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SKINNY ADAMS NO. 1 PHELAN RATES 200 BBLs.

S. E. Adams and Lloyd Davidson 1 Pallie Phelan, Snyder & Von Rosenberg survey 6, Jameson field, flowed 200 barrels of 44.7 gravity oil through perforations between 5,979-6,000 feet and 6,032-58 feet in Strawn sand. The flow came on a 24-hour production test.

Tubing pressure was 550 pounds, with packer on the casing. Size of choke was 1/4-inch. The lower zone was fractured with 2,000 gallons. Due to inability to seat packer, the upper zone was not fractured. Operator continued flowing to clean out.

This project also recovered oil in the Strawn lime, topped at 6,402 feet on ground elevation of 1,940.5 feet. On a four-hour drillstem test between 6,405-48 feet, gas surfaced in nine minutes and recovery was 600 feet of free oil.

Messrs. Adams and Davidson have a possible 11 more locations on their Phelan lease, and plan to resume drilling there after the first of the year. Tribal Drilling Company's rotary was released to drill on Sam Powell south of Robert Lee.

County Judge Jeff Dean was in Austin the latter part of the week attending a hearing on proposed legislative matters concerned with future county road programs.

BIRTHS

HALE — A son was born Dec. 10 at Coke County Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hale (Leatha Janell Best.) This is their first child. Arriving at 7:20 p. m. Everett Lynn weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. The father, well known Robert Lee resident, has been serving with the armed forces in Okinawa since August and is due for a discharge next April. Grandmothers are Mrs. Pearl Woodall of Bronte and Mrs. Holly Hale of Bellflower Calif.

BASQUEZ — Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Basquez of Bronte are parents of a son, Joe, born at 3:18 a. m. Dec. 12 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds. The couple has a daughter, Mary Lou, 3 years old. The father is a Latin-American farm laborer at Bronte.

LOFTON — Mr. and Mrs. Wellon (Jiggs) Lofton (Rhonda Farris) are proud parents of their first child, a daughter, born at 10:42 a. m. Dec. 11 at a San Angelo hospital. The infant weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and has been named Janada Faye. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton and Mr. and Mrs. Rappley Farris. Jiggs is employed in oil field work here.

WILLIAMS — A son, Allen Dale, was born Dec. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Williams (Lucy Smith) of Kerrville, former Robert Lee residents. They have two other sons, Thomas, 12, and Joseph, 7. Mrs. Mabel Williams of Robert Lee is the grandmother. Tommy is a Church of Christ preacher at Kerrville.

MILLICAN — Mr. and Mrs. Elton Millican (Luwanna Harmon) are parents of a son born Dec. 9 at a San Angelo hospital. Arriving at 3:55 a. m. Marshall Wayne weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. This is their first child and the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon. Other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican. The young father has been home on a leave from the army.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

Before going to press The Observer was advised that the Santa Claus Parade and Christmas program scheduled for Saturday afternoon has been called off. Readers are advised to disregard any news stories concerning the event elsewhere in this issue.

POST OFFICE RUSH

The Robert Lee post office has been doing the largest holiday business in history, according to Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr. Receipts are running about 35 percent above last year. Peak of the outgoing mail was reached early this week, but incoming Christmas packages are increasing daily. Mrs. A. J. Bilbo is helping as an extra clerk during the busy season.

Observer Renewals Due This Month

This is subscription paying time for several hundred readers of The Observer. The expiration date appears along with your name, hence it is not necessary to wait until you get a notice before sending in your renewal.

Although paper has been going up right along and other costs have increased in proportion, the price of The Observer remains at \$2.00 per year mailed anywhere in the world.

It is necessary that renewals be brought up to date by January 1. Persons who send The Observer to relatives or friends are requested to advise us promptly if they wish to continue them.

If you wish to send the paper as a Christmas Gift, a receipt and gift card will be forwarded to the party's address.

\$120 Christmas Gift For Myrtle Hurley

The sum of \$120.35 in cash is being presented this week to Miss Myrtle Hurley as a Christmas Gift from her many Robert Lee friends.

Plans for the Christmas surprise for Miss Myrtle originated at Mac's Cafe where all proceeds from the sale of coffee on Saturday were put into the fund. That amounted to \$34.40. Individuals added \$86.05.

Miss Hurley, former well known Coke County teacher, has been ill in a Houston Hospital. The Cliff ambulance will bring her back to her home in San Angelo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn, owners of the cafe are to be congratulated for their kindness in promoting the project.

Public Schools Plan Christmas Program

A special Christmas program will be presented Friday night at 7:30 by Robert Lee school pupils in the school auditorium. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

The School Band under direction of Jack Gray and singing by the pupils of Mrs. Jeff Dean will present a variety of Christmas instrumental and vocal selections.

