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Sun Stakes No. 10 Annie L. Cummings

Sun Oil Co. has staked Annie L. Cummings No. 10, a west offset to No. 7 Cummings, a producer. Morris & Hamilton will have the drilling contract.

In the Millican field west and north of Edith Sun A-3 F. S. Price acidized with 5,000 gallons a perforated section 6,054-64 feet. It was swabbing Thursday.

Sun Price No. 3 was standing at 1,917 feet in shale. Drillers were fishing for lost drill collars.

In the Jameson field at Silver, Sun J. S. Walker No. 3 was drilling in shale and sand at 6,015 feet.

Sun No. 5 Allen Jameson was at 2,546 feet in shale.

Sun Ralph Harris Estate, south of the river between the Jameson and Millican fields, was drilling in lime and chert at 7,040 feet.

Personals

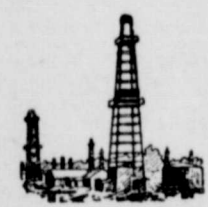
Jim Mauldin arrived home the last of the week from Belton where he has been recovering since he was injured in a dump truck wreck three weeks ago. His broken shoulder is now in a cast. He was brought home by his son, J. P. Mauldin and family, who reside in Belton. Other Christmas guests in the Mauldin home here were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lammers of Houston.

Mrs. Frank Harrell of Indio, Calif. is a holiday guest in the home of her mother, Mrs. Minnie Buchanan. She made the trip with the Paul Iveys who are visiting relatives at Bronte.

Lloyd Phelan attended a family reunion over the Christmas weekend at the home of his brother in Lamesa. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaines, who visited relatives there, and Bertie Mae Gaines, who visited in Sterling City.

For Rent—4-room modern house, furnished. Inquire of W. B. Bessent.

S. B. Plum'ee was called to Eastland recently by the illness of his oldest brother, John. Latest report is that he is recovering.



Notes From The Oil Field

T. W. Murray No. 1 Fred Roe, wildcat 7 miles west and north of Robert Lee, spudded last Friday. Surface pipe was cemented to a depth of 420 feet and drilling was continuing yesterday below 600 feet.

Union No. 3 Jim McCutchen, 4 miles east of Robert Lee, spudded Wednesday night. Morgan Drilling Co. has the contract, having moved from the recent failure on city waterworks property one mile east of Robert Lee.

Spartan Drilling Co. No. 1 Lake E. Smith, 14 miles southeast of Robert Lee, has been plugged at a total depth of 6,382 after drilling 200 feet into the Ellenburger. There were no shows at any depth. Advance Drilling Co. had the contract.



Joyce Littlefield Weds In Church Ceremony

In a double-ring ceremony, the marriage of Miss Joyce Dephane Littlefield of Robert Lee and Richard L. Smith, Jr., of Clarksville was solemnized at 7 o'clock last Thursday evening.

The Rev. Ernest Stewart, pastor, read the ceremony in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The altar was flanked by cathedral tapers in floor candelabra and baskets of white chrysanthemums and fern.

Mrs. Morris Varnadore of San Angelo, pianist, played wedding music and Chopin's "Nocturne" as a background for the ceremony. She accompanied Mrs. Jeff Dean who sang "At Dawning" and "Wedding Prayer."

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Mayme Littlefield of Robert Lee. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith of Clarksville.

Given in marriage by her brother, Jarvis Littlefield of Robert Lee, the bride wore a navy dress, white gloves and hat, and other accessories of navy. She carried a white Bible topped with stephanotis, net and ribbon. Her corsage was of white gardenias.

Miss Nema Jean Bernard of Dallas attended her cousin as maid of honor. She, too, wore a navy dress and navy and white accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

F. H. Love of San Angelo served as best man. Ushers were Jack Littlefield of Lubbock and Max Smith of Robert Lee.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. J. M. Rippetoe, and Mr. Rippetoe in Bronte. Bouquets of flowers decorated the reception rooms. The table was centered with a bouquet of white flowers, flanked by tapers. Mrs. Ed Littlefield of Odessa presided at the open book cake, and Mrs. J. M. Rippetoe at the silver coffee service. Registering guests was Mrs. Harold Sheppard.

