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Roberts & Hawkins Brot In Discovery

Roberts and Hawkins Drilling company of Dallas were the contractors who put down the first test in discovering Coke county's new oil field south of Silver. In charge of the company's operations here has been A. A. (Slim) Hill. He lives in Odessa where his son is a member of the famous Bronco football team, but Slim spends most of his time on the job in Coke county.

It was Sept. 19, 1946, when Roberts & Hawkins began drilling Sun's No. 1 Allen Jameson. The well was completed Dec. 12th after penetrating only 20 feet of pay in the Pennsylvania lime at a depth of 6,245 feet. A few months ago the test was deepened and is capable of producing at least 200 barrels of high gravity oil daily. Allowable production for the field is 110 barrels per day.

After completing No. 1 Allen Jameson Hill moved his big rotary rig a quarter mile south where he brought in No. 1 Fred Jameson. He then drilled No. 2 Allen Jameson, which failed to produce both in the Ellenburger and Strawn sections, for the only duster thus far in the area.

Roberts & Hawkins later brought in No. 2 Willie I. Tubb and then Homer Jameson No. 3. They are now at work on Sun's No. 3 Tubb and were below 5,000 feet early this week.

Rumor is that Roberts & Hawkins will move another rotary rig into the field very soon.

Heavy Fines Imposed

Howard Richardson and wife of Abilene were assessed heavy fines here Dec. 24 after being arrested by liquor control officers after an 85-mile an hour chase south of Bronte. Pleading guilty before County Judge Bob L. Davis, Richardson was fined \$250 for transporting liquor in dry territory and \$50 for reckless driving. His wife was fined \$100 for carrying a loaded revolver, the weapon being found inside her clothing when she was searched by Sheriff Paul Good at the county jail. Total fines and costs were \$506 which were paid in cash. The couple had in their possession 21 cases of liquor valued at \$900.

Latham Trucking Service

A. E. Latham has enlarged his trucking service the past year and is now doing considerable hauling in the Coke county oil field. Several of his trucks are equipped with winches which enable operators to handle heavy equipment. Mr. Latham also does livestock and all kinds of hauling.

Mrs. Jim Wauldin of Pampa and Mrs. David Trailer of White Deer visited during the holidays with their son and brother, Jim Mauldin and family. Another sister, Mrs. Loraine Barton of Pampa came after them Sunday.

W. M. Summers was taken to the Bronte hospital Monday after an illness of the past week failed to improve.

Richmond Stoud and family came down from Dumas for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

The Bob Burpos of Lawton, Okla., and Mrs. Merle Day and children of Miles were Christmas guests in the Hattie Day home. Mrs. Merle Day and two children expect to leave by the middle of January to join Merle who is with the army of occupation in Japan.

New Bride



Mrs. Harry Anderson was the former Gwendolyn King before her recent marriage.

Ray-Harris Drilling Co. Now on Sixth Location

Ray-Harris Drilling company began operations in Coke county early in the year and spudded Sun Oil company's No. 1 Homer Jameson Feb. 27. The well was completed as a producer in 59 days, after considerable testing and an exploration of the Ellenburger below 7,000 feet.

Other producers brought in by Ray-Harris include Willie I. Tubb No. 1, No. 1-A Tubb, No. 4 Fred Jameson and No. 4 Homer Jameson. A few weeks ago they took the contract to drill Sun's wildcat test No. 1 J. W. Arledge, 11 miles east of the Jameson field. The test was spudded Nov. 25 and a depth below 6,000 had been reached early this week.

W. F. Tucker handles tools for Ray-Harris. The company has a second rotary rig now drilling a wildcat in Martin county.

Oil Field Supplies

Cragin Lumber company of Robert Lee was established here the past year and a big part of its business is furnishing drilling mud and heavy lumber to the Jameson oil field near Silver. Mr. Cragin moved here from Odessa and has been engaged in the business with his father for the past 25 years.