Some outstanding talent is being developed in the Robert Lee schools and a fine evening of entertainment is in prospect for the Christmas program Friday night.

BILL HAWKINS AT SANCO

Rev. W. E. Hawkins will preach at the Sanco Evangelical Methodist Church next Sunday, Dec. 21, at 3 p. m. Everyone is invited.

CROWDS VIEW FORDS FOR '53

Hundreds of interested persons visited the Ivey Motor Company show rooms Friday and Saturday to view the 1953 Fords. Everyone was impressed with the beautiful new models "with 41 worth more features."

Cumbie Ivey, owner of the local Ford agency, reports it was the most enthusiastic reception that has ever been accorded a new car showing. Some of the units were still on display early this week.

First Coke county owner of a 1953 Ford is D. K. Glenn of Bronte, who purchased an attractive custom 4-door, complete with Fordomatic drive, radio and heater. A similar model 2-door with overdrive was purchased by Joe Arledge, Jr., of Sanco.

Four new models were on display Friday and Saturday, including a custom line Victorian and a main-line 2-door 6 cylinder sedan.

Purchasers of new Ford pickups the past week were Jack Walker of Robert Lee and his brother, Robert Walker of Sanco.

E. C. (Doo-Dad) Davis has taken a position with Ivey Motor Co. as salesman.

25 BALES GINNED

Fred McDonald, Jr. reports that 25 bales of cotton have been ginned in Robert Lee this season. Some of it came from the Bronte and Blackwell localities. Coke county farmers planted a considerable acreage of cotton this year, but the continued drouth ruined the yield. The local gin processed the few bales as an accommodation to their customers.

Melvin Moody and M. V. Hemphill were in Odessa Tuesday night where they attended a business meeting sponsored by the McMillan Lumber Co. Feature of the gathering was a steak dinner served at the Lincoln Hotel. McMillian employees were present from their plants at Odessa, Midland, Lovington, N. Mex., and Robert Lee.

SANTA CLAUS TO LEAD BIG XMAS PARADE

A Community Christmas Program, complete with Santa Claus, the School Marching Band and Robert Lee public school choral groups has been arranged to take place here Saturday afternoon.

A parade down the main business street will start at 2:30 p. m. Old Santa will be there swinging along with the drum major at the head of the parade. They will march to the court house square where an appropriate Christmas program will be presented.

Jack Gray and the school band will cooperate with Mrs. Jeff Dean, director of the public school music department, in arranging the program. There will be group singing, solos, instrumental numbers etc.

A big crowd is expected to be on hand for the Christmas program in Robert Lee Saturday afternoon.

Local stores report brisk sales of holiday merchandise. Shoppers will find a wide variety of practical gifts right here at home. Some Robert Lee stores announce they will remain open nights until 9 o'clock to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

SCHOOL VACATION

Robert Lee schools will be dismissed next Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 3 p. m. for a holiday vacation. Classes will be resumed Monday morning, Jan. 5, according to Supt. B. C. Goodwin. The schedule of holidays has been arranged to permit school to close next spring on May 22.

HAMBURGER STAND SOLD

Sam and Ruth Williams have purchased Froggy's Hamburger Stand form E. C. (Doo-Dad) Davis. The new owners took charge Sunday. The business was launched early last summer and Mr. Davis built an addition to his home on the highway to make room for the popular refreshment stop.

285 BBLs FOR BLOODWORTH 5

Sun-Oil Company's No. 5 Bloodworth at Silver has been finished for a 23-hour flow of 285.48 barrels of oil and no water. Gauge was through a 1/4-inch choke with pressures of 800 pounds on the casing and 650 pounds on the tubing. Gas-oil ratio 1,522-1. Production was from Strawn sand, with total depth of 5,985 feet.

Sun Mathers 43 was coring ahead in lime at 6,431 feet.

Sun J. B. Walker A-5 was drilling at 4,964 feet in shale.

Sun 37 Mathers was drilling at 1,480 feet in lime and anhydrite.

Sun Walker-State Unit B-1 was in shale and lime at 3,845 feet.

Sun-Tubb E-2 was drilling at 5,044 feet in shale.

Observer To Print Christmas Edition

The Observer's annual Christmas edition is scheduled for next week and the paper will be printed on Tuesday in order that all subscribers in Coke County will receive it the day before Christmas.

As usual the Christmas edition will carry holiday greetings from business firms, along with a number of news features.

All news items and advertising copy must be in the office by Monday.

City will Use Old Lake Water Main

The 6-inch water main leading to the old city lake east of town is being taken up this week, and will be used in the northwest section of the city extending from a corner east of the school house to a point west of the hospital.