The bride, a 1950 graduate of Robert Lee High School, has been pianist at the Robert Lee Baptist Church for several years. The bridegroom was graduated from Clarksville High School. He attended Paris Junior College and North Texas A&I College, Arlington. Having served three years in the Navy, he has been employed by a geophysical company and by Baker-Taylor Drilling Co.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were George E. Gray, Victoria; and Messrs. and Mmes. Onis Littlefield, Ranger; Ed Littlefield, Odessa; P. R. Littlefield, Carthage; Leon Baker, Millsap; Buster Speight, Weatherford; L. G. Bernard, Fort Worth; Ted B. Benard, Dallas; Walker Bernard, Rosenberg; and Phil Wilson, Corpus Christi.

1950 Brought Many Fine Improvements

Robert Lee and its surrounding community realized more outstanding improvements during 1950 than in any other year in history. The Observer classifies them in the following order of importance:

1. New Coke County Memorial Hospital. Cost \$120,000.

2. Construction of Mountain Creek Dam and Reservoir for Robert Lee water supply. Cost, \$82,000. Improvement of city waterworks, including new water treatment plant. Cost, \$65,000.

3. Completion of new paved east west highway through western half of county. Built from state and federal funds at cost of \$400,000.

In addition there have been new oil discoveries and many added producers in proven fields. A number of new city and ranch homes have also been built.

Wasn't it a whale of a wonderful year!

Roberts Reunion

All of the children of the late Green Roberts gathered for a Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Artell Roberts, where a feast of turkey and all the trimmings was served.

Highlight of the evening was picture taking. It was the first time they had all been together for a family reunion in 16 years.

All seven of the living children and their families were present including Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roberts and daughter, Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Davis and son, and all of Robert Lee, Mrs. Leta Stroud of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Oda Benton of Marysville, Calif.

Enlist in Air Corps

Three well known Robert Lee youths enlisted this week in the Air Corps. They are Roy Tinkler, Ralph Walker and J. Q. Varnadore. They signed up for four years and will report to the Abilene recruiting station Jan. 2.

Coke County Hospital News

Dec. 21—Richard L. Smith admitted.

Dec. 22—Mrs. M. E. Trimble, Fred McDonald admitted. Dismissed were Mrs. L. M. Jones, Mrs. Sam Williams, Mrs. Bob Patterson, Bobbie Hatley, Bobby Cowley, Bruce Cliff.

Dec. 23—O. C. Ivey, Bronte, admitted. Mrs. Annie B. Mitchell, Mrs. J. C. Strickland dismissed.

Dec. 24—Dismissals were Jerry Littlefield, Mrs. Sallie G. Rabb, Fred McDonald.

Dec. 25—Ronnie Devoll, son of Lindy Devoll, admitted.

Dec. 26—Mrs. W. D. Jameson, Colorado City, admitted. Dismissed were O. C. Ivey and Mrs. M. E. Trimble.

Dec. 28—Richard L. Smith was dismissed.

Holiday Visitors

Again we state that one of the finest courtesies you can possibly extend to guests in your home is to see that their visit is mentioned in The Observer. Everyone is urged to send in reports of holiday goings and comings, or stop in the office and tell some member of our staff. Those little personal items are the backbone of a weekly newspaper. That's exclusive news that you never would read in a daily.

Schedule Cage Tourney

Dates for Robert Lee's basketball tournament have been set for Jan. 12-13. Both boys and girls teams will compete and eight schools in this section of the state plan to have entries. Trophies for the event are on display at the Bilbo drug store.

Bridegroom Injured On Way To The Reception

Honeymoon plans of a Robert Lee newly wedded couple, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Smith, had to be postponed last Friday night when the bridegroom was injured in an auto crash.

Following their marriage at the Baptist church here at 7 p. m. the couple were rushing to Bronte for a reception at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rippetoe.

Going into Bronte they crashed into another Robert Lee car which had stopped to obey warning signals at the Santa Fe tracks. John L. Bruton and Donald Hamilton, ushers at the wedding, and Barbara Harwell and Janet Bilbo were in the front machine. It was a new Chevrolet owned by John's stepfather, Ralph Garvin. Both cars were badly damaged.

Smith was brought to the Coke County Memorial Hospital here and examination disclosed he had a bursted knee cap. His leg has been placed in a cast where it must remain for six weeks.

Mrs. Smith, the former Joyce Littlefield, continued to the reception where her brother, Jarvis, assisted her in cutting the wedding cake.

Smith was allowed to leave the hospital yesterday. He and Joyce will spend the next few weeks in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mayme Littlefield. They will be making new plans for a honeymoon trip after his recovery.

