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## Bronte Oil Play Brings Fabulous Money for Leases

New interest in Bronte's spectacular oil play occurred this week when a third producer was indicated. American Republics No. 1 Jess Percifull, quarter mile north offset to the Rawlings discovery, a mile west of Bronte, recovered 1,400 feet of oil Monday on a drill-stem test from 4,365 to 4,420 feet. Casing has been set to a depth of 4,379 feet with 300 sacks

Humble's No. 2 Bob Hickman, east offset to the heavy producing No. 1 Hickman, cemented surface pipe at a depth of 2,500 feet.

Intense activity in leasing and royalty sales have taken place at Bronte since the big Hickman well came in. Greatest interest seems to center around leasing of lots in the town of Bronte, where the city limits are less than a mile from No. 2 Hickman.

Taylor Emerson, leading Bronte realtor who is in the thick of the oil play, has secured the services of his nephew, Dowling Emerson of San Angelo, to help with the extra work.

Word went around this week that M & M Production Co. (McGarr Bros of Midland) planned to drill a well on the Barney Modgling property west of the Bronte school house.

Biggest cash deal is the \$6,000 bonus received by Sheriff Paul Good and other heirs of W. A. Good for a lease on 3.6 acres south of the school house in Bronte. Geo. A. DeMontroud of Tyler bought the lease and paid off this week. Other heirs include Walker and Homer Good, Maudie Baker and Maurice Meyer.

Clint Wilkins did about as well by leasing a half acre for \$1,500. Many lots in Bronte are bringing lease bonuses from \$250 to \$400, Emerson said. Fred McDonald, Sr. refused an offer of \$3,000 for one acre.

The city commission at Bronte has voted to not restrict drilling in town. Fred McDonald, Jr. of Robert Lee has filed an application with the Railroad Commission for a permit to drill on his 3 acre tract north of the Farmers Gin in Bronte

## Two Vacancies Exist In Teaching Staff

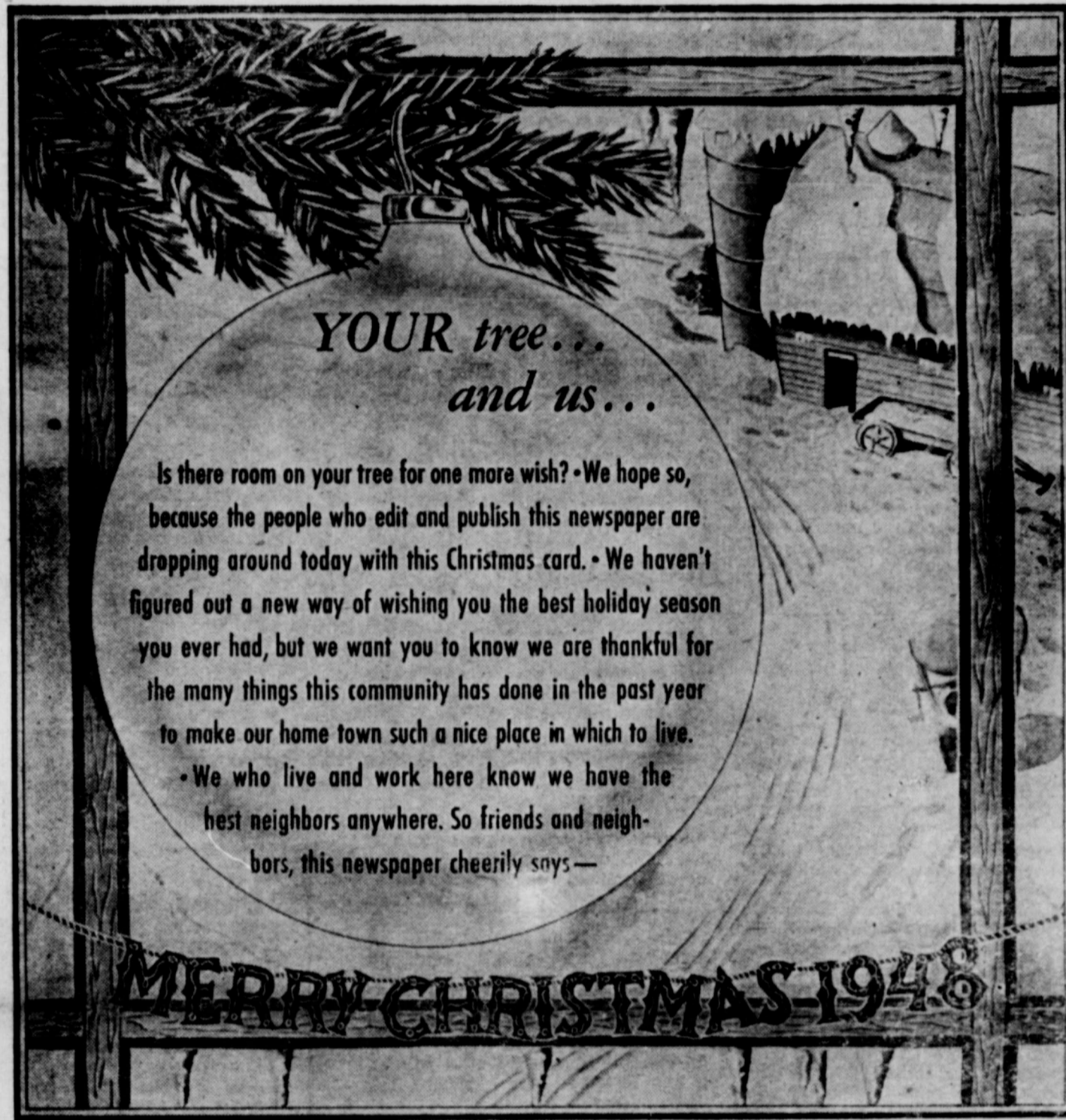
Two vacancies exist in the Robert Lee teaching staff this week, with the resignations of Mrs. R. S. Burks, music teacher, and J. O. McLeod, elementary principal.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin states that several applications have been received for both positions, and it is hoped the vacancies will be filled when classes are resumed Jan. 3. The Robert Lee schools closed Wednesday afternoon for a holiday vacation.

The McLeods are moving to Dallas where Mrs. McLeod has accepted an important civil service position, while Mr. McLeod has applied for a teaching position in the Dallas schools.

The resignation of Mrs. Burks was due to personal reasons. She had been doing good work, as evidenced by the excellent program which her pupils gave at the school auditorium last Friday night.

Mrs. Ethel Green returned last week from a visit with her sons, Garlan and family at Alpine, and J. D. and family at Big Lake.



YOUR tree...  
and us...

Is there room on your tree for one more wish? • We hope so, because the people who edit and publish this newspaper are dropping around today with this Christmas card. • We haven't figured out a new way of wishing you the best holiday season you ever had, but we want you to know we are thankful for the many things this community has done in the past year to make our home town such a nice place in which to live. • We who live and work here know we have the best neighbors anywhere. So friends and neighbors, this newspaper cheerily says—

## Big Crowd Attends Trade Days Event

A big crowd was on hand Wednesday afternoon for the final drawing of the series of Good Will Trade Days sponsored by Robert Lee business firms. An hour's Christmas program was enjoyed and candy gifts were distributed to the children.

Songs and recitations were given by Juanita Tibbets, Sue Henson and Sharon Henson of the fifth grade. A sixth grade group who sang were Doris Cooper, Leslie Nell Wink, Willie Sue Skipworth and Mildred Jumper. Another singing trio included Clela Jones, Jettie Harmon and Jean Johnson.

A group of 30 high school students, directed by Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, sang a number of Christmas carols. Their selections were beautiful.

Mrs. V. L. Copple received a \$20 merchandise certificate, and Mark Chumley \$10. Winners of \$5 certificates include Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield, J. M. Gartman, W. M. Jones, Mrs. B. L. Fly, Mrs. W. A. Alford, Lois Wilson, Mrs. Fred Campbell, O. B. Jacobs, John Gregston, Jeff Blair and Mrs. P. H. Havins.

W. M. Farris and Dee Ballew were in charge of the drawing, assisted by Travis Hicks, who furnished the public address system.

Allen Roberts and family of Dublin are here for a Christmas visit in the parental Bob Roberts home.

## Church of Christ

East Side, Robert Lee

Regular Services each Sunday, Bible Study at 10:15 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 to 12. Evening service at 4 p. m.—Idus England.

## Notes from the Oil Field

No. 1 Mettie Russell and others, Seaboard's wildcat 3 miles west of Robert Lee, was shut down again for rig repairs Thursday morning after reaching a depth of 3,820 feet. Contractors report they are drilling in hard shale and have to change bits about every 100 feet.

Algord Oil company's No. 1 Marvin Simpson, 3 miles northwest of Sanco, was drilling below 5,100 feet Thursday. Longhorn Drilling Co., contractors, will shut down for a three-day holiday beginning Friday.

The Simpson test is an east offset to No. 1 Jack Lassiter, discovery producer in the Marble Falls.

A. G. Hill's No. 3 Ralph Harris Estate is flowing 100 barrels daily according to unofficial reports. The well was completed at a depth of 5,800 feet in Pennsylvanian sand. It is a north offset to No. 2 Harris, recently completed 358-barrel producer.

Delaney Drilling Co., which drilled the first three Harris wells, is still awaiting orders and crews have been temporarily layed off.

No. 5 Harris, south offset to No. 2, was drilling yesterday below 5,700 feet. Contractor is Penrod Drilling Co.

No. 4 Harris was below 4,200 feet. Location is east of No. 2. Carter Drilling Co. has the contract.

Plymouth No. 1 P. W. Millican, east offset to Sun's Millican discovery, was drilling below 5,200 feet. Location is in the new oil field 3 miles west of Edith.

## Marvin Simpson Injured In Highway Accident

Marvin Simpson, well known Robert Lee ranchman and livestock breeder, received serious injuries last Thursday morning in a motor accident near Buford, 10 miles above Colorado City.

He and J. L. Robertson were enroute to Snyder in Mr. Simpson's truck to get a load of feed. When Marvin attempted to pass a milk truck ahead of him, the driver made a left hand turn without warning and to avert a crash the Robert Lee man guided his machine off into a barrow ditch.

Marvin succeeded in stopping the truck but was badly shaken up and received a serious cut across his nose and eye. He was taken to the hospital in Colorado City where he remained until Monday. Mr. Robertson was not injured.

Marvin is still confined to his home and is under a doctor's care.

## Hayrick WHD Club

The Hayrick Home Demonstration club met Dec. 2 in the home of Mrs. E. B. Fletcher. A covered dish luncheon was served and a portion of the day was spent making a quilt for Mrs. B. Sherrod, whose home was recently destroyed by fire. Those present included Mesdames J. D. Luttrell, B. Sherrod, W. G. Cresap, Weaver Mitchell, J. A. Waldrop, Wesley Labenske, Dub Simms, Aubrey Denman, Mrs. Cain, Mary Dean Cresap and Gladys Waldrop.