About 4,000 feet of pipe is involved. City Water Supt. Sam Jay says the pipe is in good condition, although it was laid in 1930.

R. S. Williams of Snyder has the contract for taking up the pipe at 43c per foot. A new contract will be made when the pipe is re-laid.

Methodists Plan Special Program

A beautiful service of "Lights" will be presented Sunday evening (6:30 vespers) at the Robert Lee Methodist church, Dec. 21.

The program will be given by the robed choirs, readers and scenes will be enacted of the Nativity, the Angels, Shepherds and the Wise Men.

Mrs. R. C. Russell is accompanist and Mrs. Jeff Dean director of the choir. Mrs. Marvin Simpson and Mrs. B. C. Goodwin are the readers.

BCD ELECTS BOB VAUGHAN PRESIDENT

Bob Vaughan was elected president of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development at the group's luncheon meeting at Mrs. Day's dining room Monday noon.

Named as vice president was County Commissioner J. W. Service, and the important post of secretary-treasurer will be filled by Melvin Moody. All were elected by a unanimous vote. Selection of five directors was deferred until a later date.

The new president is owner of the Vaughan Chevrolet Agency and is a former resident of Eastland, where he was active in civic affairs.

In accepting the position Mr. Vaughan told BCD members that he considered the organization a clearing house for city, school, county and all community affairs. He said there are many worth while projects which can be put over in Robert Lee and he asked cooperation of every member.

Vaughan pointed out that it was important to interest farm and ranch folks in the BCD and he asked County Agent Travis Hicks to furnish a list of prospective members outside town.

Commissioner Service represents Precinct No. 1 which extends through the center of the county from Silver to the Tom Green county line. Mr. Service said he would do his best to serve the organization as a capable vice president.

Melvin Moody, the new secretary-treasurer, is local manager of the McMillian Lumber Co. He is interested in civic affairs and pledged to give the office his best efforts. Moody said he believed that if a man is to get any good out of such an organization he must become active and help make it a success.

A group of more than 20 were present for the final meeting of the year. Victor Wojtek is the retiring president, and Melvin Bahlman served the past year as secretary.

BCD members made up a cash gift of \$14 which was presented to Mrs. Day and \$18 was donated toward distributing Christmas gifts to needy families and shut-ins.

GREEN MT. MUSICAL

The second anniversary of the popular monthly musical programs at Green Mountain school house will be observed on the night of Friday, Dec. 26. The association requests that everyone who has appeared in the programs in the past will be on hand for the anniversary.

Coke County Hospital News

Dec. 10 — Son born at 7:15 a. m. to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hale. Mrs. Lewis Heuvel dismissed. Mrs. J. A. Fuller admitted.

Dec. 11 — Mrs. Max Wristen admitted and dismissed. Mrs. Gilbert Basquez admitted.

Dec. 12 — Son born at 3:18 a. m. to Mrs. Basquez. Walter Hester admitted. Betty Sue Mitchell, Charles D. Capps dismissed.

Dec. 13 — Mrs. Max Wristen, Frances Dawn Gaines admitted.

Dec. 14 — Mrs. Gilbert Basquez and infant son dismissed.

Dec. 15 — Mrs. Kelley Gaston admitted. Mrs. Gilbert Fuentz dismissed.

Dec. 16 — Mrs. J. D. Simpson, Mrs. W. M. Sparks, Mrs. Curtis A. Dukes, Mrs. Gilbert Fuentz admitted.

SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

The P. T. A. National Congress had an all day meeting Thursday, December 11, at McMurry College in Abilene. Miss Dee Kennedy of Chicago was guest speaker. Those attending from here were Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr., Mrs. Walter Paul, Mrs. Hale Kincaid and Mrs. J. T. Stewart. Mrs. Walker is president of the Silver P. T. A.

Mrs. Preston Pew was honored with a pink and blue shower at the recreation hall Thursday, December 11. Hostesses were Mrs. Gertrude Holt, Mrs. Maudie Snyder, Mrs. Virgie Lyle, Mrs. Dorthea Butcher, Mrs. Helen Pace of Silver and Mrs. Jack Burgess of Robert Lee.

Mrs. J. A. Fuller is in Robert Lee Hospital with pneumonia. She is reported doing nicely.

Miss Loretta Gullette is in the Colorado City Hospital with pneumonia. Miss Gullette is a teacher in the Silver school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Duplissey and family have returned after spending several days in and around Beaumont. While there Mr. Duplissey attended a foreman's meeting.

Jim Hereford has returned after spending his two weeks vacation in Beaumont and Galveston.

J. B. Walker, Jr., and John T. Stewart enjoyed hunting at Mason recently. John T. bagged a six point buck..... "Dead eye" Walker—well?