Subscription Paying Time

It's subscription paying time for many of The Observer's subscribers. Due to increasing costs it is necessary to ask that renewals be paid promptly. Persons who send the paper to distant points are also urged to advise the publisher if they wish to continue same.

Bill Allen, A & M college senior, is home for a Christmas vacation in the parental G. C. Allen home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brown spent Christmas with her brother and family, the M. K. Youngs, at Ralls.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Britt of San Angelo were Christmas guests of the John Conleys. The ladies are sisters.

The W. D. McAdams family visited over the holiday weekend with relatives at Winters and Tuscola.

Orlan Gunnels, 19, Victim Of Tragic Hunting Mishap

Tragedy struck a sad blow to Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt R. Gunnels last Friday when their 19-year-old son, Orlan, was killed in a hunting accident. The youth's body was found by his father about 6 p. m. The Gunnels farm is located two miles northeast of Robert Lee.

Orlan had gone hunting in the pasture north of the farm house and also planned to look at some horses. When Mr. Gunnels returned from town after sundown, his wife reported Orlan had not come in. The youth's father drove out into the pasture and discovered the body hanging over a fence.

Sheriff Paul Good, Justice of the Peace R. S. Crum and Dr. J. D. McDaniel were immediately called to the scene. It was evident Orlan had shot himself accidentally with his .22 gauge rifle while attempting to get over the fence.

The body was removed to the local hospital where examination showed the bullet entered the corner of the right eye and lodged in the brain.

Orlan Delton Gunnels was born Aug. 2, 1931, on the R. C. Russell ranch, 4 miles northwest of Robert Lee and all his life was spent in this community. He graduated from high school in 1949 and then engaged in the farming and livestock business as a partner with his father.

He was a fine young man of good habits and pleasant disposition and his untimely death is regretted by the entire community.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church here by the Rev. Ray Lee, pastor. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery under direction of the Clift Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Marvin Jones, Arlyn Simpson, D. J. Walker, Jr., Ralph Walker, Junior Devoll and Preston Ross.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gunnels, a sister, Mrs. Glen (Willie Ruth) Simpson of San Angelo, an aunt, Miss Ila Adkins, who resided in the Gunnels home, and many other relatives.

Personals

For Sale—Good table top Perfection cook stove, cheap. Pat Rives, Phone 4814.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives and Melba during the Christmas holidays were Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Rives and little son, Stevie, of Denison and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rives and little son, Jimmy, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBroom and children of Quemada, New Mex., came in for a holiday visit with Mrs. McBroom's brothers, Chism, John and Paul Brown.

Mrs. Oda Benton arrived the last of the week from Marysville, Calif., for a visit with relatives. Her husband arrived earlier in the month.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stacks of Ft. Worth were Christmas guests in the B. C. Goodwin home. Mrs. Goodwin is their daughter.

Chevrolet To Broadcast Important Program

One of the most vitally important radio and television features of this mid-century year, with radio reportants from all over the world participating in person at New York in a discussion of "The Challenge of the '50s — Years of Crises," will be sponsored at the year's end by the Chevrolet dealers over the nationwide network of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The program is to be for a full hour on both radio and television. On the CBS radio network it will be broadcast from 3:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. EST Sunday, December 31. The CBS television network will carry the feature from 1:30 p. m. to 2:30 p. m. EST on New Year's Day, January 1.

The show is similar to the outstanding "Mid-Century" program which Chevrolet dealers sponsored last New Year's Day, but is to be even more dramatic in scope and presentation. Ten of Columbia's

best known foreign correspondents and news analysts will be in New York, the majority flown from their far-flung posts especially for the broadcast. Heading the group and acting as chairman will be Edward R. Murrow, crack CBS news reporter and analyst.

The program will give a round-up of facts and opinions from the entire world concerning the critical condition of civilization today, where we have been during the past year and the outlook for the future.

Christmas Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek had all their children and grand children home for Christmas. They included Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cobb, Sandra and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wojtek, Judy, Nancy and Norma, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Montgomery, Linda and Troy Gene, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wojtek, Lynette and Barbara and Miss Zelda Wojtek, all of San Angelo. Also Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek, Jr. of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wojtek, Cynthia Ann and Tonie, of Dallas. Doyle and his family made the trip from Dallas to San Angelo by plane. Also present were Mrs. Wojtek's sister and niece, Mrs. Evie Sides and Fay, of San Angelo.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chumley had their two daughters and their families as Christmas guests. They were the D. E. Leonards of Big Spring and the K. C. Colliers of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bessent and son, Onie, returned Saturday from a three weeks visit in South Texas. They enjoyed some good fishing along the Gulf.