W. M. Thomas has returned to Robert Lee to take charge of the M System Store meat department. Mr. Thomas was employed here in 1943 when he made many friends. He has since been with the M System stores in San Angelo.

## 2nd Oil Well Near Edith Flows 339 Barrels in 21 Hrs.

Sun Oil company's No. 1 C. C. Millican, second well in the new field 3 miles west of Edith, flowed naturally 339 barrels of high gravity oil in a 21 hour test completed Thursday morning. Gauge was through quarter inch choke, with tubing pressure reported at 725 pounds. Gas-oil ratio was 925-1.

The reef was topped at 5,800 feet, 102 higher than the P. W. Millican pool discovery. Hole is bottomed at 5,930 feet. Production is from the Strawn section of the Pennsylvanian.

Operators expect to finish the well Friday and it is indicated Crudoil's rotary rig will be moved to No. 2 C. C. Millican, an offset to the west.

Location is 1,645 feet northwest of Sun No. 1 P. W. Millican, which flowed 575 barrels during its official 24-hour test.

Sun No. 1 Annie Cummings, a north offset to No. 1 P. W. Millican, was drilling Thursday at 5,654 feet in shale.

Prince Bros. & Gehle are rigging up on Sun No. 2 Cummings, a west offset to No. 1. Equipment was moved to Coke county from the Schattel field in Scurry county where they were drilling for Sun and found No. 4 Schattel a dry hole.

This makes four drilling rigs in the new Edith field, three under contract to Sun and the other drilling for Plymouth

Sun Oil Co. this week completed another producer in the Jameson field southwest of Silver. No. 2 Jewell Brannan flowed 258 barrels of oil in 24 hours for completion at 6,332 feet. Flowing pressure was 1,000 pounds on tubing and ratio was 1,406-1.

After completing No. 2 Brannan Ray-Harris rotary equipment was moved back north to No. 10 C. E. Mathers where a depth of 1,792 feet was reported Thursday.

No. 4 Brannan was drilling in shale and lime at 3,828 feet.

No. 14 Homer Jameson was coring in shale and sand at 6,022 feet.

No. 12 Homer Jameson was drilling at 5,427 feet in shale.

No. 1 Bloodworth had reached 5,545 feet in shale.

South of the river No. 5 J. B. Walker was still at 6,271 feet. Contractors were attempting to recover core barrel stuck for several days.

## Nosed Out at Stanton

Robert Lee high school's basketball team made a good showing at the Stanton tournament last week. The Steers won their first round contest against Courtney, but fell before the Stanton sharp shooters 34-38 in the next round. The cage season will get under way in earnest here right after the first of the year.

The City Cleaners announce that their plant will be closed at 12 o'clock noon, Friday, Dec. 24, and remain closed until Monday morning, Dec. 27.

Frank Bickam, popular pusher for J. C. Hawkins Drilling Co., took his wife to the hospital at Temple last week where she expected to undergo a serious operation.



WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

**New Spy Ring Data Revives Probe; Tax Hike Bugaboo Frightens Some; Berlin Red Vote Tightens Issue**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

**WITCH HUNT: Pumpkin, Too**

Like a delayed Halloween episode, with macabre rather than humorous undertones, was the revival of the spy hunt in Washington. All the ingredients were there—the cornfield, the pumpkin, and the specter of Stalin hovering over the unsavory whole.

But there was nothing funny in the situation to the house un-American activities committee or to a federal grand jury seeking to rush indictments against suspected traitors and espionage agents.

THE PROBE committee declared it had "definite proof of one of the most extensive espionage rings in the history of the United States." Bolstering this assertion was discovery of microfilm documents, termed by the committee of "tremendous importance," which had been removed from the state department for transmission to Russian agents.

The microfilm was revealed by Whitaker Chambers, a senior editor of Time magazine, who admitted its possession and declared Alger Hiss, president of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, had given it to him for transmission to Russia. Hiss promptly denied the charge.

PLACED ON the witness stand, Chambers said he had not had possession of the film during the years after 1937, until recently, and declined to name the persons in whose hands the film rested before being turned up in a pumpkin on Chambers' farm.

Meanwhile, Summer Welles, former undersecretary of state, studied the microfilm documents, evaluated their contents, but declined to divulge their importance.

Chambers, an admitted member of a Communist spy ring which operated here a decade ago, was slated for further witness stand appearances, as was Hiss, who maintains he was never a Russian agent.

**HIGHER TAXES: Some Frightened**

Some business men and industrialists, who feared a Truman victory might result in a new "sock-the-rich" tax program, shivered anew as they read a statement by one of the leading proponents of President Truman's twice-rejected plea to impose a modified form of the wartime excess profits tax.

THE SPEAKER was Wyoming's Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, who cited the 1929 financial crash as an argument for boosting taxes on business profits.

The senator declared that "if corporate profits of 1929 had been adequately taxed, this government would have been in a much better fiscal position to meet the depression."

He pointed out that corporate earnings now are piling up at the same rate as in 1929, although the companies are bigger. So earnings are greater than ever before.

HOWEVER, industrialists, leaders of the big labor unions, accountants and economists have been requested to give their view on what, if anything, congress should do about profits, estimated at a record 20 billion dollars this year.

O'Mahoney proposed that "little business," or small, independent corporations be given special exemptions under any excess profits tax plan.

**GOLDEN FLEECE: Page Jason**

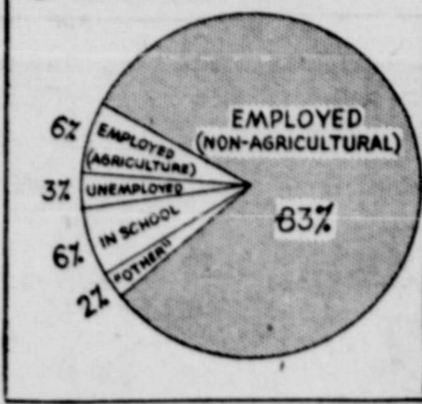
The "golden fleece," subject of one of mythology's most romantic, colorful stories, crashed the world press by proxy as a result of a row over custody of its namesake.

The fleece, symbol of one of the world's most exclusive orders of nobility—not even the king of England is a knight—may be "kidnaped" by the city of Dijon.

THE GOLDEN fleece—of which small replicas were awarded the knights—was kept in Dijon, France, after the order was founded by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy, in 1429, for several generations until Mary of Burgundy took it with her to Austria when she married Maximilian the Fair.

The fleece remained in Vienna until the French army recaptured the city during the last war and returned the fleece to Dijon. Now, Austria is asking for it back. But the good Burgundians of Dijon have petitioned the city council to urge the French government to refuse the Austrian bid and to retain the fleece in Dijon.

**EMPLOYMENT OF MALE WORLD WAR II VETERANS SEPTEMBER 1948**



Three years after the war most veterans, by and large, are firmly established in civilian employment, according to statistics compiled by the Research Council for Economic Security, Chicago. Eighty-nine of the estimated 14.9 million living veterans of World War II were employed as of last September. Of these, about 900,000 were on farms and another 900,000 in school. About 450,000 were unemployed, while an additional 300,000 were "resting" or unable to work.

**DEAD END: Reds Block Way**

The struggle for a Berlin peace dragged wearily on, extended by Russian establishment of a Communist "government" in the Reich capital.

Demanding elections be held on a "city-wide basis," the United States, Britain and France told the Soviet union that there could be no solution to the Berlin impasse until the Russians disown the newly-installed Berlin government. The terms were clearly expressed in a note accompanying a list of Soviet violations of the Berlin constitution that the three powers had submitted for guidance.

ALTHOUGH FORMALLY addressed to a United Nations committee, the note obviously was meant as a strongly worded warning to Moscow. It indicated that if what it termed the "illegal body" in the Soviet sector were not disbanded, the western powers would take a series of measures required by the fact, in their opinion, that the "legal, unified administration" of Berlin had ceased to exist.

The western powers placed no time limit for the Soviet union to make a decision on whether to continue collaboration. However, the tone of the note, as informed sources stressed, indicated that unless the normal administrative conditions were reestablished "pretty soon," a new policy would be adopted.

FROM BEGINNING to end the note gave what the western powers regard as detailed proof that the Soviets have pursued in Berlin a policy of systematic violation of all quadripartite agreements.

**POTATOES: No More Doubt**

There was no longer any doubt. Farmers, at last, had a full-blown portrait of the American housewife's ideal potato. The U. S. department of agriculture even suggested that farmers tack it up in the barn for quick reference.

The department found, after a survey among 3,300 housewives, that farmers and shippers would see to it that potatoes prepared for market are:

CLEAN, of medium size, marked by few "eyes," light in color, undamaged—and of such quality that they will cook up soft, mealy and evenly throughout, without falling apart.

Housewives like medium sized potatoes because they rate them easiest to peel and handle, and best for judging individual portions—the all-purpose potato, they say.

The survey showed more than a fourth of the householders disturbed by "mechanical and handling injuries" to potatoes. Said the department:

"IT IS PRETTY good evidence that too many potatoes are being dug and handled with improper machinery and tools, and that the potatoes are not properly culled before being sent to market."

Immediate question to arise: Will potato growers and shippers do anything about it?

**ROBOT EAR: New Magic**

Alexander Graham Bell would have approved. Science had moved to make his telephone even more serviceable. Tom Edison also would have nodded in approbation, for these same scientists had tied together two great contributions to living to make their convenience even more marked, more appreciated.

A NEW robot ear that hears the phone ring and turns on the light was shown to doctors at the American Medical association meeting in St. Louis.

The ear could be used when no one is at home to turn on the light outside the front door. When the householder got ready to go home, he could call his house and the ear would turn on the light. No one need answer the phone.

THE ROBOT is a box on which the telephone sets. When the phone rings, the noise of the bell vibrates a salt crystal in the box. The vibration makes electricity flow in the salt, and the current is amplified to turn on the light switch. The box and phone are set in the circuit with the light to be turned on. In this way, the ear could be used to light any lamp in the house, or outside.

The device comes from wartime submarine and surface ship detection by sound. Nothing but the vibration of a phone bell affects this ear.

Besides doctors, FBI men have been getting these ears because they are on call 24 hours a day. Undertakers are getting them because more people seem to die at night.

**RAIN-MAKER: In the Bag**

Perhaps it was in the bag, but Franklin Fenenga, an archeologist of California university wasn't saying. All he would say was that he did have the bag.

THE BAG was a complete rain-making outfit he had acquired from an Indian whose grandfather was a medicine man.

The bag and its potentialities came to light when Kern county, in the southern part of California's central valley, had its first rainfall in eight months not long ago. Fenenga was right there in the middle of the downpour. And, when he returned to Berkeley, the rain came down there in torrents.

NATURALLY, speculation arose concerning the properties of the rain-making bag, for, when the outfit, including the tail of a beaver, a bag of snapdragon seeds, a bag of eagle down, a fossil fish vertebra and various charm stones and pebbles, was brought out of storage, the rain started.

