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BASIL HAVINS AND FAMILY RETURN FROM 18 MONTHS AUSTRALIA VISIT

Australia is experiencing "growing pains," according to Basil Havins, who returned to his home in West Texas last week after spending a year and a half on the continent at the other side of the world and below the equator.

"More than a million migrants have come to Australia since the war, and that is a sizeable increase to their 7 million people," he added. Wages are about 60 percent of what they are in the United States, but working people are feeling a pinch because of increasing living costs. There is lots of room for development there, Mr. Havins says.

Basil, with his wife and their 2-year-old son, Gary, arrived in Robert Lee Tuesday of last week and are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins. They spent seven weeks on the homeward trip, coming by boat via Ceylon, Bombay, Aden, the Suez Canal, Port Said, Marseilles and London. They spent 10 days sight seeing in the famous British capital and were pleasantly surprised by the great city, its friendly people and apparent cleanliness.

After a delay of several days because of the fog they crossed the Atlantic on the famous luxury liner, the Queen Elizabeth, making the trip in five days.

Basil's wife is a native of Australia. They became acquainted in March 1943 when he was stationed there with the U. S. Army Engineers. The couple was married in the fall of 1944 and after the war ended Basil returned to his home here in September 1945. His wife followed him six months later.

They had established a flourishing nursery and landscaping business in San Angelo, but sold their holdings and left in July 1951 on what they figured would be a 6-months visit to Mrs. Havins homeland. The couple and Gary, who was then 6 months of age, flew by Pan American Air Lines. They made short stops at Honolulu, Canton Island, Suva in the Fiji Islands and completed the flight at Sidney, Australia.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spencer, met them there and took them to their home at Melbourne, 200 miles away. Of course, Mrs. Havins was glad to again be with her kinfolks and Basil busied himself with various jobs. For a time he studied wool grading and later sold newspaper advertising on a commission basis.

During their stay Mrs. Havins (Judy) had the pleasure of again singing with her two sisters. They were formerly well known as the Donald Sisters, a vocal trio which specialized in radio entertainment. Last summer some of their programs were sent around the world over short wave and the broadcasts were picked up by Robert Lee and San Angelo residents.

Basil has not decided on his future plans, but everyone hopes he and his family will again settle in West Texas.

WE'RE VERY SORRY

The Observer regrets the name of Kenneth Lackey was omitted from the list of employees in the Ivey Motor Co. greeting ad in this issue. We're sorry about the omission and assure our readers that Kenneth, who is office manager and bookkeeper at Iveys, sends along his good wishes, too.

Shakespeare's Macbeth was a living king of Scotland who died in 1057.

CHANGE IN BUS SCHEDULE

Sunset Stages bus service through Robert Lee has a new time schedule. The bus from Abilene to San Angelo comes through here at 1:20 p. m. and arrives in San Angelo at 2:10. Returning to Abilene the bus leaves San Angelo at 6:10 p. m. and arrives in Robert Lee at 7 o'clock. The local bus stop is at Mac's Cafe.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

Coke county received another good rain last Thursday, the moisture ranging from three-fourths to an inch in various sections. The rain will be highly beneficial to fall seeding, which has been coming along nicely.

Sun Stakes Test On Victor McCabe

Sun Oil Company this week staked a location on Victor McCabe, 2 miles northwest of Silver. It will be 660 feet from east and south lines of Section 225 in Mitchell County. Drilling is to start by the first of the year.

Sun No. 43 C. E. Mathers drilled to a total depth of 6,442 feet in the lime reef and acidized with 2,000 gallons. There was a trace of oil before treatment.

Sun J. B. Walker A-5 was drilling Tuesday at 5,514 feet in shale.

Sun 37 Mathers was in shale and limestone at 3,557 feet.

Sun J. B. Walker-State Unit B-1 was drilling at 4,915 feet in shale.

Sun Tubb E-2 was in shale and sand at 5,715 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield and children arrived Monday night from Afton, Okla., for a holiday visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Christmas
Cheer...
1952



May the great joy of
the season find its way
into your hearts
in large measure.