McGallian Family

Guests in the home of Mrs. Emma McGallian on Christmas Day were her children, Sam McGallian and Mrs. Gilford Lord of Robert Lee and L. O. McGallian of San Angelo and their families. A daughter, Mrs. J. D. Jones of Albany, Okla., was unable to be present. Other guests were the Russ Lord and O. R. Eubanks families of Eunice, New Mex., Frank Lord and wife of Grand Prairie, Raymond McGallian of Ft. Worth, the Hubert McGallian family and Mrs. Myrtle Walker and daughter of San Angelo, Mr.

and Mrs. Walter McGallian of Bronte, Mrs. O. D. Adkins of Sanco and the Foy Askins family of Robert Lee.

Personals

Leslie Chiles arrived last week from Oakland, Calif., where he attended school and lived with his aunt, Mrs. Joe Balbini. Leslie is the son of Mrs. Hazel Chiles-Culp, owner of Hazel's Cafe.

John L. Bruton, student at Odessa junior college, arrived Wednesday for a holiday vacation with home folks.

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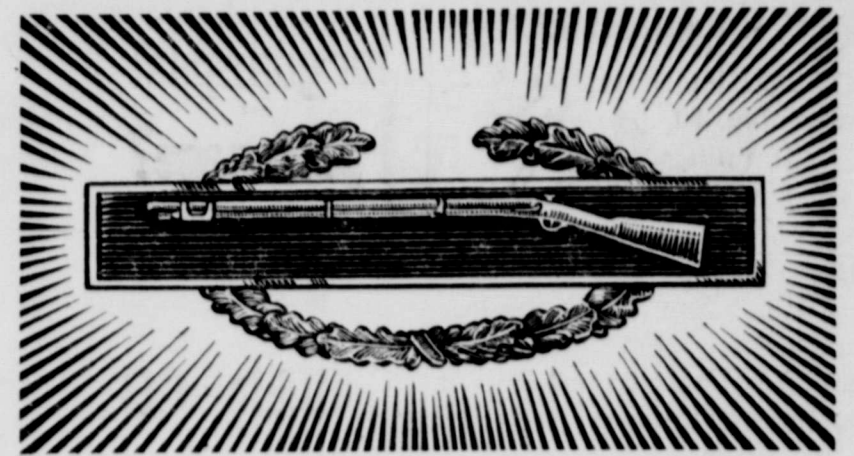
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Robert Lee, Texas

Want Ads

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

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

INVEST in rest with a Western-Bilt felted or innerspring mattress. A card to Western Mattress Co., Box 1130, San Angelo, will bring one of our representatives to your home. 28w4

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

SHEARING—I wish to announce that I will operate my own shearing crew the coming year. I have a good 4-drop machine and will give you good service. Will be glad to line up work early in advance. Santos Gloria, Robert Lee, Texas. 29w2p

For Rent—A 3-compartment trailer house, partly furnished; also 3-room residence, partly furnished; bills paid Geo. W. Hale. 29w2p

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

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

Building Materials—Cement and Paint. The right materials at the right price. McDonald Lumber Co., Robert Lee, Texas.

For Sale—Two kerosene heating stoves, good as new. Frank Dickey.

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

Farm Machinery For Sale

One W-C Allis-Chalmers tractor with equipment

One 8-disc Oliver one-way

One side rake

One 16 ft. 10 inch John Deere drill

One double disc pulverizer

One 4 section harrow

One 6-ft A Case combine with motor

One John Deere horse drawn mower

One John Deere row binder, practically new

One John Deere scraper

One terracing machine

Also any kind of hogs you want

All this farm equipment is in perfect condition and must be sold at once as I have sold out.

J. B. LEDDY, Robert Lee, Texas

10 mi. from Water Valley on Divide Road

Personals

The Jack Lassiters came out from Fort Worth for a visit over Christmas with Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Lieut. Frank D. Bryan and family returned to San Antonio Tuesday evening after a Christmas visit with home folks.