Fenenga had the bag with him when he entered Berkeley in a storm. It is now in possession of the university.

**Polio Poster Girl**



Linda Brown, 4, of San Antonio, Tex., has been selected the poster girl for the 1949 March of Dimes, January 14 to 31. Stricken with polio two and a half years ago, Linda was treated at the Robert B. Greene hospital in San Antonio with funds derived from the March of Dimes. She now walks without braces and has only a slight limp.

**RANKIN: Outward Bound?**

Rep. John E. Rankin (D., Miss.) one of the foremost house opponents of President Truman's civil rights program, faces a strong fight by northern Democrats in congress to force him off the house un-American activities committee.

UNDER THE seniority system, Rankin is slated to become chairman of the house veterans' affairs committee. The attempt to oust him from the un-American investigating group will be based on the general house rule that the chairman of a committee may hold only one committee post.

The northern Democrats will argue that if Rankin accepts the veterans' affairs committee chairmanship, he should be restricted to that.

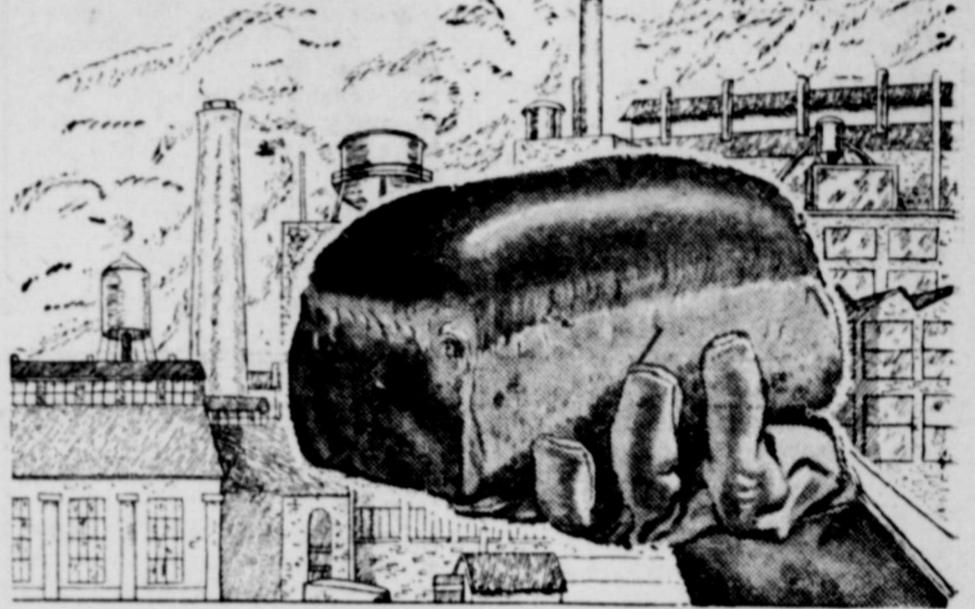
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**Weather Vane**

by Carl Starr

**WEATHER PROFITS**

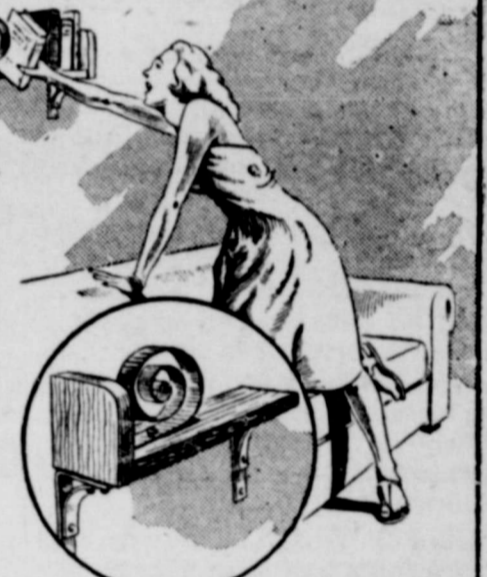
MANY INDUSTRIES HIRE THEIR OWN WEATHER MAN. ONE LARGE BAKING COMPANY ASKS ITS WEATHER MAN TO PREDICT TOMORROW'S BAKING NEEDS ON A WINDY OR RAINY DAY. A MILLION HOUSEWIVES WILL STAY INDOORS, AND THOUSANDS OF LOAVES OF BREAD CAN BE A MAJOR LOSS. A GOOD WEATHER PROPHET WILL OFTEN PREDICT, DOWN TO A FEW HUNDRED LOAVES, WHAT A GREAT CITY WILL BUY.



**HOW - TO - FIX - IT**

By TOM GREGORY

IF YOU HAVE AN OLD SPRING IN THE HOUSE -- SUCH AS THE KIND THAT WAS USED IN THE HAND-WOUND PHONOGRAPHS -- YOU CAN UTILIZE IT TO GOOD ADVANTAGE AS A SELF ADJUSTING BOOK END.



SIMPLY FASTEN THE SPRING TO THE SHELF SO THAT THE FREE END COILS AGAINST THE LAST BOOK, PROVIDING SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO KEEP THE BOOKS NEATLY IN PLACE. THIS WILL PUT A DEFINITE END TO THAT ANNOYING TENDENCY THEY HAVE OF SLUMPING DOWN UPON THEIR SIDES.

THE CHANNELLED PART OF A TELESCOPING CURTAIN ROD, NAILED TO THE UNDERSIDE OF A BOOKSHELF TOP AND FITTED WITH A FOLLOWER, IS ANOTHER EFFECTIVE DEVICE FOR KEEPING BOOKS UPRIGHT. MAKE THE FOLLOWER OUT OF TWO STRIPS OF HEAVY SHEET BRASS, BENT AT RIGHT ANGLES NEAR THE UPPER ENDS AND SOLDERED TOGETHER TO FORM A--"T".

**SPORTSCOPE** By JOE MAHONEY

**IRON MEN**

BROWN UNIVERSITY'S FAMOUS "IRON MEN" OF 1926, WENT THROUGH THE ENTIRE SEASON UNBEATEN, A PERFECT RECORD MARKED ONLY BY A TIE WITH COLGATE. THE 11 SUPERMEN OF THE FIRST STRING PLAYED WITHOUT SUBSTITUTION AGAINST YALE AND DARTMOUTH!

**LORNE CHADOT**, FORMER GOALIE FOR THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS, SUMMED UP THE DANGERS OF HIS JOB WHEN HE SAID, "I ALWAYS SHAVE JUST BEFORE A HOCKEY GAME. SEEMS I STITCH BETTER WHEN MY SKIN IS SMOOTH!"

**EMORY BURNS**, HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP FROM 1906 TO 1908, HOLDS THE RECORD FOR THE FASTEST KNOCK-OUT IN HEAVYWEIGHT HISTORY. HE FLATTENED JIM ROOPE AT DUBLIN IN 1908 AFTER THE OPENING GONG.



## Holiday Greetings From State Dept. of Health

The editor of this paper has just received a beautiful Christmas card signed by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, carrying the following message to be published for the citizens of Texas:

"The Texas State Department of Health is happy to report that with your help the incidence of communicable disease in Texas has reached an all time low; also people are living longer, on the average, than at any time in the past.

"Christmas is a proper time to give thanks for the degree of health we now enjoy. I want to thank you for your assistance in making this record possible, and ask you

to continue your efforts to further public health in Texas.

"May you and all those you hold dear have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Good Health. Sincerely yours, Geo. W. Cox, M. D., State Health Officer."

On the front of the card is a handsome picture of the new State Health Department Building which was first occupied by the Department in 1843, and on which has just been completed a fourth floor addition. Prior to occupying this building, the entire Health Department was housed on part of one floor of the old Land Office Building.

Dr. Cox was re-appointed to his 7th consecutive two year term as State Health Officer, by the State Board of Health in December.



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### SPECIAL NOTICE:

You folks who have been sending The Observer to other parties the past year, should be sure and renew without delay.

## Attend Christmas Party

A group of Robert Lee people attended the M System stores annual Christmas Party at the St. Angelus Hotel roof garden Tuesday night. A big evening of entertainment was enjoyed and gifts were distributed to everyone present. Each employee received a Christmas check from the owners, Arch Lewis and Dick Henson. At the same time the employees remembered their bosses. A free trip to the Ft. Worth Stock Show was arranged for Mr. Lewis, his wife and daughter, while comfortable reading chairs were given to Mr. Henson and Arch Lewis, Jr. Representing the Robert Lee M System store at the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Caffey and daughter, Sammie Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace and daughters, Edna Mae and Mildred, and son, Royce, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Burks and son, Bobby, and Donald Hamilton and Dixie Taylor.

## Bronte Couple Wed

Judge Jeff Dean performed his first marriage ceremony here Wednesday, the contracting parties being Ed Buford and Mrs. Laura Sharp, both of Bronte. The new judge is reported to have gone through with the wedding without a hitch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stayton returned last week from Los Angeles where they were called by information stating that the former's son, Lieut. Lloyd Stayton, was believed to have perished when his fighter plane crashed into San Francisco Bay. Lt. Stayton was in the Marine Corps and was stationed at Santa Ana, Calif. He was on a practice flight in the Oakland area when he crashed. The War Department has not made a final report in the matter.



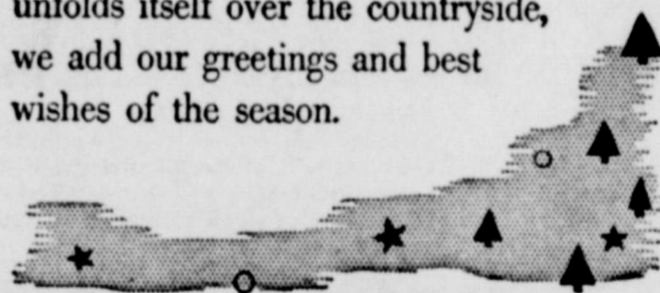
Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible. That means you, you ... and you!

**Key Feed Store**

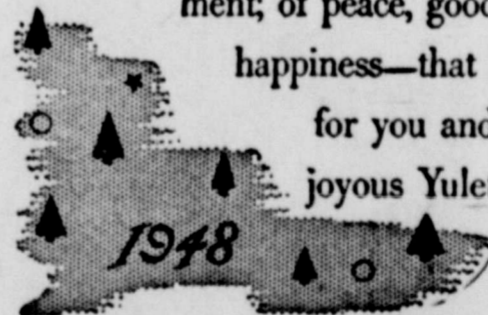
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As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.



A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you and yours this joyous Yuletide season.



**Willis Smith**

County and District Clerk





**Farm Price Supports**

**THE WEEK** of July 16 last, your Home Town Reporter branded farm legislation, and specifically the long-range farm bill passed by the 80th congress, a "delusion and a snare." We further predicted — "what will happen, though, is that a new bill will be written before that time (January 1, 1950)."