The Robert Lee Observer

COURT HOUSE HOLIDAY

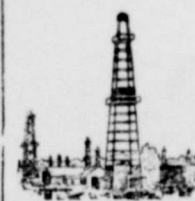
Judge Jeff Dean announces that the Coke County court house will be closed from Christmas through the remainder of the week.

Bill Wallace and family of Amarillo are here for a week's holiday visit with relatives and home town friends. Mr. Wallace is employed as an electrician at the Amarillo Air base.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

J. C. Simpson and his Oilfield Blues Boys will entertain Alamo Theatre patrons with a special program on New Years night between shows. There will be no extra admission charge at the door.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Britt of Odessa stopped here the last of the week enroute to Boonville, Ark., to visit Mr. Britt's mother, who is ill. They will return to Robert Lee this week to visit Mrs. Britt's mother, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen.



Notes From The Oil Field

Frankel No. 1 Methodist Orphans Home of Waco was drilling Monday night at 5,180 feet in shale. Operators were expecting to pick up the Palo Pinto momentarily. The wildcat, 2 miles west and south of Robert Lee, is on property formerly owned by Aunt Lizzie Davis.

Guiberson No. 1 Feldman, on the Price ranch 4 miles west and north of Sanco, was drilling Monday at 5,290 feet in black shale.

Empire No. 1 Sam Powell, wildcat 4 miles south of Robert Lee, was drilling ahead at 3,700 feet.

Magnolia No. 2 R. B. Allen, located in the J. F. Conner survey west of the Jameson field at Silver, has been completed for a daily flowing potential of 389 barrels of 44.1 gravity oil. Gas-oil pressure 1,088-l. Tubing pressure was 585 pounds. Production was through a 1/4-inch choke from Strawn sand 6,073-6,104 feet. It plugged back to the sand after failing to get reef production.

American Republics No. 2 Eva A. Snowden, west of Silver, has been completed for a daily flow of 124.24 barrels of 46.1 gravity oil, through 20-64ths inch choke. Production was from the sand 5,934-58 feet. Gas-oil ration 3,370-1.

SUN LAYS NEW PIPELINE TO SCURRY COUNTY

The Pipeline Division of Sun Oil Company has completed a new 35-mile stretch of 8-inch pipeline extending from Silver to China Grove in Scurry County. The line is capable of handling 900 barrels of oil per hour.

At China Grove it joins the 26-inch line which Sun and Gulf has constructed from Longview to Midland. A junction at Wortham connects with a line leading to Port Arthur.

J. L. Duplissey, Sun Pipeline chief at Silver, says the new line will not be put into use immediately, since storage space is not ready in Scurry county. Sun will continue for the present to pump its Coke county crude oil into Atlantic's line south of Bronte.

Sun expected to handle 16,000 barrels of Coke County oil daily during December.

Roes Running Cattle On Oklahoma Grass

Fred L. Roe, Jr. is home for a Christmas visit after spending several months in eastern Oklahoma. Late in the summer he and his mother, Mrs. Effie Roe, purchased a 360-acre tract between Muskogee and McAlester, Okla., about 45 miles from either point, and the same distance from Fort Smith, Ark.

The drought was so serious here that they had to do something or go out of the livestock business entirely. Their Oklahoma property has had a good growth of grass, and Fred leased an adjoining 1,200 acres. The Roes moved all their cattle there.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Walling also have leased 1,000 acres of grass in the same locality, having moved their herd from Artesia, N. Mex. Walling is Freddie Lee's uncle.

Right now the Roes are intensely interested in the oil test under way on the former Aunt Lizzie Davis property.

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.

Mrs. Charles Blake of Abilene, the former Joy Millican, left Friday to join her husband, Ensign Charles Blake, at Long Beach, Calif. She made the trip by auto and was accompanied by her aunt, Miss Naomi Brown, of San Angelo.