Extinguish Xmas Blaze

A small fire at the rear of Ivey Motor company Christmas Day was extinguished promptly with the new fire truck. It is thought a firecracker may have set fire to an empty barrel which had contained radiator alcohol. Several window panes were broken because of the intense heat.

Jean Smith, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith of Bronte, submitted to an operation for removal of a tumor on her spine in a San Antonio hospital Tuesday. Jean is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey and their son, Cumbie, Jr., arrived home last Tuesday from Dallas where Junior was hospitalized several days because of injuries received when his car was struck by a train. He is recovering nicely and will be able to return to his college work next week at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lee of Robert Lee are the parents of a 9 pound daughter born Christmas eve at the Bronte hospital. Mr. Lee is a driller for Ray-Harris.

J. D. Black and wife visited several days the last of the week with relatives at Iraan. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Black's mother, Mrs. Ada Baker.

Notes from the Oil Field



Sam (Choctaw) Chapman returned to Coke county with his drilling crew this week to take over the morning tour on the Ray-Harris rig at the J. W. Arledge location. He changed places with Howard Lawrence who was transferred to Martin county. "Chief" has a lot of friends who are glad to see him back. He and several of his men have new trailer houses and they are now settled at Black's trailer camp.

R. S. (Red) Anderson broke ground this week on another new building a block east of the Silver school house. The structure has ground dimensions of 20 x 30 feet and will be of tile and stucco. Sherm says the building will be for rent and he is hoping to sign a lease for the new post office in one of his buildings.

Sun company will start at once on the erection of a new residence for one of their new pumpers, A. E. Rose, who is now living in Robert Lee. The house will be located on the C. E. Mathers lease.

J. W. (Jack) Maxwell, new office manager for Sun Oil company at Silver, moved his family up from Kilgore this week. The Maxwells have a daughter, Linda, 2 1/2 years old, and a baby son, Mike, 5 months of age. Mr. Maxwell has been with Sun the past 9 years.

Dewey Smith, new superintendent for Sun Oil company operations in Coke county, recently moved here from Brookhaven, Miss. The Smiths are at present occupying the guest house in the Jameson camp. They have a son, Wayne, 7 years old. Mr. Smith relieved Hub Aston, who came out from the Dallas office for the past several months.

John Ebey, assistant office manager for the Sun company at Silver, took a few days off to visit home folks at Ft. Worth during Christmas week.

Dave Harris, one of the owners of the Ray-Harris Drilling company, moved to Dallas a few weeks ago. He had planned to move to Midland, but later arrangements were for him to be nearer the company's main office at Dallas. Dave tried hard to persuade his partner, Ferrel Ray, to let him move to Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yates of San Angelo have purchased an interest from Mrs. Louis Theaux in the Club cafe and the business is now being conducted as Theaux & Yates. Mr. Yates is an experienced chef.

S. R. Young underwent a successful operation for stomach ulcers last Saturday at Shannon hospital. He is reported as recovering very nicely.

Jim Blair and his family returned to Robert Lee last week after spending the fall months picking cotton near Olten, Tex.

Joy Millican is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Rankin Russell, at Marjaneal.

C. S. Brown returned home Tuesday from a few days' stay at Shannon hospital where he received treatment.

About the only place of business in Robert Lee to remain open on Christmas was Hattie Day's cafe. It meant long hours for Mrs. Day and her help, but also saved quite a few folks from going hungry.

Wed Recently



Mrs. Hubert Buchanan was formerly LaVida Martin of San Angelo before her marriage two weeks ago.

Baker-Taylor Operating Two Rigs in County

Baker-Taylor Drilling company now has two rotary jack knifed rigs operating in the Jameson field. The new company erected its first rig in Coke county and drilled Sun's No. 2 Fred Jameson last spring.

Later completions included No. 3 Fred Jameson, No. 2 Homer Jameson, No. 1 C. E. Mathers and No. 1 J. S. Walker.