The week of September 16 last, your Home Town Reporter predicted that the Democratic party would regain control of the United States senate with "eastern industry and big business locked in a battle for this control with the agricultural South and the mineral-reclamation minded West." In that column we even published a list of Democratic senators who would be named chairmen of the senate committees.

Again in the week of September 30 your Home Town Reporter predicted that the action of the 80th congress in taking away from the Commodity Credit Corporation power to lease or buy storage facilities for the farmers' grain "would blow up in someone's face and become a political issue."

The point of these "I told you so's" is that (1) they all came true and (2) at this moment a battle of major proportions is shaping up in the next congress to discard the flexible price support program of the Aiken-Hope long-range farm bill in favor of a rigid 90 per cent ratio under a revised parity figure.

Even Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannon who has supported the flexible of sliding scale price support program now is questioning the advisability of lowering supports unless industrial prices also come down.

There is no question but that the cost of farm price supports may become an issue in the new congress, with representatives from large city constituents questioning the policy as a bolster to high food prices. At the end of October the government had put 652 million dollars in crop loans outstanding with the prospect of making loans involving millions more before the end of this crop year. While much or all of this money may eventually be recovered, the opponents of price supports regard it as a government expenditure.

Despite that fact, this reporter believes there is an increasing sentiment for the rigid price support among the farmers and even among the large farm organizations, all of which supported the flexible provisions of the Aiken bill, and that eventually a new rigid price support program will be adopted.

**Second Guesses**

Add election result explanations: Sen. Raymond Baldwin (R., Conn.) — "There are more members of labor unions in this nation than there are members of the National Association of Manufacturers. There are more people earning \$2,400 a year than \$50,000. There are more tenants than landlords. There are more people concerned about high prices than there are reaping the benefits of high prices. There are more people living under inadequate crowded housing conditions than there are in comfortable mansions. There are more progressives than 'Old Guards'."

Will Hays, former GOP national chairman and postmaster general — "One of the reasons for the result is that the candidate spoke as if he were the President and the President spoke as if he were the candidate."

**Reclamation Program**

Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug has set up a new long-range program of reclamation for the western states which, in the hands of a friendly congress, seems likely of enactment.

This program, extending through 1954, contemplates expenditure of almost four billion dollars which would reclaim and irrigate thousands more acres, bring 100,000 new settlers into these western states and add approximately three billion dollars to crop values grown over the period. It would generate additional hydroelectric power to bring in annual revenue of \$64,000,000.

Among the first things the new congress may do is to kill that portion of the interior department appropriation laws which fired Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Strauss.

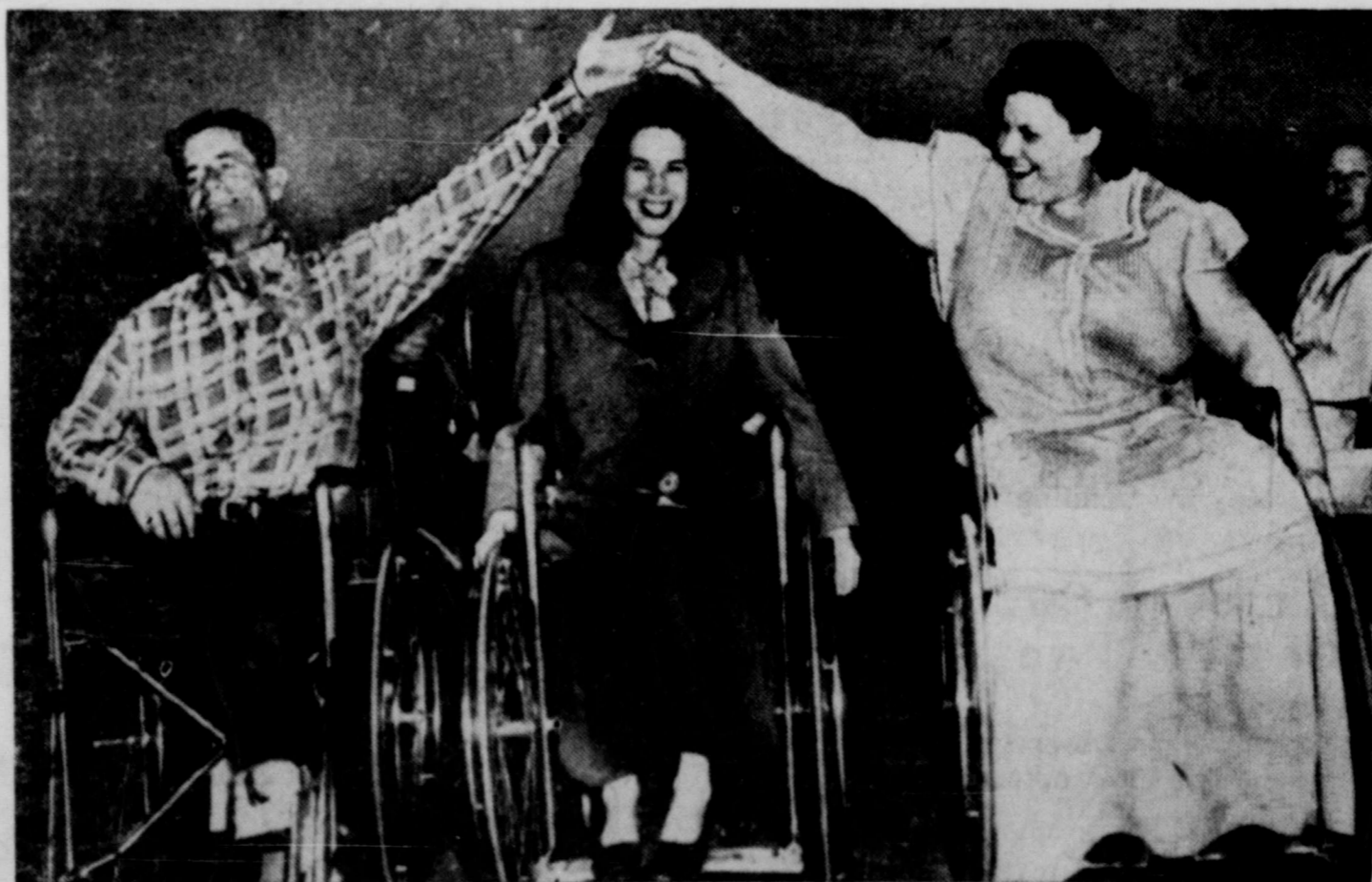
# news events PICTURES



**NEGEV CONCERT . . .** The cultural life of the new state of Israel took another step forward when the Israel philharmonic orchestra played for the first time in the Biblical town of Beersheba, which the Israeli troops captured from the Egyptians some weeks ago in Negev operations. Star of the show was Leonard Bernstein of New York, a famed composer, pianist and conductor, who is shown here at the piano he played for troops and Negev settlers, many of whom found "box seats" on the battered ramparts of the ancient city.



**RED RALLY IN BERLIN . . .** A general view of the huge crowd, estimated at between 200,000 and 300,000 persons, that staged a giant rally on the Unter den Linden, in front of the Berlin university, to acclaim the "mayor" of Berlin, Friedrich Ebert. The son of the first president of the German republic established after World War I was "selected" as mayor by a rump assembly set up in opposition to the duly elected assembly which was frowned upon by Soviet authorities. Reds were angered by the West's refusal to call off Berlin city elections.



**WHEELING A VIRGINIA REEL . . .** Did you ever hear of wheelchair dancing? These members of an indoor sports club in California prepare for square dancing which will be held in Santa Monica. From left to right are H. G. Wood, Alliena Pelletti and Phylis Steiner. Some 140 members of the club, an organization for handicapped, regularly participate in the dancing. Proceeds from the dances are being kept in a fund to finance a clubhouse in the Los Angeles area so that more handicapped persons may be admitted to the club.

**Knitted Wool Baby Set**



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**J**UST about the most adorable knitted bonnet you've seen—it's made of kitten soft blue wool with pale pink pompons. Or use your own color scheme. Matching thumbless mittens are trimmed with tiny pompons. Simple knitting even for a beginner.

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## SILVER NEWS

The George Penningtons of Midland were weekend guests of the C. E. Mathers.

Homer Jameson, who has been quite ill, was moved Friday A. M. from a Colorado City hospital to Hogan-Malone Hospital in Big Spring. At this writing, he is thought to be a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Mathers and girls, Mrs. Russ Mathers and Letha came up from San Angelo Sunday. They attended services at the Church of Christ and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mathers and little son, Robert Doyle.

Mrs. Raymond Gunn is in Big Spring doing special nursing for Homer Jameson.

The Allen Jamesons are driving a new tudor Ford Sedan.

Mrs. Wayne McCabe accompanied her sister, Mrs. Fred Campbell of Robert Lee to O'Donell Sunday for a few days visit with their parents, the W. D. Jamesons.

Mr. Jameson, who is ill, has not fully recovered from an injury which he received sometime ago when he fractured three ribs.

Davie Gassiot is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot. He is a freshman at John Tarleton and will return about Jan. 3.

Ed C. Snowden, Jr. was recently transferred from San Diego, Calif. to the naval training school in Corpus Christi. He is now at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Snowden on a 15 day leave.

Bunyan Millican was passing out cigars Monday. He and wife are parents of a son born Sunday in a hospital at Roscoe. The baby weighed ten pounds and has been named Jimmie Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Mathers and girls arrived Friday from El Monte, Calif. They will visit relatives in Coke county and the former's parents, the Russ Mathers of San Angelo, before returning to their home about Jan. 1.

The P. T. A. met Wednesday P. M. for a special meeting. Plans were completed for the community Christmas program which was to be Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker of Robert Lee were Sunday guests of the Ed Snowdens.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kennemer and Kenneth left Saturday for California. They will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sheppard at Bell Gardens, and a brother, Clarence, and his family at Los Angeles. They will be away about

two weeks. After their return they will be at home near Bronte where they moved recently.

The M. W. U. of Silver met at the church Monday afternoon for a period of Bib'e Study.

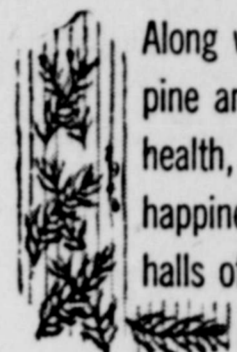
Mrs. Jones served as hostess and served attractive plates of cake and coca colas to: Mrs. J. L. Legg, Mrs. G. B. Gebhart, Mrs. Walter Powell, Mrs. Aaron E. Rose, Mrs. C. A. Ramsey, Mrs. W. A. Preston and the hostess, Mrs. Fred Jones.

Concealed under each slice of cake was a slip with the name of a Prayer Pal for the month of January. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Walter Powell on January 3rd for a Royal Service program.

New residents of Silver are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pairish of San Angelo. They have three children, Jack Bureson of West Virginia, James Pairish of Long Beach, Calif., and Virginia Bureson of Greensboro, N. Carolina. Mr. Pairish is employed by Ray-Harris Drilling Co. and they reside on the company's tract leased from Allen Jameson. Mrs. Pairish is a member of the Blue Star Mothers at San Angelo, the only chapter in Texas.