Vance Seth Glover and Miss Georgia Dean Nelson, both of San Angelo, were married here Dec 23 by Justice of the Peace R.S. Crum.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robertson of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Dave King and daughters, Zona Mae and Joyce, spent a night last week at Jacksboro with an aunt, Mrs. Joe Moore, and family. Mrs. Moore is a sister of the late Jim Robertson.

M. C. McCutchen and wife came from San Antonio for a visit over Christmas in the parental Bill McCutchen home north of town. Mac is a busy young man these days. He is editor of the Trinity University student newspaper, also teaches journalism in the school and is taking some graduate work for his master's degree.

Delmir Morris Sheppard and wife and Jerome Sheppard returned Tuesday night from a motor trip to California where they visited their brother, Bert Sheppard, who is training at Camp Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tallant and two children of Denver City were guests over night Saturday in the Allie Bilbo home.

The Horace Scott family of Del Rio were guests over Christmas in the parental H L. Scott home.

Season's Greetings



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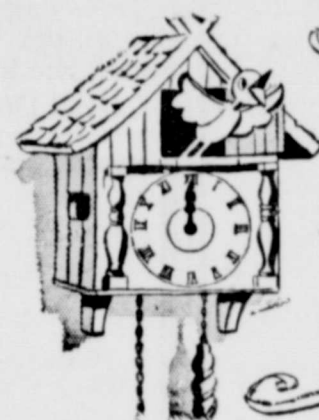
County Judge

Important Notice

Folks, it looks like new radios and new tubes are going to be very scarce soon, and possibly there won't be any of either before long. If you don't have a good radio, I advise you to get one if you can; and if you intend to have one repaired, bring it in while I still have a good supply of tubes. Some I don't have and can't get, but I have more than most radio men ever saw at one time in their lives. Better come in now with that radio! Leave it at Farris Drug Store in Robert Lee.

Ira M. Bird

The Observer For Fine Printing



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greetings

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Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Copeland attended a district Christmas Party for West Texas Utilities employees Friday night at Ballinger. During the program Mr. McAdams was presented with a 5-year pin.

Leslie Lofton and family came down from Childress for a holiday visit in the parental Alfred Lofton home.

Upton Mathers of Silver stopped by recently to renew his subscription for another year. He and his family are now comfortably located in a new modern home which was built on the C. E. Mathers place southwest of Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis enjoyed having all their children home for Christmas, except the youngest daughter, Mrs. Russell Zoet, of Galveston.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift

Garvin Relatives Gather

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garvin west of Edith included all their children and grandchildren. Members of the gathering were Mr and Mrs. O. V. Wallace and son, Carroll Don, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Zelachoski of Cleburne; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schaefer and Wanda and Mr. and Mrs. Rush Garvin and children, Henry, Mae Dean and Joe, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garvin of Sweetwater, and Homer Garvin and sons, D. J., Jim and Henson Ray, of Edith.

This was the first Christmas that all the Garvin children had been home in several years.

Carroll Don remained to spend

the rest of the holidays visiting here and in San Angelo.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson and their children enjoyed a family gathering on Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson in Robert Lee. Other guests were the Eddie Pattersons, Herman Patterson and family of Big Spring, the Sidney Comptons of Colorado City, Crowley Harmon and family of Edith and the Aubrey Denmans of Bronte.

Foy Dell Smith, who is stationed at Reese AFB near Lubbock, returned to duty Tuesday after a holiday visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends.



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County Ag Agents News Column

TRAVIS HICKS, Co. Agent

Income Tax Helps

Each year the county agent's office has offered whatever help it could give to ranchers and farmers in filing their income tax reports. Here are a few questions and answers most often asked regarding income tax reports. About the only change is the rate which will be slightly higher than 1949.

If there are other questions the county agent's office offers whatever help they can give.

Who is a farmer under the tax law? A farmer is a person whose gross income is at least two-thirds from farming or ranching. This definition will be of interest to those farmers who work part time in town, on highways, etc.

How will a farmer know whether

to file a return? A farmer, whether married or single, who made a gross income of \$600.00 or more, must file a return.

When does the farmer file his return? A farmer may take 2 routes (1) He may file a declaration or estimate of his 1950 tax by January 15 and then make a final return by March 15 or (2) He may file a complete return of his 1950 tax between January 1 and Jan. 31. This is the best plan for farmers because they can make one filing do the whole job. In either case the farmer must pay all of his tax in January.