A second new rig was purchased during the summer when Baker-Taylor drilled a well for Sun near Eunice, N. Mex. The second rig was moved to Coke county in the early fall and drilled No. 1 J. S. Walker producer.

They are now on Fred Jameson No. 5 and C. E. Mathers No. 2 locations.

L. A. Tibbets is in charge of drilling operations and is one of the most popular tool pushers in West Texas. Also a frequent visitor at the lease is Bill Baker of Dallas, one of the owners.

Varnadore Bros. Expand

With the opening of the new oil field in northwestern Coke county Varnadore Bros. Oil company immediately began servicing the equipment with fuel and lubricating oil. They supply diesel fuel for a number of the large motors on the drilling rigs and of course all machines in the area use Sunoco lubricants. Clell and Morris recently put in a bulk plant at the northwest edge of Robert Lee. They operate two trucks and have bought a large transport trailer tank which has a capacity of 2,500 gallons.

Found—A rather small white friendly dog with collar strayed to our house 3 miles north of Sanco. Some person's pet. Palmer Leeper.

W. K. Varnadore, wife and little son, Billy, of San Angelo and Agnes and Edith Walker of Abilene spent Christmas at the parental Dee Walker home.

Mrs. Sam Duncan returned early last week to her home near Edith after a considerable stay in the hospital at Bronte. Her condition is improved.

Frank Percifull was brought home Tuesday from a San Angelo hospital where he has been a patient for several weeks. Frank's doctor says he is doing mighty fine but will have to take things easy for some time.

The Carl Hurley family spent the weekend in Mason county visiting in the Arthur Hurley and John Fikes homes.

J. B. Walker Well South Side River Makes 444 Barrels

No. 1 J. B. Walker, Sun Oil company's wildcat test a mile south of the Colorado River, flowed 444 2 barrels of 48 gravity oil in the official 24-hour test completed Wednesday noon. Gauge was through a quarter inch choke

With Sun Oil company bringing in a strong producing well on the J. B. Walker lease south of the Colorado River, the Jameson field south of Silver in northwestern Coke county has definitely been widened a distance of more than four miles. It means that Sun will make additional permanent installations and several more drilling rigs are expected to be brought into the area in the very near future.

The J. B. Walker test flowed 295 barrels of 48 gravity oil in a 24-hour test ending at 7 a. m. Tuesday. The test was through a 3-16 inch choke. Tubing pressure was 1,100 pounds and casing pressure 1,300. Gas-oil ratio was 1,330-1.

Equipment used in the test was released Monday with final completion of the well, but another location for Red Franks and his rig had not been announced.

No. 1 J. S. Walker

Sun's No. 1 J. S. (Jack) Walker was completed this week. The official test completed at 6 p. m. Dec. 28 gauged 92.84 barrels of oil in 24 hours through a quarter inch choke. Tubing pressure was 250 pounds and casing pressure 1,100. Gas-oil ratio was 1,230-1.

While the well is flowing below the allowable of 110 barrels daily, operators are hoping the flow may increase. The test explored the Ellenburger and plugged back to the Pennsylvania above 6,500 feet. It was shot with nitro glycerine and later treated with 5,000 gallons of acid.

No. 5 Fred Showing

No. 5 Fred Jameson cemented pipe to 6,080 feet and drilled ahead. A test from 6,065-80 recovered 270 feet of oil and 180 feet of oil and gas cut mud. A later test from 6,243-87 showed fluorescence. Contractors are Baker-Taylor B rig.

No. 5 Homer Jameson cored the first of the week from 5,869-5,904 feet. A slight odor and trace of fluorescence was reported.

No. 3 Willie Tubb was drilling Monday at 5,066 feet in shale. The test, a south offset to No. 1 Tubb, was spudded Dec. 14 by Roberts-Hawkins.

No. 2 C. E. Mathers cemented surface pipe to 1,400 feet and was drilling Monday at 2,620 feet in shale. Contractor is Baker-Taylor A.