### Christmas Cheer

One hundred Christmas bags will be distributed to deserving families in the community on Christmas Eve. Each package will include a pound of mixed nuts, a half pound of candy, two apples and two oranges. Sponsoring the project are the Volunteer Fire Department, the American Legion and the Lions club. Members of the fire department will distribute the packages.



Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

**Ruby L. Pettit**  
County Treasurer

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WE HOPE  
YOUR HOLIDAY  
OVERFLOWS  
WITH YULETIDE  
JOY AND  
HAPPINESS.

**BUCHANAN**  
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★ The tree, emblazoned with bright lights and shiny tinsel, is the age-old symbol of the Yuletide season.

★ May your gift from the Yule tree be a year of true peace and happiness.

**1948**

**Robert Lee State Bank**



## Edith Echoes

By Mrs. J. T. Thetford

The Pecan Baptist WMU met at Kickapoo for a district conference. Dinner was served to the visitors and they had a wonderful meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Morris Sheppard and daughter spent a few days here recently with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard.

Edith has a new oil well! Sun's No. 1 C. C. Millican came in, they are setting tubing and will be ready to test soon. Let's hope it's a dandy.

We have a new drilling rig coming in on the Annie L. Cummings lease. It is owned by the Prince Drilling Co., and will be Sun's

Cummings No. 2.

Johnny Auten, pusher for Crudoil Drilling and Exploration Co., had quite a serious accident Sunday evening when his car collided with another near the Edith store. One person was taken to the hospital for emergency treatment, but no one was injured seriously. Both cars were badly damaged.

Mrs. J. T. Thetford and son, Jack, and Mrs. T. M. Freeman motored to San Angelo Saturday on a shopping trip.

Gardner Brown of San Angelo is visiting in the home of Mrs. T. M. Freeman, while employed by Carter Drilling Co. south of the river.

M. J. Delaney Drilling Co. is expected to spud in on Harris No.

6 some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Snead and children of Bronte were Edith visitors on Sunday.

Highway workers this week have been pulling down hills and filling in the low places. Looks like they are about ready for the bridge crews to come in.

Everybody is busy getting ready for Christmas, and we extend to all the community our wishes for a very special Merry Christmas.

The Green Mountain school enjoyed a party honoring all pupils whose birthdays occurred in December. There were three, D. J. Garvin, Douglas Martin and Sammie Joe Duncan. The latter was sick in bed so they held the party in his home. Each boy had a birthday cake. Cocoa and cake were served to all the pupils and gifts were presented to the honored guests. Mothers present included Mrs. J. L. Tinkler, Mrs. L. B. Martin, Mrs. Fred Ashworth and Mrs. Homer Garvin, also Doris Davidson and Georgie Lee Blanton. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hood of Robert Lee spent Sunday in the Elbert Davidson home.

Mrs. G. W. Davidson has been on the sick list but we are glad to report she is doing better.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashworth and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hood spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ashworth at Abilene.

W. D. Powers who has been visiting his brother, George Powers, returned Saturday to his home in Paducah, Tex.



The old message of "Peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season.

## The Club Cafe

K. R. and Margaret Hardcastle

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And lots of it, for friends, old and new.



## Havins & Vowell



It's a real pleasure to extend these greetings to you.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

## Alamo Theatre



We have been proud to serve our customers in past years, and it is with genuine pleasure that our wishes come to you this season . . . for a truly joyous Christmas Day . . . good will and happiness thru the coming New Year

There's a  in your future

## Ivey Motor Co.





Tradition meets the present in the holiday season and we're happy to add our greetings to the rest.



### Cox Service Station



Once again, as the glow of the holiday season envelops the land, we extend our friendliest greetings and warmest wishes for a joyous Yuletide season.



### Artie & Walt Bowling Alley

#### Help Needy Family

Robert Lee folks the past week gave a practical demonstration of the Christmas spirit by providing aid to a needy veteran and his family. B. B. Umfries and wife and their four children all under five years of age, arrived here from Brownfield without money and no place to stay. The man was looking for work and had heard there were jobs in the oil field here. The family spent their first night under the river bridge, but next day the American Legion Auxiliary got busy, took the little children into the r homes, bought them clothing and food, and Steve Plumlee provided living quarters for the group. Umfries got a job working on the gas plant at Silver through the efforts of Doodad Davis, service officer of the American Legion, and from all indications the family is going to have a happy Christmas.

#### Married 59 Years

Mr and Mrs. G. A. Harmon of Robert Lee observed their 59th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Dec. 22. The occasion was spent quietly with a number of friends and relatives stopping in to extend congratulations. G. A. Harmon and Sarah Ellen Powers were married in the log cabin home of the bride's parents, 3 miles north of Dublin. They came to Coke county in 1899 and for three years resided on the Schooler ranch near Edith. Since 1902 they have lived in Robert Lee. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harmon are in good health. She is 77 years old and he will soon be 84. Their many friends wish them many years of continued happiness.

#### Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams and son, Junior, attended the annual West Texas Utilities Christmas party for its employees and their families at Ballinger last Friday night.

Arnold Samuelson has completed another two bedroom modern home in the south part of town which is ready for occupancy. This is the fourth rental property Mr. Samuelson has constructed to help relieve the housing shortage in Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cole are here from Corsicana for a holiday visit with relatives and friends. They have closed their drive-in theatre at Corsicana until Spring.

A marriage license was issued here Dec 17 to Wayne Ford Rogers of Bronte and Miss Charlynn Easterly.

1948 BEST WISHES FOR



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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## A Merry Christmas

And HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Celery, California Pascal, medium stalks, each	12c
Carrots, South Texas, fine flavor, bunch	5c
Potatoes, Idaho Standard Russets 10 lb mesh bag	49c
Cocoanuts, 12½c Walnuts, baby, 35c Mixed Nuts, 43c	
Imperial Mincement, pkg 15c Fruit Cocktail, Hunts, 39c	
Libby's Sliced Pineapple, No. 2 tin	29c
Cranberry Sauce, Ocean Spray, can	15c
Durkee's Cocoanut, 4 oz package	15c
Everlite Flour, 25 pound bag	1.79

Make your selection now! We have plenty of nice fruit by the Box, Crate or Basket. Also Gift Baskets.

Picnic Hams	Lb	52c
Bacon Squares	Lb	49c
7-cut Roast Baby Beef	Lb	59c
Dexter's Sliced Bacon	Lb	69c
Choice, lean Pork Chops	Lb	59c

We still have plenty of Hens, Fryers, Turkeys and Cured Hams for the Holidays





### On Leave From Navy

Home for an extended visit after serving with the navy in Hawaii more than two years is Jasper Gaines, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaines. Jasper was not quite 17 years old and had to get consent of his parents to sign up a 4-year enlistment in July of 1946. He came back home for a few days after completing boot training and was then sent to Hawaii. He has been stationed at John Rogers air field adjacent to Honolulu. Jasper was sent back to the states for re-assignment, leaving Hawaii the night of Dec 14 for Moffett Field, Calif. He arrived in Robert Lee Sunday and will not have to report back to the San Diego naval base until Feb. 5.

Mrs. Pearl Rutherford has gone to El Paso, where she will make her future home with her brother, Irving Rushing, whose wife is seriously ill. She returned to Robert Lee over the weekend and made arrangements to lease her home to H. I. Cooper, who is engaged in constructing Sun's new gas plant at Silver. Mrs. Rutherford has a wide circle of friends here who wish her happiness in her new home.

Larry Jay Farris of Dallas arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Farris. He came by plane as far as San Angelo.

Mrs. Maurice Yarbrough came home last week from Shannon hospital, but the twin daughters will be kept at the hospital nursery for a longer period.

### Folks You Know

Sunday guests in the home of T. M. Wylie, Jr., were his parents and his brother, Dick Wylie, and wife of San Angelo.

Mesdames Bill Green, Curtis Blair, Will Percifull and Jarvis Littlefield were hostesses recently at a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Howard Varnadore. The affair took place at Mrs. Green's home on Dec 16. Refreshments of lemonade and cake were served to ten guests. Mrs. Varnadore and baby son received many nice gifts.

Ronnie, older son of Mrs. Olene Snoddy, received a broken collar bone while playing Monday evening with his younger brother, Dickie. Ronnie was taken to a San Angelo hospital where the injury was put in a cast. The lad was brought back home.

Because of increased work the Adams Abstract Co. this week employed four additional typists from San Angelo. The big rush for abstracts is due largely to the oil activity at Bronte.

### WANT ADS

#### Royalties and Leases

Bronte may be another little Tulsa. List your lots and Royalties with me. You might have a living in your own backyard. I predict within the next 3 months there will be 15 wells drilling in Bronte and vicinity. Write, call or come. TAYLOR EMERSON, Registered Dealer, Phones 111 or 7504, or P. O. Box 178, Bronte, Texas.

For Rent—A few locker boxes Coke County Co-Op.

Wanted—We need two mechanics. Ivey Motor Co.

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Salesman Wanted—If you are ambitious you can make good money with a Rawleigh business. We help you get started. No experience needed to start. Steady work. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-1230-2, Memphis, Tenn.

See the newest Westinghouse Radios, Toasters, Roasters, Vacuum Cleaners and Irons.

For Sale—Registered Cocker Spaniel puppies, 8 weeks old, male and female. Call E. B. Gray, Phone 103.

For Sale—Two brand new 9 x 12 linoleum rugs, never been unwrapped. J. C. Strickland.

For Lease—66 acre place, mostly farm land, close to Robert Lee. See Boyd Copple, Owner.

You can be SURE if its WESTINGHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Irven Escue are the proud parents of their first child, a son born a 5:45 Monday afternoon Dec. 20, at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and has been named Freddie Lee. The mother is the former Rita Braswell. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Escue of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fowler of Sanco are the parents of a daughter born by Caesarian section at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Bronte hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds and has been named Janice Elgene. Both mother and baby are now doing nicely. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt of Sanco and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fowler of Crandall.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness bestowed upon me since I suffered a painful limb injury a few weeks ago. Your pleasant visits and encouraging letters and cards have been very cheerful, and your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.—Mrs. R. S. Crum.

H. E. Ivey, Jr. and family are here for a holiday visit in the parental Buck Ivey home. The former is a student at A & M college.

In renewing their subscription to The Observer, Mrs. V. B. Duncan writes from Big Lake: "We enjoy the paper very much and are glad to know the whole county is coming to the front."



We add our voice to the chorus of Good Cheer that greets our community this Holiday Season ...



## Butane Service Co.

Robert Lee

Bronte



May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—'Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men.'

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## Leeper Supply Co.



A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth. But right now, we'll be content to tell you quietly and very sincerely that we hope this Christmas will bring you the peace and serenity that you deserve.