The T. E. L. Class of the Silver Baptist church had their Xmas party and regular meeting Dec. 15 in the home of Mrs. Homer Jameson. Refreshments were served to 13 members after the gifts were opened.

E. E. Bussy of Goodman, Mo., spent several days here last week. He was making arrangements to take Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Whitt home with him for an extended stay.

A modern new 4-room house is being erected on their farm by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Snowden. Cecil Schooley has the labor contract and Charlie Bessent is in charge as foreman.

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A drouth beginning sometime last July terminated with a pretty good rain about two weeks ago. An old settler told me that was the longest drouth he had seen here in 32 years. All agreed it was the worst drouth in the history of this part of the state. Being a true Texan, where nothing is done by halves, I tried to impress them all with a simple statement of truth, to-wit: That in TEXAS we don't consider anything under five years more than a dry spell.

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North Mueller. — Yours truly, Mrs. Paul D. Killam.

ROY WILKINS BACK HOME

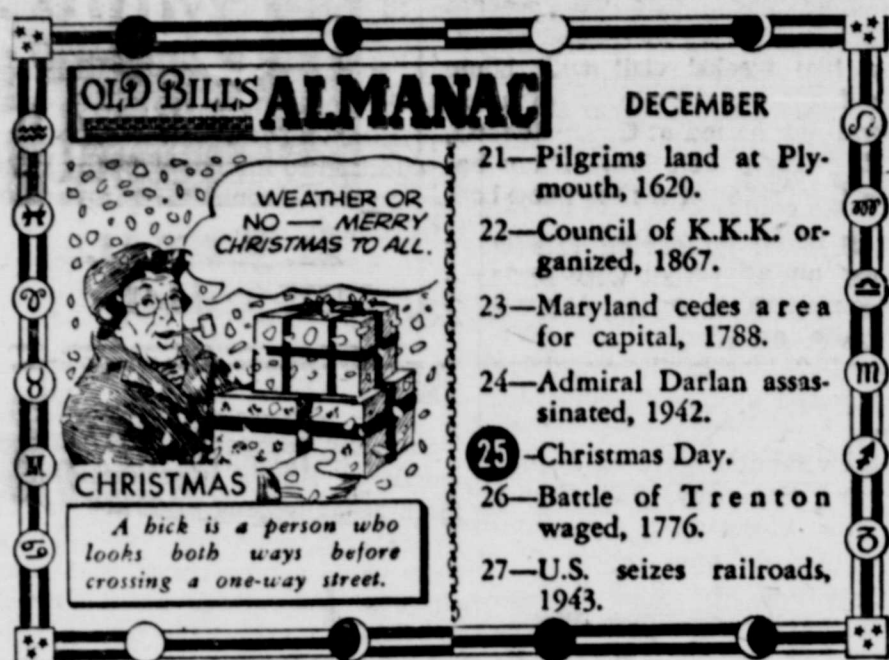
Roy Wilkins is home after being in a Baltimore, Maryland hospital for 33 days where he submitted to a delicate heart operation. He and his father, L. L. Wilkins, who went with him, returned to Bronte Friday night.

Both said they were glad to be home and Roy went back to his work with the South Texas Lumber Company Monday. He said he was feeling fine but that he will have to take it easy for awhile, however. — Bronte Enterprise.

L. L. Wilkins is employed by the Coke County Soil Conservation Service.

Elmer Cole and family have moved from San Antonio to Midland where the former will be engaged in construction work. Their address in Midland is 709 South Weatherford.