No. 1 J. W. Arledge was drilling Monday at 5,953 feet in shale. Contractor is Ray-Harris.

Mrs. J. B. Latham

Mrs. J. B. Latham, widow of a Coke county pioneer doctor, died Sunday night at Abilene following a brief illness. Funeral services and burial took place Tuesday at Blackwell. Born June 21, 1878, in Erath county, Mrs. Latham was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reed of Robert Lee. She was married to Dr. Latham on July 10, 1895. The couple lived in Robert Lee a number of years and then at Blackwell until his retirement. They moved to Abilene in 1921. Survivors include three daughters, a son, and a brother, M. G. Reed of Lawn, Tex.

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Folks You Know

In renewing her subscription to The Observer, Miss Addie Fish writes from Austin that she enjoys reading about the people from home.

Attorney and Mrs. Frank C. Dickey have been enjoying a holiday visit from their sons, Jimmie and Frank, Jr. Jimmie is a pre-law student at Sul Ross college and his wife and two children are here with him. Frank, Jr. is a pre-law student at Baylor University at Waco.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Millican were their sons, Talmand of Sonora and P. W. and family of Austin.

A group of girls enjoying their annual Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. D. P. Key Monday afternoon, Dec. 22, turned the occasion into a lovely Christmas gift shower for the hostess. Afterward some homes of sick and aged were visited and Christmas carols were sung.

A new subscriber to The Observer is Mrs. W. R. Green, Jr., of Lordsburg, N. Mex. She was formerly Lula Puett, daughter of the late Editor A. W. Puett.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fields and two children, Jamie K and Freddie, were here for a Christmas visit at the parental Hubert Fields home at Edith. They also went on to Snyder to visit Mrs. Fields' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Yarbrough. Carlton is foreman of the W. M. Allison ranch near Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor were happy to have several of their children home for the Christmas holidays. The group included Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ligon and three children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Counts and two children of Karval, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Lethlen Mahon and Bobbie Jean of Robert Lee, Mr. and Jack Martin of Big Spring, Ruth Ann of Austin and Patty and Dixie, the Taylor's two youngest daughters who are still at home.

We are happy to acknowledge a renewal of Mrs. J. C. Rabb's subscription, which was accompanied by best wishes for a happy holiday season. Mrs. Rabb now resides at 715 East 19th street in San Angelo where she purchased a home recently.

Mrs. Ike Millican left Friday for Friday for San Antonio where she will visit in the home of a son, Alton, whose 12-year-old daughter is ill.

Hayrick WHD Club

The Hayrick WHD club met Dec. 18 at the school house with Miss Gladys Waldrop as hostess for the annual Christmas party. Games were played and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames J. W. Mitchell, A. R. Coalson, J. W. Labenske, L. C. Robbins, W. G. Cresap and G. R. Waldrop, and Miss Mary Pearl Bearden and the hostess. Also one visitor, Mrs. J. A. Waldrop, and two children, David B. and Dickie Waldrop. The next meeting will be Jan. 1 in the home of Mrs. Coalson.



DAWN OF A NEW DAY

... and a new year. Hopes rise with the sun when its golden glow gilds all our prospects. May all the promises of 1948 be fulfilled. This is our wish for you.

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Greetings to you!

Yes, it's time to change the figures again. Nineteen hundred and forty-eight . . . Let's look optimistically into the future. With any kind of luck, this should be the best year we've ever had! On this cheerful note, we extend to you our heartiest wishes for a Happy New Year.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



**GOOD NEWS
FOR THE
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BUDGET OF GOOD
NEWS FOR YOU.
ACCEPT OUR BEST
WISHES FOR YOUR
HAPPINESS IN THE
YEAR TO COME.

A. E. LATHAM

Trucking Service

Folks You Know

Mrs. Ona Fay Brown and little daughter, Judy, and Mrs. B. J. Acock returned Sunday to their homes in Corsicana after a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Robert Lee. Mrs. Brown is superintendent at P & S hospital in Corsicana.