## DICK KANNADY Plumbing



Merry Christmas 1948

† † Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends

May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.



## City Cleaners



Can we come in with a gay note to sing out... Best Wishes?

## Berry's Jewelry



## Resurfacing For Coke Highways

The Observer has received a communication from D. C. Greer, state highway engineer at Austin, advising that the Highway Commission has set up the resurfacing of 26 miles of having in Coke county.

Projects include 13 miles from the Sanco corner to the Mitchell county line, and 13 miles on 208 leading south out of Robert Lee. Also included is the resurfacing of the new business route through Robert Lee.

The Coke county work is part of a new asphalt program calling for a total expenditure by the Department of 3 million dollars. The work designated to be done was deemed by the Commission to be vitally needed to keep the highway in service to the traveling public.

Due to the unpredictability of winter weather and the reaction of asphalt to extremes of cold, none

of this work will be done until next spring. But authorization for the project is now definite.

The state has already moved in equipment to take gravel from the Colorado River in the southwest corner of Robert Lee.

Minutes passed by the Highway Commission were set out as follows:

In Coke County on State Highway 208, on business route through Robert Lee, a distance of approximately 0.5 mile, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed in the most feasible and economical manner with the work of placing Seal Coat at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

In Coke County on State Highway 208, from Mitchell County Line to 6.0 miles North of Robert Lee, a distance of approximately 13.0 miles, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed in the most feasible and economical manner with the work of placing Additional Surfacing at an estimated cost of \$26,000.

In Coke County on State Highway 208, from Robert Lee to 1.7 miles North of Tom Green County Line, a distance of approximately 13.1 miles, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed in the most feasible and economical manner with the work of placing Seal Coat at an estimated cost of \$13,000.

Mrs. Marcus Turner arrived home Saturday from the Winters hospital where she recently underwent a major operation. She is recovering very satisfactorily.

### CARD OF THANKS

With grateful appreciation we wish to thank each and everyone who had any part in helping to lighten our sorrow in the loss of our dear son, Earl Walker, who gave his life for his country. Also for the sweet music and singing. May the Lord bless you, and when sorrow comes your way may you have as good and kind friends as we have.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker.

### Folks You Know

Mrs. Alice Burnett of Abilene spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Allen, and husband.

Mrs. W. J. Garrett and Jamie Bilbo will come from Big Spring for a Christmas visit here. The former will be a guest of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Bell, and other relatives, while Jamie will visit in the parental Allie Bilbo home. The Bilbos also expect their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay, of Childress.

Elton Mathers and family motored from El Monte, Calif., arriving last Friday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Mathers, at San Angelo, and other relatives and friends in this locality.


Woodrow Jackson, wife and son, David, of Abilene spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields.

Mrs. W. V. Taylor, dean of women at San Marcos Baptist academy, arrived Friday for a holiday visit in the home of her son, W. M. Taylor and wife.



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A Cheery  
Christmas  
Season  
To All . . .



Frank C. Dickey

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The friendly scent of the cedars is typical of the Spirit of Christmas. It is in that spirit that we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

**J. W. SERVICE**  
County Commissioner-Elect



We echo the world-wide greeting to all of you, friends and neighbors.

1948

**Bilbo Drug**



Just for a minute, we relive all the joys and raptures of childhood as we behold the bright tinsel and the gay wrappings of the boxes stacked high under the Christmas tree.



May your gift be an assurance that all your most cherished dreams and hopes will be realized—that is our wish for you at this happy Yuletide season.

**Adams Abstract Co.**



**Methodist Church**

College students home for the holidays will participate in the service Sunday morning in observance of Student Recognition Sunday. This is a general observance throughout Methodism. Students who will assist with the program are Wallace Clift, Patty Taylor and Maudie Watson.

Methodist young people are planning a gift to the Church. In order to earn funds to make this gift, they will set up pins at the bowling alley Thursday night, Dec. 23. Refreshments will also be sold. Everyone is invited.

A delegation of young people will go to Eldorado next Wednesday to participate in a District Youth Rally. The Rev. Ross Welch is leader of one of the discussion groups. Patty Taylor is the sub-district secretary.

Word has been received that the visual aid program for the Southwest Texas Conference is about ready to get under way and the Robert Lee Methodist Church, a participating member, will begin receiving visual aid programs regularly about the first of the year. An interesting program of religious films and slides will be presented at three week intervals.

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DURING THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON.

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At Christmas-time we want you to know we're grateful for your patronage.



**City Cafe**

**Folks You Know**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bond and little daughter, Sherry Ann, returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives at Sapulpa and other points in Oklahoma.

Mrs. G. E. Davis returned the first of the week from a San Angelo hospital and is reported to be improving from a recent illness.

The Observer acknowledges with thanks a renewal of the subscription of Mrs. J. C. Rabb of San Angelo, former well known Robert Lee resident.

Eckert Tinkler is home from Sul Ross college for a holiday visit with home folks. He seems to be the only Robert Lee student at Alpine college this year.

Mrs. T. B. Hicks returned a week ago to her duties as teacher in the Robert Lee schools, following a several weeks' absence because of illness. Mrs. Carroll Russell substituted for her in the fifth grade.

Johnny Mac Hickman and family are enjoying a holiday visit in the parental Ed Hickman home at Edith. Johnny is attending Tulane University at New Orleans and made a fine record the past season as a backfield man on the Green Wave football team.

C. L. (Dooge) Hallmark has sold his home in the north part of Robert Lee to J. W. Service. The latter made the purchase as an investment and will rent the property. Mr. Hallmark's future plans are indefinite at this time.



May we take this method to thank our customers for their patronage and favors extended to us this year. We hope to continue to serve you and your family throughout the coming year to the best of our ability.

Let's all pull together to make Robert Lee a better and bigger town. Shop at home and save!

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*Merry  
Christmas*



and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

ON CHRISTMAS DAY may the companionship of friends and family make your home happy and gay. Your friends and neighbors at the West Texas Utilities Company wish the best of everything for you and yours. We hope that during the coming year our service will in some way make each new day more pleasant.

*Reddy Kilowatt*

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**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons  
By **DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN**

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 7; Revelation 1: 4-8; 11: 11-15b; 15: 3b-4; 21: 22  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Revelation 7: 9-17.

**God's V-Day**

Lesson for December 26, 1948

EVERYBODY loves a fight, they say. But the underdog does not love it, and nobody loves one that goes on and on and seems to have no end. The longest war in history is the war that mankind wages against everything that is out to destroy him. It is the war between man at his best and man at his worst, between the angel and the devil in man himself. We seem to be the underdogs—and how tired we grow of it!



Dr. Foreman

**God's Fight:**

THE Bible shows us that this fight is not one in which we human beings are left to defend ourselves alone. We have an enemy, Satan; and we have an ally, God. Whenever a man lines up against anything that is wrong, hateful, deceitful, destructive, and on the side of what is creative, just, brotherly and true, he finds that this is not a private fight, it is not even the struggle of mankind alone. It is a cosmic conflict.

God's universe is not a neat garden in which only flowers grow; he has to work cutting down the weeds. His universe is not a realm at peace, with no need even for police; treason is abroad, rebellion breaks out here and there.

The Greeks used to think that the gods never went to any trouble, they ruled without effort. But the Christian Bible tells of a God who does have troubles, who meets opposition and fights against it.

**Bright Books for Dark Times**

TWO books in our Bible bring this out in a startling way: Daniel and Revelation. We have been thinking through three months now about various kinds of literature in the Bible. The kind represented by these two books is called "Apocalyptic." Scholars have discovered a number of similar books, but these two are incomparably the greatest and were the only two to be admitted to the Bible.

Daniel, long before the time of Christ, and Revelation, two generations later than Christ, came as lights in a very dark world. The first of these books circulated when the Jews were hard pressed by Syrian persecutors, and when the other came out, the Christians were about to be crushed out of existence.

Observing what went on in those days, you might have thought the Jews, or the Christians as the case might be, had no prospects of surviving.

**A Code in Pictures**

DANIEL and Revelation are both hard to understand, and for the same reason. Their messages are framed not always in plain language but in symbols. Hidden meanings abound.

All sorts of weird creatures and events move through these mysterious pages, and they often probably refer to persons or events known to the writers and the first readers: beasts with iron teeth and horns with eyes; a flaming throne set on a river of fire; golden vials filled with the wrath of God; a red dragon sweeping the stars down with its tail.

**God's Victory**

WE NEED not be distressed now at not being able to unlock all the code in which these extraordinary books are written. We can read them for their sheer beauty and force of imagination, for one thing, and we cannot miss their main truth. The bright picture of the New Jerusalem in Rev. 21, 22 is one of the loveliest and most comforting passages in the entire Bible.

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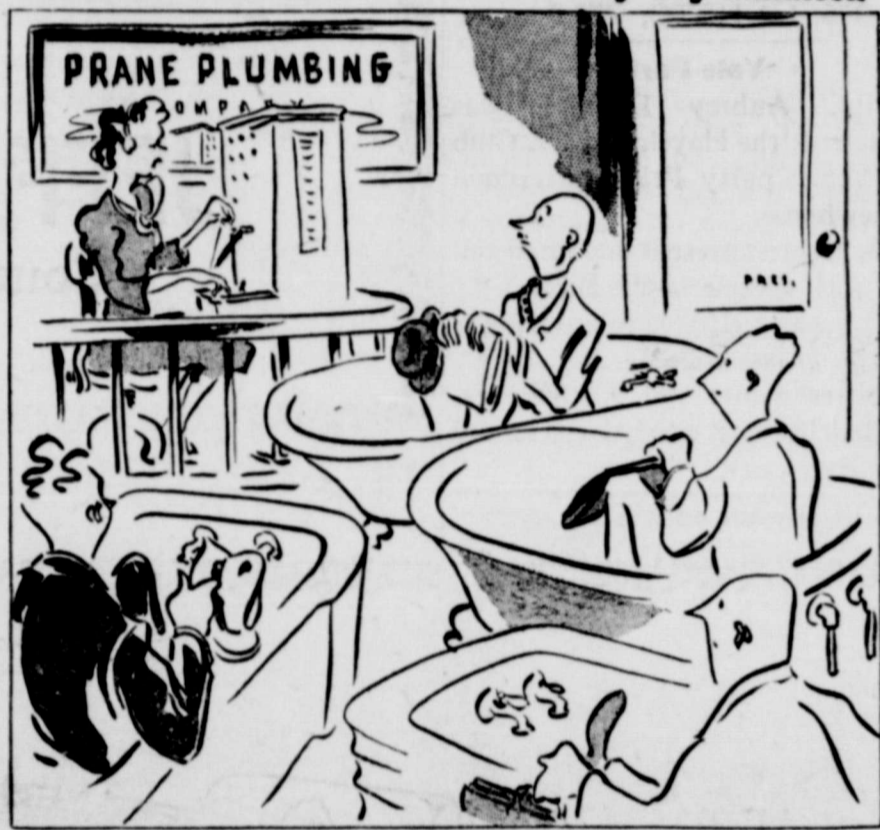
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By Jarvis