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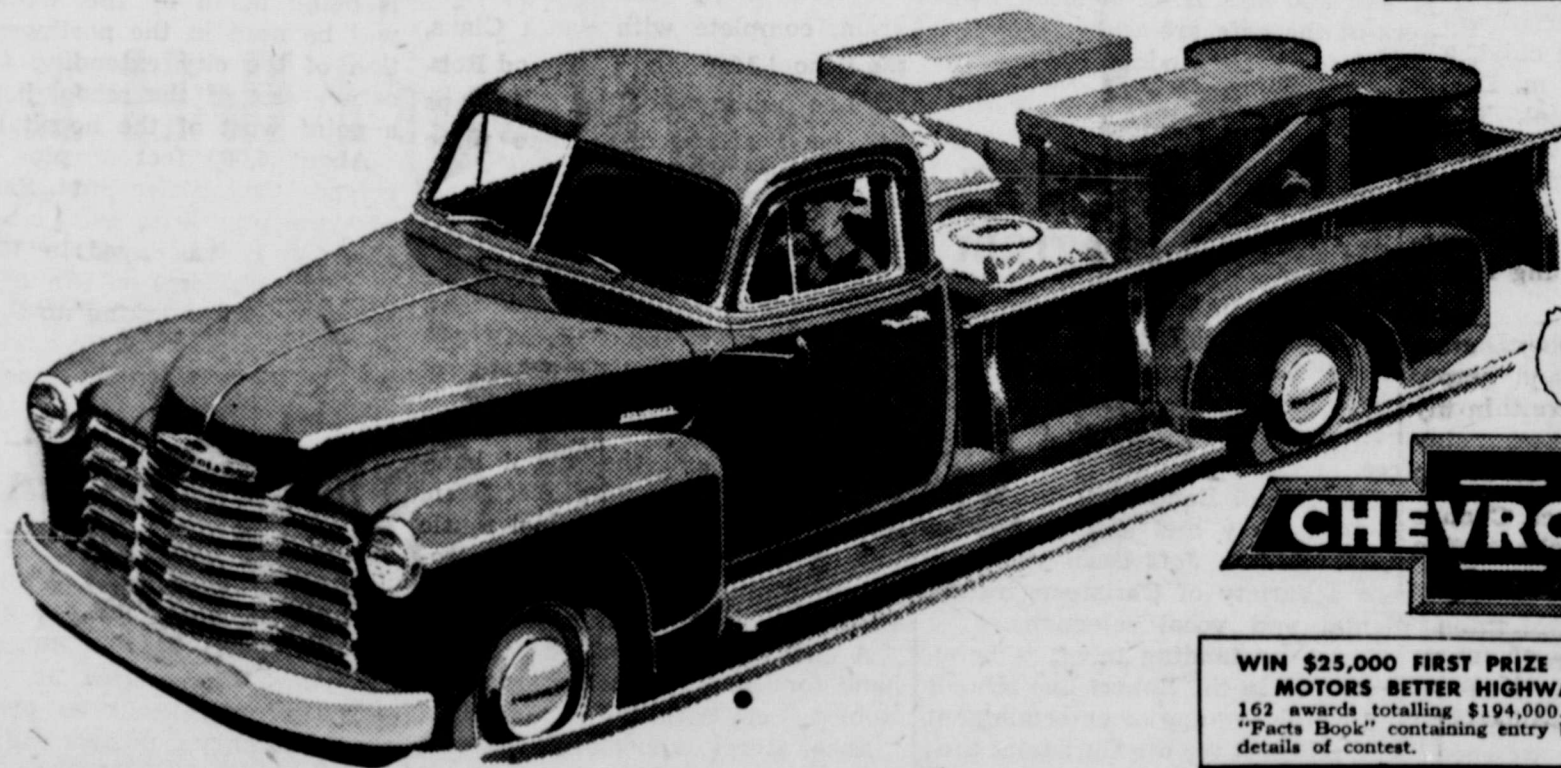
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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Havins and son, Gary, arrived in Robert Lee Tuesday after their return from Australia where they spent the past year and a half visiting Mrs. Havins' parents. They will visit over the holidays in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins. A more extensive report of their journey will appear in The Observer next week.

Paul Burns had a small bone in his left arm fractured when he was dumped off one of the frisky burros at the Donkey Basket Ball game Friday night. A fair sized crowd attended the event, and the P. T. A. realized a nice sum as its share of the proceeds.

Sylvia Partin was a weekend guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr., and family. She is a freshman student at McMurry College in Abilene.

Mrs. Leslie Copeland is enjoying a week's vacation from her duties in the office of West Texas Utilities Co.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Taylor (formerly Rheba June Schooley) are the parents of their first child, a son, born Nov. 13. He weighed 8 pounds, and has been named Charles Roy. The Taylors reside in Fort Worth.

BAND NEWS

All members of the Band enjoyed playing for the Business Men's Bible Class in San Angelo Sunday morning. A number of Robert Lee people were present and the program was broadcast over a San Angelo radio station.

Friday afternoon at the school auditorium the Band will play for the Educated Horse program. Friday night we will give a joint program with Mrs. Dean's vocal pupils. Christmas music will be featured. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 the business men of Robert Lee have invited the Band to parade down Main street to the court house where we will cooperate with Mrs. Dean's pupils in giving a Christmas program. — Donna Hallmark, Reporter.

Cpl. Roy Fowler and wife from the Albuquerque Air Force Base came in last Saturday night and visited over Sunday in the Sam Fowler home. Charles Fowler and family of San Angelo joined the group on Sunday. Roy and his wife went on to Grand Prairie to spend a week with her parents, the Clyde Gartmans. They will be back here Sunday to spend Christmas before returning to the base Dec. 28.