Billie Sue Brown came down from Lubbock for a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown.

Mrs. Merle Proctor of Bronte, who has been working at the Adams Abstract office, is leaving this week for Brownwood to join her husband who is moving buildings at Camp Bowie.

Bill Denman of Texas City spent Christmas in the home of his aunt, Mrs. A. J. Bilbo, and with other relatives here.

Frank Keeney was over from Bronte Monday and stopped at The Observer office to renew his subscription which started away back in 1901 when this newspaper was known as the Coke County Rustler. Frank settled out in Valley View that year and a few years later engaged in business in Bronte.

The J. B. Robertson home was the scene of a happy gathering when all the children were present for Christmas. Those from a distance included Ima Fay Landers, who is employed in the War Department at Washington, D. C., Billie Landers, a student at Hardin-Simmons at Abilene, Clifford Robertson, a student at NTSC at Denton, and Jesse Ray Robertson of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Harmon and family of Hobbs, N. Mex., returned home Sunday after a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon. They were accompanied here by Cora Zander and Hattie Jeffrey and their children, who visited in the parental J. C. Cobb home.

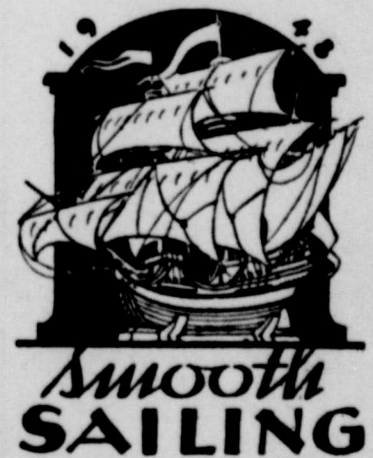
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon wish to thank their friends for the many nice Christmas gifts which they received.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wheeler of Pyote visited over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowrance. They also visited Archie's relatives at Brownwood the last of the week. Gilbert Wallace and wife of Pecos accompanied the Wheelers to Robert Lee and visited among relatives and friends.

Christmas dinner guests in the P. H. Havins home included their sons, Basil and wife and Cleo and family of San Angelo, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brownfield, of Menard. Mr. Brownfield's parents were also guests.



Another year has rolled around . . . 1948. As we see it, this is another opportunity to make new friends, and to serve our old ones even better. May we offer you our best wishes for a truly Happy New Year.



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of it in 1948 . . . that is our
sincere hope, as another New
Year's Day rolls around.



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Folks You Know

A family gathering in the home of Mrs. W. H. Bell last Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garrett of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and daughter, Mrs. Otto Scherz and family of San Angelo, the A. J. Bilbo family, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark, the Bill Craddocks of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay and Mrs. Gertrude Kay of Alpine and Bill Denman of Texas City.

J. H. Estes, Jr. of El Paso visited here over Sunday in the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Russell are visiting Mrs. Russell's mother at Liberty Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wojtek were Christmas dinner guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Oakes, Sr. at Santa Anna.

Miss Iva Snead of Ft. Davis and Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols of Stratford, Tex., have been holiday guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, northwest of town.

Billie Ray Long of Waco visited here last week in the A. J. Bilbo home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tallant of Denver City, Mrs. Robert McGuire of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bilbo of Hobbs, N. Mex., and Shelton Anderson of McCamey were Christmas guests in the home of their mother, Mrs. B. W. Bilbo.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russ Mathers near Silver have been their children, Miss Letha Mathers of Booker, Tex., Mutt of Van Court, Doyle of Abilene and Arch and Elton and their families.

Allie Bilbo and J. C. Snead, Jr. and son, Jack, went deer hunting this week down in the Hill country near Llano.

Christmas visitors in the E. O. Higgins home included Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith of San Angelo and Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Terry of San Marcos.

Guests in the C. E. Mathers home near Silver on Christmas Day included their children, Mr. and Mrs. George Pennington and son of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Kuhn and children of Cisco and Upton and Chrystelle. Also Mrs. Mathers' sister, Mrs. W. D. Jameson and husband of O'Donnell, the Fred Campbells and Wayne McCabes.