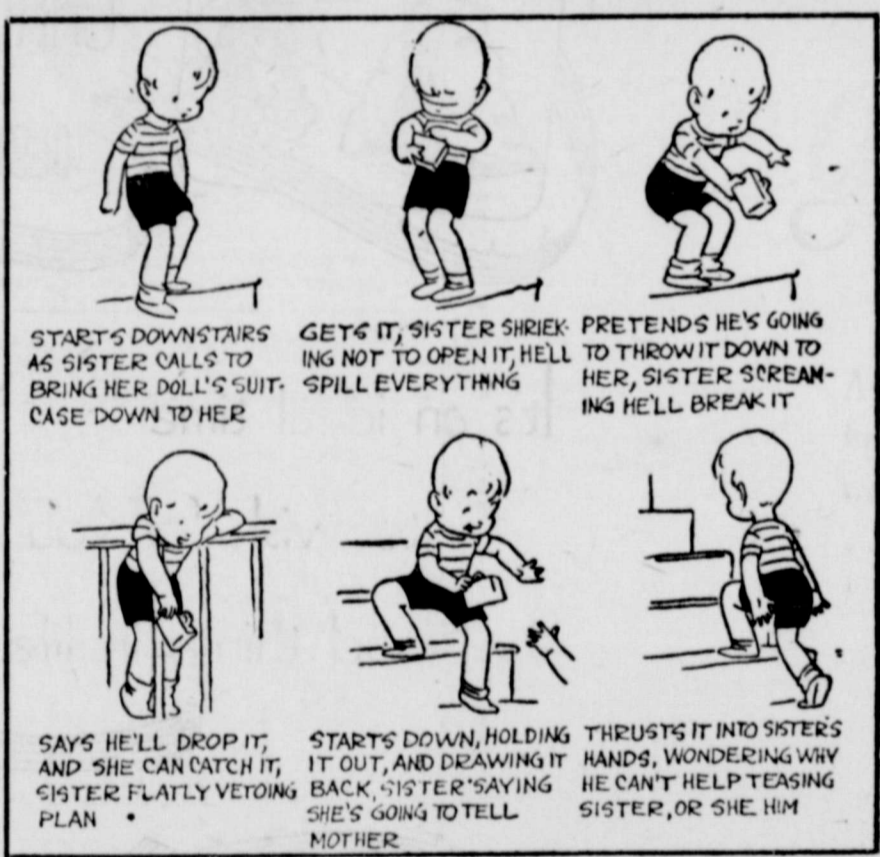
**WEEKLY RIB!**

By Roy Mathison



**NEXT DOOR**

By Guyas Williams



**BACK HOME AGAIN**

By Ed Dodd



**NEED ANY WEATHER?**

Weather forecasting now has become a business. Companies are selling predictions to railroads, communities, shippers, airlines and all sorts of corporations whose business is affected by weather. It looks like a good depression-proof business. There never can be a weather SHORTAGE.

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John E. Wallace, a former army air forces major and ex-employee of the Washington weather bureau, started the weather forecasting sales service, and is reported swamped with orders. He says he takes it up where the regular bureau leave off, and dopes out the probable weather in greater detail and over more specific areas.

This is one type of weather prophet who can't lose. He gets paid—win, lose or draw.

We are sorry we didn't think of this first. Imagine cashing in on the age-old question: "What're we gonna have, rain or snow?"

From the beginning of time people have been answering that one for nothing. It has been strictly a give-away program.

And suddenly there arrives the rain, snow, sleet, hail and sunshine specialist, the tycoon of temperature changes, the mogul of cloud movements.

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We await the radio commercial: "Do you suffer from unexpected weather? Are you among those people who get caught in the rain? Does snow enter your life without warning? Are you a victim of falling temperatures? Then why not write today for Never-Miss Weather Forecasts? Find peace of mind and nonchalance through knowing about blizzards instead of merely guessing. Yes-s-s-s-s, Never-Miss Weather Forecasts will take those wrinkles from your forehead, end those falling hairs, efface that apprehensive look from your eyes and send you outdoors every day radiant in the thought that you are prepared for anything from a shower to a typhoon.

And don't forget that you can win one of 500 mink coats, complete with deep-freeze unit and muff, by completing the sentence, "I like to know whether it is going to rain or snow BECAUSE . . ."

**WHY CINEMA REVIEW READERS GO NUTS**

"Lunacy in a family is not a funny thing, nor does it seem fitting and tasteful as a matter to be treated as farce. Neither does a giggling half-wit seem an apt comic character. Somehow it just isn't funny to see a pitiful affliction made a joke."—Bosley Crowther on "Miss Tatlock's Millions."

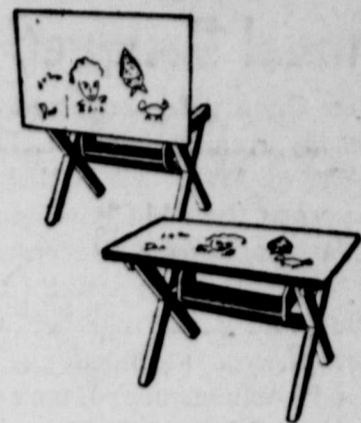
"Far from being tasteless, "Miss Tatlock's Millions" holds to a high level of fantastic humor. It is generally delightful entertainment. Charles Brackett's idea of having a man masquerade as a half-witted heir makes for elegant nonsense."—Howard Barnes.

Dr. Edwin G. Nourse has been named chief of an anti-inflation board. Is he a trained Nourse or a practical Nourse?

A commission has found that Washington could save 250 million dollars a year by merely buying supplies with a minimum of red tape, duplication and poor business methods. Paper work on 1.5 million orders a year involving only \$10 in each case cost the government more than \$10 for unnecessary letters, carbons, filing, duplication of effort, unnecessary help, etc. That gives you an idea.

During the shipping strikes we heard of a fellow who went to a travel agency and asked, "What's the best liner to take and not go anywhere at all for a long time?" We heard his companion asked for a deck chair on the sunny side of the mediation board.

**A Double Duty Table For Children to Use**



THIS table does double duty. It can be used as a play table or the top, being hinged, may be raised to vertical position and used as a blackboard. The top is finished with black presswood or the plywood top may be covered with blackboard paint. The table stands 24 inches high and has a top measuring 22x36 inches.

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If you suffer from pocket-book pinch come the Yuletide season, here's a grand way to get around the gift-giving problem. For the smokers on your list, order cartons of mild, flavorful Camel cigarettes and pound tins of Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco—the largest-selling smoking tobacco in the country. When you give Camels or Prince Albert, you're giving smoking pleasure at its best—and a generous supply of it! The Camel carton, for example, contains 200 mild, cool cigarettes. Both Camels and Prince Albert packages will fit in perfectly with the spirit of the season, thanks to their colorful and gay wrappings. There's even ample space provided for a "Merry Christmas" message in your own handwriting. If you remind your dealer now to put away a gift-quota of Camels and Prince Albert, he can have them ready when you want them. (Adv.)

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## 4-H Groups Hold Annual Banquet

Coke County 4-H boys and girls Thursday evening heard LeDrew and Wayne Arrott tell of their experiences at the 4-H Club Congress and National Livestock Exposition. Ninety-five 4-H'ers and their mothers and dads together with several visitors attended the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet.

As is customary, the boys furnished the chicken 'n dressing with all the trimmings while the girls furnished pies for dessert. The meeting was held in the new music room at Robert Lee High School. The program principally in the hands of the 4-H boys and girls

was as follows:

Singing of Christmas carols; led by Mrs. C. E. Arrott.  
 Invocation, Rev. Ross T. Welch.  
 Welcome, Jerome Sheppard.  
 Response, J. P. Arrott.  
 National 4-H Congress Hi-lights, Wayne Arrott.  
 National Sheep Shearing Contest, Le Drew Arrott.  
 Achievement awards by T. B. Hicks and Mary Pearl Bearden.  
 Benediction, Rev. Fred D. Blake.  
 Delmir Sheppard was given a special service award for his many years of 4-H leadership.

Mrs. Fred Campbell and Mrs. Wayne McCabe and daughters spent Sunday night and Monday in the parental W. D. Jameson home near O'Donnell.

## Court House Filings

### Warranty Deeds

Arnold Samuelson to Sam Jay, lot 4, blk 74, Robert Lee, \$50.  
 Sam Jay to Arnold Samuelson, lot 7, blk 74, Robert Lee, \$50.

Geo R Wrinkle to Martha McKinney, lot 1, blk 35, Bronte, \$450.  
 W J Gideon to Joe A Favor 4.4 acres at Bronte.

Steve R Badley to Hazlip & Hood, lots 1-2, blk 18, and lots 11-12, blk 48, Bronte.

### Oil, Gas Leases

E D Little et al to Porter Rankin, 40 acres at Tennyson.

Jessie T Liles to Chas W Shelton, lot 12, blk 31, Bronte, \$10.

Cullen Luttrell to Ralph W Wilson, lot 7, blk 70, Bronte \$10.

Clark Glenn to Overton Ref Co, lot 7, blk 63, Bronte.

Mattie S Glenn to Overton Ref Co, lot 9, blk 16, Bronte, \$10.

Mrs S O Jackson to Overton Ref Co, lots 16-17, blk 40, Bronte, \$10.

Ida Ferol Hamn Est to B C Mann, W half and SE quarter Sur 336, 1-A H&TC, 488.3 acres.

### Yale Party

Mrs. Aubrey Denman was hostess at the Hayrick H. D. Club Christmas party Friday afternoon in her home.

Each guest present answered roll call with a verse in the Bible.

Christmas gifts were exchanged by the guests present.

Refreshments of spice tea, sandwiches and candy were served to eleven guests.

A little want ad will sell it.



That's our greeting to you in this happy season.



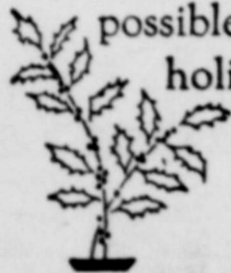
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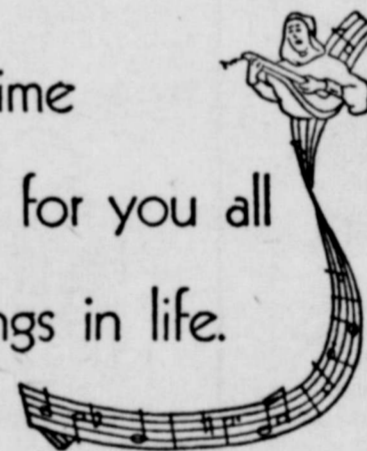


A triple wish for all of you is ours:  
**Good Cheer! Good Friends!**  
**Good Health!**

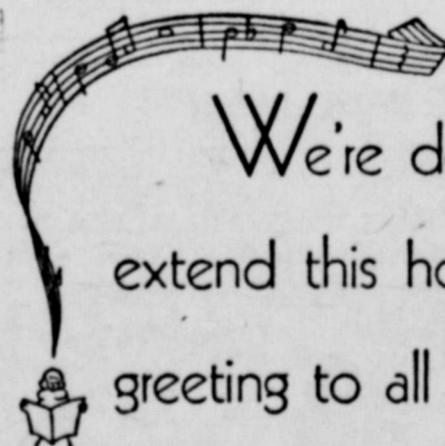
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# HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



A New Year's buffet supper can be done simply if you serve sliced turkey with assorted breads, and bowls of fresh cranberry relish, salted nuts, popcorn, and if you desire, a molded salad and dessert.