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TOMATO JUICE , Hunts 303 can	3 for	29c
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This May Help You Escape Influenza

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Dec. 17—This is the season when influenza or "flu" is most prevalent, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. Colds, grippe, influenza, whatever we may call them, are believed to be spread from person to person through discharges from the nose and throat. To protect yourself and others from such disease, here are some things to be remembered:

Influenza is highly infectious. Practically everybody is susceptible to it. No matter how many times you have had the disease you may contract it again. Therefore keep away from people who are sneezing, coughing, or sniffing or who are actively ill with colds, influenza, or pneumonia. Keep away from crowded places. Have your own towel and always wash your hands before eating, and sneeze or cough into your handkerchief.

Keep fit by drinking plenty of water, by eating simple nourishing food, by some exercise out of doors every day, by dressing according to the weather, by having plenty of sleep in a well ventilated room, and by keeping regulated.

Don't neglect your "cold." If you have the slightest suspicion of fever, go home, go to bed immediately and call your physician. Stay in bed until he tells you that you can get up, and follow his advice explicitly.

Disasterous results may ensue if influenza cases are allowed to get about too soon. Persons convalescing from influenza are particularly susceptible to other infections. If you are just getting over some illness, return to your normal routine of life gradually.

Balsam Recommended As Best Yule Tree

In choosing a Christmas tree, many look for trees that will not shed needles quickly indoors. Highly recommended are balsam and Douglas firs, which usually will hold their needles as long as two or three weeks in a warm house.

Balsam is fragrant beyond all other Christmas trees, has long



lower branches and thick spire-like top. Its needles do not stab the hand. Like the needles of all firs, they are usually flattened, not squarish.

For longer life, place the tree outdoors in a bucket of water for 24 hours before putting it up, or place in a waterproof container of wet sand and keep the sand moist.



I HOPE, I HOPE . . . There is an expression commonly used during the days just before Christmas—and this is it, on the face of the lad with the football. If things work out the way they usually do, he'll get his wish.

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**West Texas Utilities
Company**

Work Progressing On Highway Bridges

Work has been progressing rapidly on construction of two new bridges on State Highway 208 south of Robert-Lee.

The new bridge 2½ miles from town has been completed, but there remains considerable dirt work on the approaches.

Four miles farther south, the project is just getting a good start. At least 60 days will be required before the work is completely finished. Good detours around the bridges have been provided and there has been no interruption of traffic on the road.

The job being handled by Cage Bros. Const. Co. of San Antonio who bid a low of \$54,804.50, includes two small bridges and approaches. Temporary toppings will be added to allow travel until permanent asphalt surfacing is completed in April.

MOVES TO ROBERT LEE

Mrs. Gertrude Gray and family moved this week to Robert Lee where she will assume the duties of County Treasurer the first of the year. Mrs. Gray has five children three of whom will enter the Robert Lee schools. They are: Jack, Barbara and Patty Sue. Jimmie, a senior, will remain in Bronte to finish school here. — Bronte Enterprise.

Mrs. Gray is a sister of Mrs. Buck Ivey in Robert Lee. The Grays are residing in the J. N. Adams house.

Cpl. J. Que Varnadore came up from Kelly Field for a weekend visit with kinfolks. He enjoyed a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore, who were here from Arkansas. J. Que is in the Air Force Engineers. He will return to Camp Wolters at Mineral Wells this week, and after the holidays expects to be sent to a base in the West Indies.

Winters in places near the ocean are warmer than those inland.

Noel Percifull New Highway Patrolman

Noel Percifull of Bronte has completed training at the Texas Highway Patrolman School and received his commission. He attended the school in Austin for nine weeks.

Noel has been assigned to the district office in Abilene and has moved his family there. They reside at 241 Clyde Street.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Percifull. His wife is the former Maxine Slaughter of Robert Lee. They have a daughter, Gay, 10 years old.

S/Sgt. L. C. Day, who has been stationed at an Air Force weather observer school at Chanute AFB, Ill., will be home for a visit over the holidays. He will leave Jan. 14 for duty in Japan. Mrs. Day is also looking forward to a visit from her son-in-law and daughter, Lt. and Mrs. R. C. Burpo, and children of Ft. Eustis, Va.