Who is responsible for the accuracy of the return? Farmers and ranchmen should remember that they are solely responsible for their own returns, and not someone who might make out the returns for them. He should make sure his records are correct and up to date

What are the personal exemptions? The farmer receives an exemption of \$600 for himself and \$600 for his wife, plus \$600 for each dependent.

Who may be claimed as a dependent? A dependent must receive more than half of his support from the taxpayer. His gross income must not exceed \$600 and he must be a rather close relation to the taxpayer (mother, father, sister are all eligible—consult tax form for others eligible.)

(To Be Continued)

Wallace Clift arrived last Thursday for a holiday vacation in the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs. W. B. Clift. Wallace is a law student at Harvard University and made the trip from Boston to San Angelo by plane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Green of Borger are here for a holiday visit in the parental T. A. Peay home.

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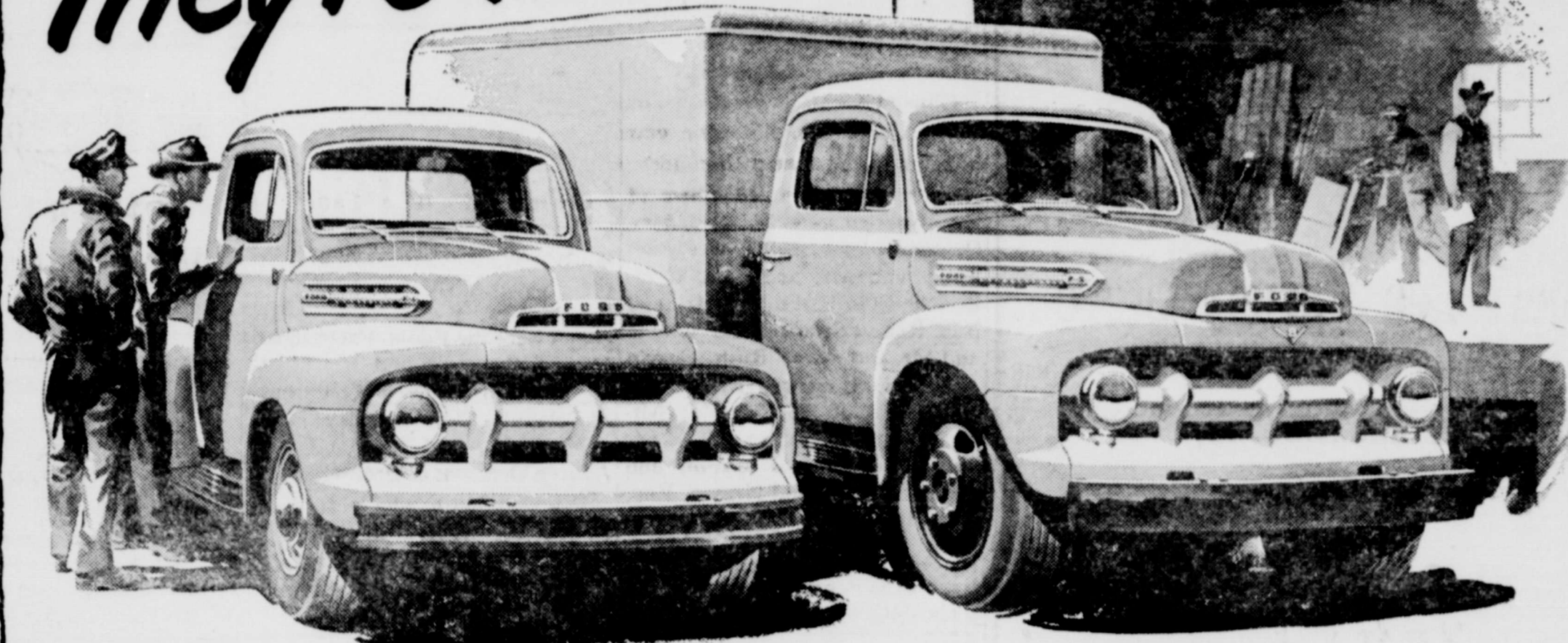
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NEW FORD TRUCKS for '51

FEATURE **POWER PILOT**  **ECONOMY**

FOR 1951, more than ever, economy-wise truck buyers are going to follow the trend to Ford!