## Welcome New Year With Luxury Spread Or Simple Buffets

IF YOU'RE planning a gay New Year's Eve party, then be prepared for the call for refreshments at about the stroke of midnight when the revelers start feeling hunger pangs.

However, if you're the hostess and want to enjoy your own party, plan foods that you can whip out to the table in a minimum of time. In other words, do the cooking to completion before the party begins. A big crowd is best handled with a buffet supper, with all the preparation done ahead of time. If properly planned, you can get the food on the table in a quarter of an hour. A small party can have a cozy waffle supper, and the menu can be very simple but still satisfying.

- Buffet Supper**  
Sliced Roast Turkey  
Ham or Roast Beef  
\*Hawaiian Cranberry Relish  
\*Dark Nut Bread  
\*Molded Cider Salad  
\*Peppermint Stick Cake  
Popcorn Salted Nuts  
Beverage

**BAKE THE TURKEY**, roast beef or ham during the day; or, use slices from the meat you've had for dinner. This may be served cold. If you don't have enough meat, have sliced assorted cheese on the platter. All the other items can be made beforehand.

- \*Hawaiian Cranberry Relish (Makes 1 quart)  
4 cups fresh cranberries  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup canned pineapple

Put cranberries and pineapple through food chopper. Add sugar and mix well. Chill before serving. This relish will keep well for several weeks if refrigerated.

- \*Dark Nut Bread (Makes 1 loaf)  
2 eggs, well beaten  
1 cup sugar  
¼ cup melted shortening  
¾ cup light molasses  
1 cup sour milk  
1½ cups white flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon soda  
1½ cups wheat or graham flour  
1 cup seedless raisins  
1½ cups broken nut meats

Beat eggs and sugar until thick. Add shortening and molasses. Add sour milk. Add white flour sifted with soda and salt, then wheat flour. Fold in raisins and nuts. Bake in wax paper-lined pan in a moderate oven (350-degree) for about an hour.

- \*Molded Cider Salad (Serves 10)  
1 package orange-flavored gelatin  
1 cup boiling water  
1 cup cider  
1½ cup diced red apples  
¾ cup seeded Tokay grapes, halved  
¼ cup chopped nuts, if desired

Dissolve gelatin in hot water and cool. Add cider and allow to thicken. Fold in other ingredients. Pour into molds which have been rinsed in cold water or oiled and allow to chill until firm. Serve on lettuce.

The dessert for your gala New Year's buffet is a refrigerator cake which one and all will welcome for its light fluffiness and refreshing flavor. Make this ahead of time so it will have time to chill thoroughly and thus slice nicely.

## NEW YEAR'S DINNER

- Shrimp-Grapefruit Cocktail  
Rib Roast of Beef Natural Gravy  
Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Peas  
Tossed Vegetable Salad Hot Rolls  
\*Peppermint Stick Cake  
Beverage  
\*Recipe Given

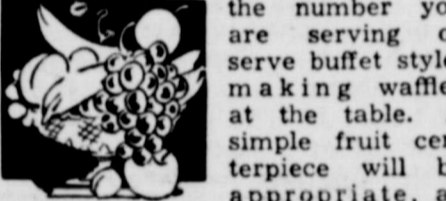
## \*Peppermint Stick Cake (Serves 10-12)

- 2 envelope unflavored gelatin  
½ cup cold water  
2 cups milk, scalded  
¾ teaspoon salt  
½ pound marshmallows, diced  
½ pound peppermint stick candy, coarsely broken  
2 cups heavy cream, whipped  
½ cup maraschino cherries, quartered

## Angel Food Cake

Soften gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in hot milk. Add salt and chill until partially set. Fold marshmallows and candy into whipped cream. Beat gelatin mixture until light and fluffy. Add cherries and whipped cream mixture. Line bottom and sides of an angel cake pan or a spring form (oiled) with strips one-half inch thick and one inch wide of angel food cake, from which the crusts have been removed. Fill with gelatin mixture and chill until set.

## FOR A SIMPLE supper on New Year's you may set the table for the number you are serving or serve buffet style, making waffles at the table. A simple fruit centerpiece will be appropriate, as the guests may want some after you have served the waffles.



Plain waffles with syrup are an excellent choice, but if you want something more, serve creamed chicken or creamed ham and mushrooms on the waffles. If you serve caffeine-free coffee, everyone can drink all they wish without any qualms about staying awake after they get home to retire. Use the regular grind for percolator and the drip grind for glass coffee maker or drip type of pot. The instant type is good if you want quick service.

## Waffles (Makes 4 4-section waffles)

- 2 cups sifted cake flour  
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
3 egg yolks, well beaten  
1 cup milk  
4 tablespoons melted butter or other shortening  
3 egg whites

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt and sift again. Combine egg yolks and milk. Add to flour with butter then mix only



For those who wish a simple spread at the stroke of midnight to welcome the New Year, crisp waffles with creamed chicken, turkey or ham are welcome. Have a simple, but edible, bowl of fruit for the centerpiece, and top the meal off with cups of steaming decaffeinated coffee.

until smooth. Beat egg whites until they hold up in moist peaks. Stir quickly but thoroughly into the batter. Bake in a hot waffle iron.

TO MAKE CREAMED chicken or turkey, use 2 cups of medium white sauce to two and one-half cups of shredded or diced chicken. If you want the mixture to have a richer color, add a little of the white sauce to one beaten egg yolk, mix thoroughly, then add the remainder of the sauce. Heat in the double boiler so the mixture will not burn. If you don't have leftover chicken to use, get some already cooked, canned, boned chicken that comes ready to use.

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# AROUND THE HOUSE

As muffins come from the oven lay a tea towel over the pan for just a minute. The steam loosens them and out they fall, ready to serve.

Broken slats in venetian blinds may be patched with scotch tape. It may also be used to mend torn tape.

Worn and torn linoleum will take on new life if scotch tape is used to cover up the spots. A thin application of shellac over the tape will secure it for a long time.

Mend your torn shower curtains by placing scotch tape directly over the tear.

If you lack a clothesline, hangers hung from the shower rod can be used to hold drying clothes.

Iron first those parts of a garment that will hang off the board while the rest is being ironed.

As a guide to retaining vitamins use the minimum amount of water that will cook the food without sticking.

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## Best Time to Stop Rodent Losses Is Before Storage

The best time to prevent losses by rats and mice in farm storage is just previous to the actual storing of produce.

Before storing vegetables, apples, or other farm produce, give the storage room a thorough cleaning—both inside and out.

Check windows, doors, ventilators, and floor drains to make sure they are constructed so as to prevent rat and mouse travel. Farmers should remove all lumber piles, broken boxes, tall grass, weeds and refuse from areas surrounding the outside of the storage building.



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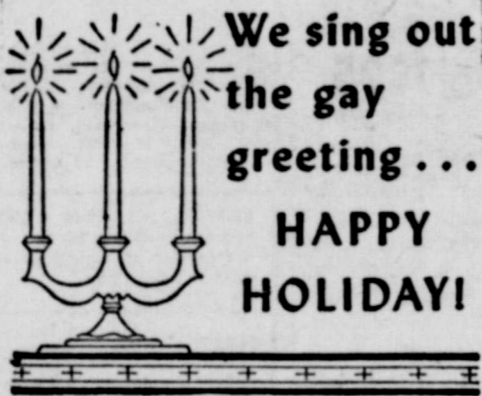
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## Union Starts Test In Northeast Coke

Union Oil Co. of California has set surface pipe in its wildcat in northeastern Coke county to be drilled 7,000 feet if necessary to explore the Ellenburger. Exploration Drilling Co. has the contract.

The test is known as No. 1 Jack Frost, 660 feet out of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of Section 269-1A-H&TC, four miles west and slightly south of Blackwell and five-eighths mile south of the Nolan county line.

It is on the northwest side of a block of 11 1-2 sections. The block was leased up more than a year ago by S. E. Adams. Humble and Rio Bravo Oil Co. have offset leases.

Union's wildcat on the Jack Frost property is about eight miles east of Sun's No. 1 J. S. Arledge, Marble Falls pool opener, 7 miles north of Sanco.

Three Ellenburger failures have been drilled in the Blackwell area east of the Frost location. The first was Warren Oil Corp. No. 1 Fowler, an east offset to Warren No. 1 J. S. Craft, small discovery pumper from the Cisco at 3,820-28 feet and only well in the Blackwell pool. No. 1 Craft is two miles east and a half mile south of Union No. 1 Jack Frost.

### New Fords Delivered

Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee received an allotment of four new Fords the past week, and needless to state they were sold immediately. The new purchasers were Allen Jameson, Mrs. Fred Campbell, Deputy Sheriff O. B. Jacobs and Hugh Lewis, Jr. The latter received his new car as a statutory award from the Veterans Administration for having lost the use of a limb during the war.

### School Tax Notice

I will be out of town Friday and Saturday and back in the office Monday, Dec. 27. You will then have but five days in which to pay your school taxes in December.—J. L. Ross, collector.

### Folks You Know

Morgan Russell was honored on his 12th birthday Dec. 16 with a skating party at the Robert Lee roller rink. Thirty guests enjoyed the event. Refreshments of green and red cocoanut cup cakes and cold drinks were served by Mogan's mother, Mrs. Carroll Russell.

Woodson Adkins was released from the Bronte hospital Wednesday of last week after being treated several days for a foot injury received while unloading pipe in the oil field.

Mrs. R. S. Crum, who suffered a fractured limb in a fall four weeks ago, is resting comfortably at her home in Robert Lee. A daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones, of Nolan is with her this week and two other daughters helping in caring for their mother are Mrs. B. W. Waldrop of Hayrick and Mrs. H. H. Davis of Austin.

Our good friend, W. F. Fikes of Sanco, was in this week to renew his subscription and also sends The Observer to his children, Weldon of Robert Lee, Henson of San Angelo and Mrs. Lorene Stratford of San Francisco.

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Henry Fondy-John Wayne-Shirley Temple in  
**FORT APACHE** Cartoon and News

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY, DEC. 26-27-28

Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:20

Humphrey Bogart-Walter Houston-Tim Holt in  
**TREASURE of SIERRA MADRE** Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, DEC. 29-30

Paulette Goddard-MacDonald Carey in  
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