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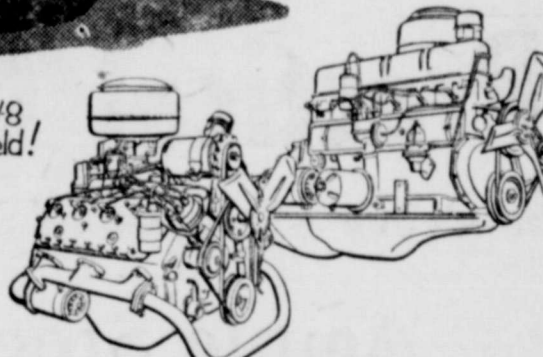
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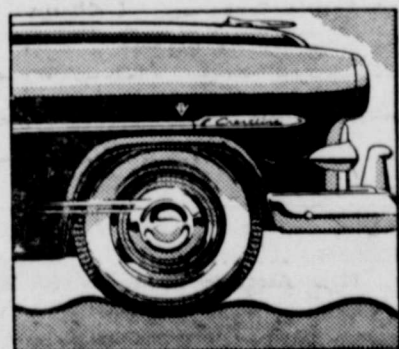
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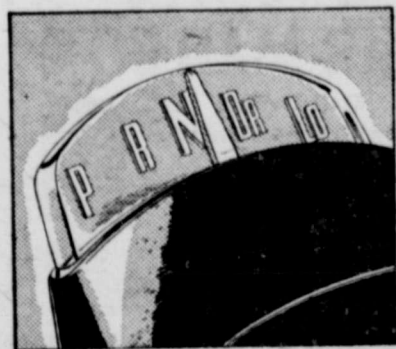
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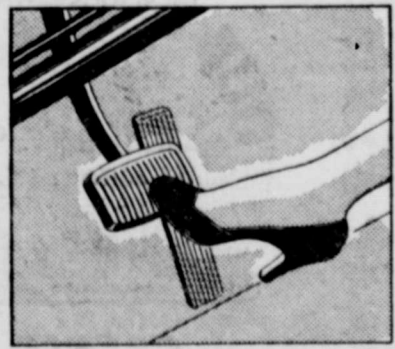
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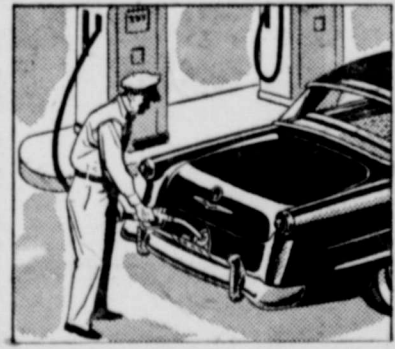
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Notes From The Oil Field

Frankel No. 1 Methodist Orphans Home of Waco, wildcat two miles west and south of Robert Lee, had reached a depth of 4,590 feet Wednesday noon in lime and shale.

A drillstem test at 4,361 was dry. An earlier test of the lower McCutchen sand at 4,180 feet recovered 4,000 feet of salt water. Test No. 1 at 1,810 was also dry.

Jay Skrabanek is the geologist on the test.

Empire Drilling Company's No. 1 Sam Powell, wildcat 4 miles south of Robert Lee, was drilling Wednesday at 2,010 feet in shale. Surface pipe had been seated at 575 feet. R. L. Maples is handling tools for Tribal Drilling Co., the contractor. Hunt Bros. and others are interested in the project. A. G. Sorrell, owner of the lease, will have an override interest. The test is scheduled for 7,000 feet.

A. G. Hill of Abilene No. 1 J. B. Walker Jr., one location west of production in the Jameson field at Silver, was completed for a daily flowing potential of 312.83 barrels of 46.8 gravity oil, with a gas-oil ratio of 1,320-1.

Production was in the Strawn sand with perforations from 5,980 to 6,026 feet.

F. Kirk Johnson of Fort Worth No. 1 W. C. Blanks, 3/4ths mile west extension to Strawn sand production on the south side of the Colorado River in the Jameson field has been completed for a daily flowing potential of 411 barrels of oil, with gas-oil ratio of 1,471-1.

Production was through an 11-64ths inch choke and perforations between 6,004-6,030 feet. The section had been fractured. Location is 660 feet from the southeast and 567 feet from the southwest lines of 7-15-SPRR.

Hill No. 2 J. B. Walker, Jr., was drilling Tuesday morning at 3,645

feet following a fishing job. R-H-K is the contractor.

Magnolia No. 2 R. B. Allen reported an unofficial flow of 25 barrels per hour Tuesday from Strawn sand. It had been plugged back from the reef.

Magnolia No. 1 Allen, completed in the lime reef, is pumping 30 barrels daily.

HD Ladies Will Sell Bluebonnet Plates

"Bluebonnets," the state flower of Texas, have long been painted, photographed and written about in song and story. Now you are able to purchase a "Bluebonnet Plate" These plates show a typical bluebonnet field, and is a reproduction of an original painting by the well known artist, Porfirio Salinas, of San Antonio.

These plates are being sold in Coke County by members of the Women's Home Demonstration Council, and Home Demonstration Club members. Funds from these plates will be used in the Home Demonstration work in Coke County.

Personals

Walter Hester received two badly crushed fingers on his left hand while operating a well drilling machine last Friday for B. M. Mundell. The accident occurred near Plains where an 18-inch irrigation well is being drilled. Hester was brought to the Coke County Memorial Hospital for treatment. His injury is mending satisfactorily.