New Ford Trucks for '51 give you step-ahead engineering advantages, such as America's only truck choice of V-8 or Six... a choice of over 180 models to fit your hauling job better... strength reserves that make Ford Trucks last longer.

You'll find these new features in engines, clutch, transmissions, axles, wheels, cabs, Pickup body—wherever there have been opportunities to make



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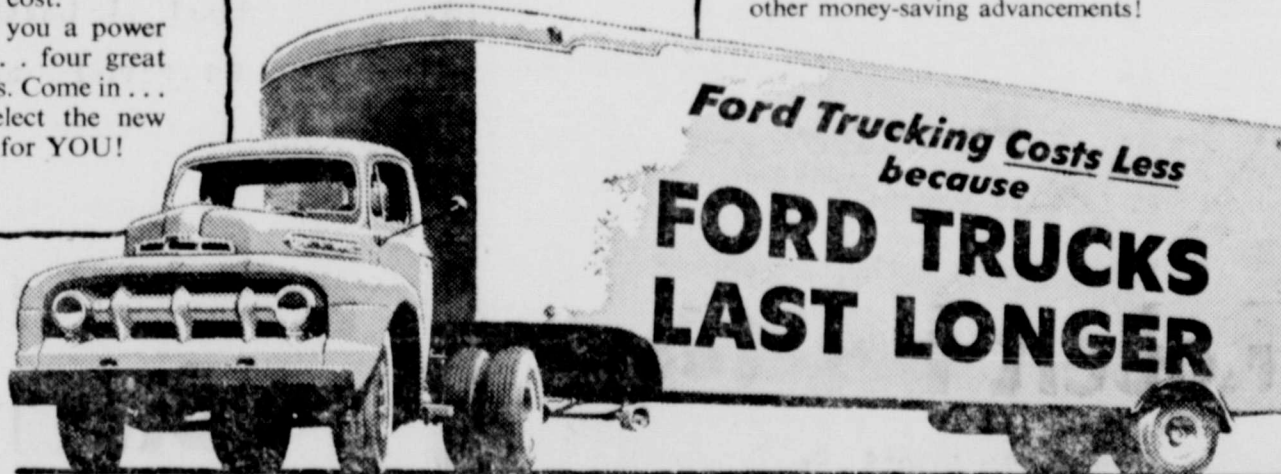
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Personals

A large group of relatives were entertained on Christmas Day in the Delmir Sheppard home. Those present for dinner included Mrs. Sheppard's mother, Mrs. Temp Whiteside, and daughter, Bessie, of San Angelo, T. K. Whiteside and family of Wingate, Green Preslar and wife of Sweetwater, Harold Sheppard and family and Jack and Nelda Brock.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner and her sons, Woodrow and Wilfred, and their wives were Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Buchanan at Colorado City.

Christmas dinner guests in the Willis Smith home were Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, of Bronte. Also the Ted Johnson family of Colorado City, the J. N. Johnsons of Prairie Hill and Sewell Johnson and wife of Waco. Willis Wayne Smith and wife were also members of the holiday group, as was Billy Simpson of Bronte, who was home on leave from Ft. Sill, Okla.

Builds New Home

Construction will begin this week on a new home for Weldon Fikes and family in the north part of town. The two-bedroom house will be situated on a 100 foot lot purchased from Marvin Stewart, a block east of the Robert Lee high school. McDonald Lumber Co. will furnish material and the labor will be handled by John Brown. Weldon is Coke county clerk-elect and will move to town as soon as his new home is completed.

A family group enjoyed Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Roberts. All the Roberts children were present for the occasion except Mrs. Mose Jackson of San Angelo. Coming from a distance was Allen Roberts and family of Hico.

Christmas dinner guests in the Ira Yarbrow home at Abilene included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Campbell of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lassiter and son, Douglas, of Ft. Worth.



The New Year

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future friendship.

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GREETINGS

**To My Coke County Friends and
Thanks for Past Favors**

As I am leaving the office of County Clerk on January 1st, I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for the many courtesies shown me during the years I served as a Coke county official. It has been a pleasure to serve the fine people of this community, and I hope our friendship will continue through all the years to come.

I also extend congratulations and best wishes to my successor, Weldon Fikes, whom I am sure will make an excellent County Clerk.

WILLIS SMITH

NEW YEAR



May we offer a big
"THANK YOU"
for your past
patronage?