Catherine Rabb spent the past week with Esther Allen at Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Millican of near Edith are the proud parents of a son, Conrad, Jr., born Dec. 15, at Shannon hospital. The mother is the former Pauline Peek, and Robert Lee eighth grade teacher.

Garner Welding Service

Robt. (Tex) Garner was the first welder to come into the Jameson field, having moved from Colorado City with his family last April. "Tex" does a lot of work in the oil field and with his wife also operates a cafe which they opened last summer across from the Sun camp.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone who by kind word or deed helped us at the time of the death of our beloved husband and daddy. Those who came to our assistance and ministered to our needs while his body lay in state. To dear Doctor Leonard, who was with him at the time of his death, and who had so patiently ministered to him in any illness for many years of his life

and especially during the time of convalescing from the stroke of paralysis that he suffered more than two years ago

We want the funeral directors to know that we will ever be grateful for the way they put his body away so beautifully.

We especially feel grateful to dear Bro. McCrary who came from Lampasas to speak the last words for him and who spoke such beautiful and comforting words. Also we thank Bro. Mauldin, Bro. Blake and Bro. Jerry Osborn for their kind words and prayers.

We thank the pallbearers who took his poor body to its last resting place, each of whom had befriended him in some way during his lifetime. May you when you are laid to rest have someone as tender and kind to help.

We would especially like to thank Mrs. I. M. Cumbie, who directed the special music and those who sang so beautifully the dear sweet hymns he loved so well during his lifetime. And we are especially grateful for the beautiful floral offerings.

And when God calls you home, dear friend, may you have such good friends to minister to you and comfort your loved ones left behind. God bless you each is our prayer.—Mrs. D. M. West and Shirley Ann.

WANT ADS

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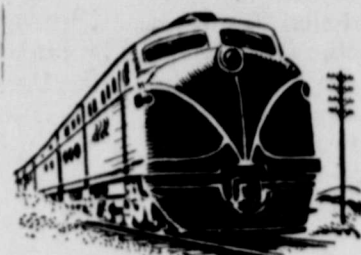


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*To our Faithful
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**TEX'S
Welding Service**

Rob't H. Garner

Folks You Know

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garvin west of Edith included their two sons and three daughters and their families. The children are Rush Garvin and Mrs. Robert Schaefer of San Angelo, Mrs. O. V. Wallace and Mrs. J. C. Zelachoski of Cleburne and Homer Garvin of Edith. Also present for the day were Mrs. Garvin's sister, Mrs. D. W. McBroom, and husband of San Angelo.

Mrs. J. C. Newton and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, enjoyed Christmas in the G. A. Beeman home at Sweetwater. Mrs. Beeman is Mrs. Newton's eldest daughter.

Mrs. Chas. Millican submitted to an appendectomy early last week the Bronte hospital. Later she contracted pneumonia, but is now convalescing satisfactorily.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Meek and children, "Meekie" and Shirley June, of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harmes and baby, Sandra Ann, of Odessa, Mrs. Bert Duncan and children, June and Donny, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Withers of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Millican of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Elkins and son of Coleman, Mrs. O'Bannon and children, Jean and Gary, and C. A. Lamb of Paint Rock.

Joe Dodson, Jr. and his family moved back to Robert Lee this week after residing the past year at Denver City. Joe has secured employment in the oil field near Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lofton visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Chas. Millican at the hospital in Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorin E. Thieman of Corning, Mo., are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Leigh, born Dec. 8. This is their second child. Mrs. Thieman is the former Joyce Havins, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thomason and four months old daughter, Mary Beth, came from Cocoa, Fla., for a holiday visit at the parental Ned Thomason home. E. J. is employed in the Florida town as an auto mechanic.