Wilbert Lee is enjoying a 10 days Navy leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lee. He has been in the service 10 months and is stationed at Tongue Point, near Astoria, Oregon.

Coke County

Hospital News

Dec. 18 — Elton E. Donelson admitted. Mrs. Everett Hale and infant son, Everett Lynn, dismissed.

Dec. 19 — Mrs. Annie McCabe admitted. Mrs. Max Wristen, Mrs. J. D. Simpson dismissed.

Dec. 21 — Mrs. J. A. Fuller Francis Dawn Gaines dismissed.

Dec. 22 — Elton Millican, Mrs. Max Wristen, Lawrence Higgins admitted. Elton Donelson dismissed.



TO MARRY—Miss Barbara Harwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harwell of Bronte, is to wed James Ike Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Billings of Del Rio. Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage is made by the bride-elect's parents. Vows will be exchanged Dec. 26 in the Harwell home.

Personals

W. O. Thomason, former resident of this locality, visited last week with kinfolks and old friends in Coke and Tom Green counties. For the past five years he has been employed on an irrigated farm near McDonald, New Mex.

Bob Vaughan and Boone Richardson were in Dallas on Monday where they attended a Chevrolet dealers meeting and received inside information on the new Chevrolets which are expected to be out within the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Byrd of Happy, former well known Robert Lee residents, are here for a visit over the holidays with Coke County relatives and friends.

Charles McDaniel arrived Tuesday from Wheaton, Ill., for a Christmas visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel. Charles is a sophomore student at Wheaton College.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jeffries left Sunday for a holiday visit with kinfolks at Batesville, Mo.

FROM THE OKLAHOMA KID

The Observer is in receipt of the following letter from Upton Mathers, well known Silver resident, who at present is running some cattle in Oklahoma where his father bought land when the drouth became so serious in Coke County:

Dear Mr. Kirk: Enclosed find check for two dollars. Guess you better keep the Coke county news coming our way. We are liking our new home fine. This country is appealing to the eye, and we have met many new and wonderful friends.—Sincerely, Upton, Kathryn and Rodney. Our address is Route 3, Seminole, Okla.

GREETINGS FROM PYOTE

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I thank you so much for letting me know that my subscription for the paper is due. Couldn't get along without The Observer. Enclosed find \$2.00 for the good old home town newspaper. Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. — Mrs. Archie Wheeler, Box 24, Pyote, Texas.



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of Christmas
abide in you all.



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Public Health At Higher Level Today Than Ever Before

AUSTIN—Death won't cloud holiday festivities in as many Texas homes this year as in seasons past.

By and large, public health is at a higher level today than ever before, statistics compiled by the State Department of Health show.

The result is that more parents are alive to be with their children for maternal deaths have been reduced by 88 per cent in the last 15 years. And more children are alive and vital, anticipating the sacred day we call Christmas, because infant deaths have been cut by 46 per cent.

Life is longer today than ever before, not just in Texas but the nation over. It used to be that a man of 50 years was in his twilight years. Today a 50-year-old is merely middle aged.

"We take a lot of pride in our progress," State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox said, "but there is no end to improvements yet to be made. It's always this way when

you deal with the problems that control the health of people."

Dr. Cox, who has been directing the state public health program since 1936, is fond of pointing out that "health is a purchaseable commodity."

His tenure has brought the construction of more facilities for public health than any other combination of preceding administrations. Pursuing a policy of decentralization, 47 local health center buildings have been built and staffed throughout the state.

One of the most striking gains as been made against typhoid fever. Deaths due to his cause have been cut 98 per cent in the last decade. A reduction of 95 per cent has been registered against diphtheria, 64 per cent against tuberculosis, and 96 per cent against pellagra.

TEACHERS GET \$25 BONUS

Teachers and all employees of the Robert Lee Independent School District have been given a cash bonus of \$25 each as a Christmas gift. School recessed Tuesday afternoon for a holiday vacation extending to the morning of Jan. 5.