Turney Casey and family motored to Fort Worth for Thanksgiving and also enjoyed a family reunion of the Schooleys. Present were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Schooley, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schooley and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Taylor and little son, Buddy Millican and the Turney Casey family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore returned Monday to their home at Mena, Ark., after a two weeks' visit with Coke County relatives and friends.

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Dear Mr. Claus:

I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long time... You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files.

The last time I wrote you, I spelled bicycle with a "k"—and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably...and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and it's worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "well, start being a little nicer to ME than" from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see, and I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank-you" for other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the

Want Ads

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childrens' faces, pressed against the countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Noels and the hushed hymns, the street corner replicas of you, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that — and especially — to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all, that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expensive respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages, the messages and warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you — that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll stage it always?

I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney, you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in the age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,
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V. G. Ditmore writes: "Please change my paper from Hico to 9 West 27th Street, San Angelo, as I have moved here. Don't want to miss my old home town paper."

JUST BABY SITTING

Geo. F. Powers of Edith says he's in trouble and we've got to help him out of a bad mess. Some time back The Observer carried a news story which stated that "Mrs." George Powers had attended the Home Demonstration Club afternoon quilting party. The "Mrs" prefix was a typographical error, because Mr. Powers has been a widower for many years. However, George was there. His friends of course just figured that he was hanging around to get in on the lunch. But George explains his presence there in good grace. He was baby sitting.

Personals

Royce Smith and Elton Millican departed Tuesday night for Camp Stoneman, Calif., from which point they expect to be sent overseas. They made the trip west by auto with an army buddy from Oklahoma. Royce and Elton were inducted into the service together last summer and they have been together ever since. The well known Robert Lee young men have enjoyed a two weeks' visit with home folks following completion of a basic training period at Camp Roberts, Calif. During their leave Elton became the father of a new baby boy.

J. S. Ross is leaving this week for an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Ayers, and family at Ravia, Okla.

Lieut. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr., arrived Saturday for a visit until after Christmas in the home of the former's parents. Lieut. Ivey is a public relations officer at Barksdale AFB near Shreveport.

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Garrett, well known rancher and horse breeder of Sterling City, does his own training and the Palomino he uses this year is said to be one of the most outstanding trained horses the country has ever seen.

There will be music by the Robert Lee School Band and selections by the hill-billy duet composed of Sammie Joe Duncan and Lloyd Sparks. Other entertainment features include songs by Ronnie and Dickey Snoddy, guitar numbers by Donny Duncan and Add Davis and vocal selections by Annelle Simpson, with Barbara Casey as accompanist.

Admission for the big show is 20 cents. Supt. B. C. Goodwin says everyone is invited and they are assured of getting their money's worth.

Mrs. May Boone has gone to Wichita Falls for an indefinite stay with her sister, Mrs. Alice King.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear Kirk:

I received this wonderful Christmas Greeting and would like to pass it on to my friends in Robert Lee, who have meant so much to me during the years:

You do so many thoughtful things, for others day by day; you say so many kindly things, to cheer folks on their way; That it's a joy at Christmas to hope your days will hold, The many joys you always give, increased a thousand fold.—Hattie Day.

SILVER 4-H GIRLS CLUB

Miss Black, home demonstration agent, met with the 4-H girls of Silver on Dec. 11. The lesson concerned the making of ear rings out of buttons, house shoes from wash cloths and mittens from old sweaters. The club discussed setting a time for electing new officers.

S. S. CLASS PARTY

The Young Ladies Class of the Baptist Church held a business meeting and Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the home of their teacher, Mrs. H. H. Chevalier. After the business session party games were enjoyed. Refreshments were served to six members.

Personals

First arrivals for a family holiday gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen at Silver are their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clegg (Ruth L.) and three children and Mr. Clegg's father, Enoch I. Clegg, of Cataumet, Mass. They arrived Sunday by rail and plan to remain three weeks. This is the elder Mr. Clegg's first visit to West Texas, and while in this locality he plans to make a trip to Denver to visit a brother. The Allens are expecting all of their nine children and their families for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raphey Farris are moving back to their former home in Menard, where the former will be employed as a meat cutter and locker plant manager. Raphey has been in charge of the meat department at Genie Baker's Grocery for the past six months. He began his new work at Menard Monday. Their son, Wallace, will remain in Robert Lee to complete the first semester of his junior year in high school.

Mrs. Willis Smith entertained a group of relatives over the weekend in honor of her son, Royce, who is going overseas. A Christmas tree and gift exchange took place Saturday night. Present for the Sunday dinner were Royce and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Coalson of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mitchell of Melvin, Willis Wayne Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Varnadore and son, J. Que.

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