ALL HAIL TO THE NEW YEAR



"Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

—Alfred Tennyson

As the glad bells peal out at the stroke of midnight to mark the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new, we pause for a moment to express our appreciation for the confidence, friendship and good will which have been extended to us during the past year and to extend our best wishes for a bright and happy New Year.

Welcome — 1948!

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★ As Father Time closes the book on 1947, places it on the shelf with its predecessors and gingerly turns the fly leaf of 1948, we pause for a moment to express the hope that the New Year will shower all its blessings on you, that health, happiness and prosperity will be yours in unbounded measure. Drop in and see us any time.

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Billy Carroll Green Marries Wanda Harvey

In a candle light ceremony read Christmas eve at the U. S. A. Presbyterian church in San Angelo, Miss Wanda Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bird of Knickerbocker, became the bride of Billy Carroll Green, son of Mrs. Ethel Green of Robert Lee. The Rev. Rodney Gibson officiated.

Miss Dorothy Adkins was maid of honor and Richard Day was best man. The bride wore a white wool dress with brown accessories and her corsage was of white carnations.

The bride is a graduate of San Angelo high school. The bridegroom graduated from Robert Lee high school with the class of 1946 and served in the Army Air Corps. He is now employed by the Younger Bros. construction company in Robert Lee where they are making their home.

Guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Garlan Green and Will Percifull of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Augustine and children of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Childress of Menard, Miss Jean Rudicil of San Angelo and Miss Ann Harvey, a sister of the bride.

Open Tax Office

Beginning Friday, Jan. 2, and every Tuesday and Friday thereafter, T. Whitehead, public accountant, or J. R. Wilson of the same organization, will be in their office next door to the post office from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. to compile income tax returns and assist any one with problems concerning accounting and taxes.

Mr. Whitehead's main office is in Ballinger where he has been practicing as a public accountant for the past four years.

It is understood that the office will be open more than the proposed two days weekly if necessary, in order to facilitate the filing of tax returns on time.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith at Bronte were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley and all the Cowley children and their families, including the Franklin Cowleys of Ft. Stockton, the Calvin Sparks family of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rampy of Mertzon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields and the Jack Cowleys of Robert Lee. Also present was Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. C. C. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ball of Bronte and Norman Roper of Norton.

Miss Mettie Russell is spending the holidays at Fort Worth with her sister, Mrs. R. D. Smith, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and Esther and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Odom and Bobby were weekend visitors at the R. D. Allen home at Vancourt.

Frank Clawson, Jr. Oklahoma City Girl

Frank Clawson, Jr., former Robert Lee resident, and Miss Roberta Woodard were united in marriage on Dec. 20 at 8 p. m. in the home of the bride's parents in Oklahoma City. The bride wore a blue silk dress with black accessories and her corsage was of white carnations.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Woodard and is a graduate of high school in Oklahoma City.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clawson of Robert Lee. He attended Robert Lee high school and is now employed in an iron foundry in Oklahoma City.

The young couple came to Robert Lee for a Christmas visit with his parents and left Monday for Oklahoma City where they will reside.

The Clawsons were happy to have all six of their children home a Christmas time, the first time the family had been together in three years.

Folks You Know

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tubb were Mrs. Alice Preslar and daughter, Mrs. Lois Cline, and the latter's son, Finis, of San Angelo. Mrs. Preslar is a sister of Mr. Tubb.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lord and family of Eunice, N. Mex., visited over Christmas with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Clell Varnadore, and other relatives and friends.

Bob L. Davis, wife and little son, Kenneth, took the Russell Zoets back to San Antonio Friday after a Christmas visit in the parental G. E. Davis home. Bob was fortunate to get a ticket for the state high school championship football game in the Alamo Bowl Saturday afternoon. The judge returned to Robert Lee Sunday, leaving Mrs. Davis and the little son for a week's visit with her grandmother, at Marble Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Millican and son, Herman, of Austin spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cook and Mildred. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston F. Gardner and son, Lin, of Kilgore have been guests this week in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. S. Gardner. Another son, Wilfred Gardner, came from Midland for Christmas, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Buchanan of Colorado City and Clydene Stickney of Commerce were Sunday guests of Mrs. Gardner.