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Fred McDonald, Owner



We are grateful indeed for the patronage we have enjoyed during the past, and look forward to serving you in 1951 and the years to come. We hold our many Coke county friendships in highest esteem, and extend our best wishes to all for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Adams Abstract Co.
Mr. and Mrs. Sid Ferrell

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Will Simpson of El Paso, who were here recently visiting relatives and looking after property interests, have gone to Florida for a stay of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mahon returned Tuesday from Ft. Worth where they spent Christmas in the home of their son, L. B. Mahon and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burns and daughter, Jennie, and son, Paul and his family, visited over Christmas with relatives at Mertzon. They were Christmas dinner guests in the Raymond Clark home. Mrs. Burns is a sister of Mr. Clark.

A family gathering was enjoyed at the A. J. Bilbos when their five daughters were home for Christmas. Coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay of Lubbock and Jamie Bilbo of Big Spring. The family had special reason to be thankful because of the recovery of the Kay's two-months old daughter, Jan. The baby recently had a chest tumor removed by a Dallas specialist and a complete recovery is apparent.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cole and daughters of Fort Worth are here for a holiday visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin and daughter, Sylvia, of Crane were Christmas visitors in the H. S. Lewis, Jr. home. Mrs. Lewis is their daughter.

Personals

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock and children of Colorado City, R. M. Lowry and wife of Lubbock, Mrs. Jeffie Garrett of Big Spring, Marcus Turner and wife, and Paul Brown and wife, Mrs. J. A. Clift and Mrs. Wayne Clift and Tinker of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King and daughters spent Christmas in Odessa at the Phillip Page and Dub Anderson homes. They were met there by the Harry Anderson family of Levelland. Mrs. Anderson is the former Gwendolyn King.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bessent have received word from their son, Charles, that he is now training with a medium tank outfit at Camp Hood. He was inducted into the service recently at Lubbock.

Judge Jeff Dean and family spent Christmas in the parental Claude Dean home near Weatherford. Douglas Dean, who is training at Fort Sill, was also there for a brief holiday visit.

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It has been a pleasure to conduct our business in this fine community, and we want to extend to all Greetings of the Season and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

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OIL FIELD HAULING

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Robert Lee, Texas

Personals

Bill Lassiter and wife are here for a holiday visit with Mrs. Lassiter's mother, Mrs. Ruby Pettit.

Joe Dodson, Jr. returned to his home here last week after getting his discharge from the Air Corps at a base in Louisiana.

Twenty-six were present for the Christmas dinner served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Scott. Guest of honor was Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. W. J. Cumbe, and the other daughters, Mmes. J. C. Snead, Jr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen, and their families.

Mrs. Turney Marries

Relatives here have been advised of the marriage of Mrs. Lillian Turney of Alpine to Mr. Courtney Mellard, prominent Marfa ranchman. The ceremony took place Christmas Eve in the Masonic Temple at El Paso. Mrs. Turney is a former well known Robert Lee resident and for a number of years has been matron of the girls dormitory at Sul Ross college in Alpine.

Sgt. Ferrell Visits

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Ferrell were happy to receive a visit over Christmas from their son, Staff Sgt. Paul Ferrell, and his wife of Sandia AFB near Albuquerque, New Mex. Paul was married only a few weeks ago to a Raton young lady and this was their first trip to Robert Lee.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and for the sympathy expressed in our recent sorrow; also for the beautiful flowers, and especially thank members of the Class of 1949.—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gunnels, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Simpson, Miss Ila Adkins.

Soldier Boys Home

A group of six Robert Lee young men who are stationed at army bases in Georgia arrived late Saturday night for a week's visit with home folks. They made the trip in Sgt. Charles Arnold's auto. It was the first furlough for the group who were inducted into service a few months ago. Arnold was recently called to active duty from the reserve and is stationed near Atlanta. Four of the boys stationed at Ft. Benning are Mike Ross, J. D. (Curley) Adkins, Cecil Smith and Jerald (Pee-Wee) Taylor. Herbie Taylor, who is stationed at Macon, was also in the group. Mike says he has been transferred to the Field Artillery and Curley is now with the Combat Engineers. Fort Benning is eight miles from Columbus, Ga. The boys must report back to their posts Jan. 1.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols of Stratford and Miss Iva Snead of Ft. Davis spent Christmas in the parental J. C. Snead home.

Among the many college students at home for the holidays are Memory Gramling and Fred (Pete) Hickman of North Texas State at Denton.

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