsicana. Mrs. Baker is the former June Duncan.

Miss Eunice McLure has gone to Freeport and other points in South Texas to spend her Christmas vacation with kinfolks.

In renewing her subscription this week Mrs. Lula J. Burson, Box 123, Corona, Calif., writes that she looks forward to The Observer coming each week.

E. R. (Rusty) Cox writes that he and his family have purchased a new home and their address is 904 Walter Drive, Hurst, Tex. They formerly lived on a route of Grapevine.

Former Bronte Man Dies from Asphyxiation

(Bronte Enterprise)

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday from First Baptist Church here for Millard (Mack) McKinney, 39, of Big Spring. Rev. Douglas G. Brown, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Fairview cemetery here under direction of Bell Funeral Home of Snyder.

McKinney and his wife were found unconscious in their auto about 5 a. m. Tuesday at an oil rig northwest of Big Spring. Mrs. McKinney regained consciousness enroute to a Snyder hospital. Mr. McKinney was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

The couple apparently had been overcome by carbon monoxide fumes expelled by a motor generating electric power at the rig. Their car was parked near the motor.

Mr. McKinney was a driller for Brown and Scarber drilling contractors of Big Spring. The couple lived in Big Spring. McKinney was reared in Bronte.

An autopsy was ordered by Justice of the Peace W. C. Davidson. The report will be made in about 10 days.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Charlie Edward, Weldon Millard, Melvin Daniel and Waymon Carl, all of Big Spring; one daughter Frances Florence of Big Spring; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. McKinney of Rogers; six sisters and three brothers.

If you don't get The Observer, you don't get the news!

Robert Large arrived Friday for a visit with his wife and family, and made the acquaintance of the new son born Dec. 9. Mr. Large is a chief boilerman in the U. S. Navy and is stationed on the USS Cook at San Diego, Calif. After a 10-days' leave he will report back for duty, while his wife and children will remain here with Mrs. Large's mother, Mrs. Mattie Tinker. Large has 17 years of service in the navy.

Forrest Lyon and family of Eastland attended the Davis-Sawyer wedding here Wednesday night. A brother of Mrs. R. C. Sawyer, Mr. Lyon is a professional photographer at Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Watson and daughter, Katherine, of Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Besent of Odessa were Christmas guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wojtek were her parents and a brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Oakes of Santa Anna and Fred Oakes of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Belle Parker was happy to have all her children, except John, and their families here for Christmas. John resides at Pocatello, Idaho. Coming from San Antonio for the family gathering was Sgt. 1st Class Dave Parker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis Jay and little son, Benjie, came from Alpine for a holiday visit with kinfolks in Robert Lee and San Angelo. Robert Lewis is a student at Sul Ross College.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Jack Waide and 23 members of the Methodist Young Folks enjoyed a Christmas Party last Thursday night. It was planned as a progressive affair with the appetizer being served at the Jeff

Dean home. The salad course was served at the N. B. Geer home and the main dinner was enjoyed at the R. C. Sawyers. The group then had dessert in the Charles Sims home and a social evening followed in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson.

HEY, WE'RE NOT DEAD YET!

No, our town is still breathing — but San Angelo, Colorado City, and Ballinger are bickering over our bones. If the worm would turn in just the right direction, we might be carving chunks off them instead. That will be the day!

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SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Here's a Christmas verse submitted by Ulmer and Josephine Bird of Sanco:

When a man has written
and written
Then adds up what
he has wrote
Tries to express it permanent
in some quotable quote.
I think perhaps the
grand total
Or little or much
his part
Is measured by what
as he wrote
He believed down deep
in his heart.

Latest info is that the phone people will change over to dial service in Robert Lee Feb. 5. No late word on the REA proposed lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skrabanek served free coffee and home made cookies in the Silver Cafe Monday as a Christmas greeting to their friends and customers.

Ernest Clendennen, Silver welder, had a lot of fun distributing of maple syrup. The 100% pure pancake syrup was put up in pints that had the appearance of being Old Granddad.

Olene's Beauty Shop should have been included in the list of firms giving prizes at the Christmas Party drawing. We promised to make the correction last week, and didn't.

Robert Lee business houses and offices have been all screwed up over holiday closings both at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. It's got to the point that most everyone wants an extra day or two before and after when a holiday comes along.

More items about Christmas visitors should be sent in for next week's paper. We know we have missed a good many.

Have you forgotten to renew Observer subscription? Quite a few due now.

We still have our turkey which was bought for Thanksgiving. Violet hopes to be out of the hospital soon and maybe we'll get it ready for a big News Years dinner. Hope so because I like turkey.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg and children came from Three Rivers for a holiday visit with kinfolks in Robert Lee and San Angelo. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce and the Addison Davis family in a Christmas Eve party Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Earl Pierce in San Angelo. The Mike Davis and Vosburg families are residing in Three Rivers where the men are engaged on a gasoline plant construction project.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker and daughter, Sandra, took advantage of the day after Christmas store holiday and spent Wednesday with the former's parents at Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vowell went to Abilene Saturday where they visited his mother, Mrs. Eva Vowell, and his sister, Mrs. D. T. McCleskey and family.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman near Sanco was the scene of a happy Christmas gathering when all their children and their families were present. Guests included Douglas Gartman and family of Perkins-Prothro Camp, Teddy Pitcock and family of Sanco, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winkler and son, Danny, of Abilene, and Annice Gartman, who resides at home.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Richards entertained a number of kinfolks at Christmas dinner, including her parents, Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman. Guests from a distance included Freddie Hickman and family of Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCord of Overton came for a Christmas visit with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Green. They were joined for a Christmas dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Wilfred Caraway came out from Dallas for a weekend visit in the home of his mother, Mrs. Lillian Caraway, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson were Christmas dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks, in the Lometa community.

J. S. Ferrell left Sunday morning for a Christmas visit with his mother, Mrs. Erwin Volze, at Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Ferrell made the trip by auto and before stopping late Sunday night at Gila Bend, Ariz., had traveled more than 800 miles. He expects to return early next week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crum and Mr. and Mrs. Barton Waldrop and son, Lyndon, spent Christmas with the Robert Jones family at Ira. Mrs. Waldrop and Mrs. Jones are twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Crum. Lyndon was home from Sudan where he is a Santa Fe station operator's helper.

The E. C. Davis family was entertained at Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waymond Davis.

Annual Christmas feast enjoyed by the Bryan families took place Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan of Walnut Springs, Mrs. Joe Dodson, Sr., Eldon Dodson, Joe Dodson, Jr. and family, C. L. Martin of Houston, and the Gene Hinnard and J. W. Service, Jr. families.

Coming from Amarillo for a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowrance, were Mrs. Archie Wheeler and Mrs. Kenneth Pickett and their families. They also attended the Wallace reunion on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Lillian Caraway and Zella and Jimmy and Ernest Bloodworth spent Christmas Day in Big Spring. They visited kinfolks and attended the newly released movies, "Giant," which was filmed near Marfa a year or two ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson were Sunday dinner hosts to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson, and other members of the family. Twenty-five kinfolks were present.

Bill Lloyd and family of Bangs were in Robert Lee for a Christmas visit with kinfolks. The family group were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brock and were supper guests of Mrs. E. A. Burgess and daughter, Madeline.

The H. L. Brod family of Lewisville were here for a holiday visit with Mrs. Brod's brother, O. B. Jacobs, and family. They were joined by Mrs. J. E. Roane and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker at Christmas dinner in the Jacobs home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ivey of Odessa and Aubrey Ray Kiker and wife of Houston visited among Bronte and Robert Lee kinfolks over Christmas.



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