Miss Nora Foster of Merkel spent Christmas here with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobson.

Edward Earl Pierce, who is attending an auto mechanics school in San Angelo, spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gardner and daughter, Joyce, of Kent, Texas, arrived Monday for a visit with the Gerald Allens.

Christmas guests of Mrs. Viva Roberts included her children, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clark of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Scott of Bronte and Stroud Roberts.

Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good were happy to have their children home for Christmas, including their son, Eddie Paul, who is attending Oklahoma university at Norman, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker, and little son, Fred Bruce, of Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs and little son spent Sunday in San Angelo visiting his mother, Mrs. Mattie Jacobs.

Mrs. Russ Mathers and son, Doyle, Mrs. Ethel Green and Mr. and Mrs. Garlan Green are visiting at San Antonio this week with Mrs. S. M. Conner in the Ed Gray home. Garlan and his wife will also visit her sister, Mrs. Clyde Goolsley, and will go on to Weslaco in company with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. George.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carr spent Christmas Day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shelton at San Angelo.

Visiting in the R. B. Allen home during the holidays were their children Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sanders and Jane of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Archer and Billy of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allen, Lurene and Travis of Vancourt and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Odom and Bobby of Silver. Other visitors on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gaston, "Skipper" and Marilyn of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Gaston, Linda and Michael and Mrs. S. W. Gaston of Tennyson Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gaston, Billy, Esther and Garland of Dodson, and Miss Nelda Cade of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hurley and family and Pearl, Ada and Myrtle Hurley of Pecos were visitors in the Elbert Hurley home during the holidays.

Holiday guests in the Tom Peay home near Edith were their son, Beauford, of Lubbock and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Green of Borger.

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Walnuts, No. 1 Diamond, lb.	33c
Coconuts, Fresh, lb.	9c
Apples, Fancy del., lb.	11c
Crushed Pineapple, 8 oz. tin	15c
Peas, Plymouth Maid, No. 2 can	10c
Spinach, Hargis, 2 No. 2 cans	19c
New Potatoes, whole, NO. 2 can	12c
Catsup, CHB, 14 oz. bottle	17c
Crustene Shortening, 3 lb. tin	1.15
Clothespins, good ones, doz.	10c
Coffee, Del Monte, lb.	45c
Preserves, Pure Peach, 2 lb.	37c
Trend, New Suds, 2 boxes	33c
Dogfood, Hector, 3 cans	25c
Supersuds, large pkg.	35c
Chili, Van Camps, 17 oz. jar	25c
Cocoa, Mothers, 1 lb. tin	15c
Pinto Bean, 2 lbs cello	29c

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Robert Lee, Texas

THURS., FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JAN. 1-2-3

"The Perils Of Pauline" (color) with Betty Hutton John Lund

Cartoon and Colliers All American Football Team in action

SUNDAY, JAN. 4, 1:30 also MONDAY 6:15

John Wayne-Claire Trevor-Brian Donlevy in
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

Alan Ladd-Dorothy Lamour-Robert Preston in
"Wild Harvest" Cartoon

Jack Sprat **No. 2 Size**
Hominy can 10c

Fruit Cocktail, No. 2½ can 39c

Jack Sprat

Grapefruit Juice, No. 2 can 2 for 17c

Mixed Vegetables, No. 2 can 2 for 25c

Peaches, halves in syrup, No. 1 can 17c

Planters Chocolate Covered

Almonds or Cashews, 4½ oz. jar 21c

Texas Brand Chili, No. 2 can 41c

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Prepared Noodles, 13½ oz. jar 2 for 25c

**Admiration
Coffee Lb 47c**

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Tomato Soup 2 cans 21c

Vienna Sausages 2 cans 33c

Pine Cone Sauer Kraut, No. 2 can 11c

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