CITY HALL TO CLOSE

Mayor Sid Ferrell and the City Commissioners have authorized a holiday closing of the City Hall from Wednesday afternoon until Monday morning, Dec. 29. The vacation will be welcomed by City Secretary Mrs. Virginia Jay, who has been handling a large volume of work without help.

SUNSHINE 4-H GIRLS

The Robert Lee Sunshine 4-H

Girls held their Christmas party December 18 at 2:15 at the school house. Christmas songs were sung and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served to 35 members and their leaders, Joyce King and Bennie Helen Wyatt.—Jerry Dale Sparks, Reporter.

Taste is the least developed of the five senses among the lower animals.

In reporting the hand injury sustained by Walter Hester while working on a well drilling rig, The Observer incorrectly stated he was employed by B. M. Mundell. Mr. Hester was working for Fred Campbell at the time.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

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you the season
through.
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fondest dreams
come true.



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J. W. SERVICE

County Commissioner, Prec. 1

YULETIDE



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Christmas of all.

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JEFF DEAN

County Judge and Ex-Officio Supt. of Schools

Mary Patterson, Deputy School Supt.

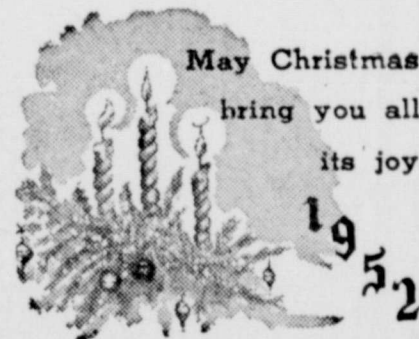


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Lest We Forget At Christmas

(Contributed)

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book, He never held an office, He never owned a home, He never put his foot inside a big city, He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood.

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a Cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of men upon this earth as powerfully as that One solitary life.



The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed a great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A tremendous Yule log was dragged upon an open fire pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South. The slaves often soaked a log in the cypress swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open House" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy.

The Italians originated the custom of wearing masks at a fancy dress ball.



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Personals

Vaughan Chevrolet Company's building, opposite the court house, has been decorated inside and out and a new roof has been laid. It has added much to the appearance of the premises. Bob is getting ready for the new Chevrolets coming in January.

Howard Varnadore received a broken left wrist early last week. A member of the Ray-Harris drilling crew, he was working on the rig near Silver when a large wrench slipped and caused the injury. He will be off duty six weeks.

Mrs. H. H. Chevalier and daughter, Ann, left Friday for a holiday visit with relatives at Water Valley, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Griffin and four children of Rio Oso, Calif., are here for a two weeks' visit with relatives. Mrs. Griffin is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Scott visited relatives and friends in Robert Lee the past week. Former residents of this community, the Scotts bought land and moved to Mena, Ark., the first of the year. Wilton is engaged in the registered Angus cattle business with his father-in-law and his brother-in-law, Henry and Clell Varnadore. The Scotts' two little sons, Jerry and Larry, stopped at Lampasas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Scott. Wilton and his wife returned to Lampasas Monday and will go back to Arkansas after Christmas.

Mrs. Palmer Leeper reports that her sister, Callamae Cargile, has been a patient the past two weeks in a Sweetwater hospital. She is improving and hopes to be released by Christmas.

The Melvin Moody family leave Wednesday morning to visit over Christmas with kinfolks at Cement and Fletcher, Okla.

SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

Mrs. Curtis Dukes of Millican Field is in the Robert Lee hospital suffering from pneumonia. The doctor said she may get to go home by Christmas.

Mrs. J. A. Fuller was released but had to return because of a hurting in her side. She has returned home again.

Miss Loretta Gullette was released from the Colorado City hospital with the understanding that she enter a hospital in Joplin, Mo., upon arriving there. She has gone home for the Christmas holidays and she went by plane.

Mrs. Ray Sparks is in Los Angeles, Calif., to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dean and family are spending the pre-Christmas week in Longview, Texas.

Mrs. Rabon Martindale had her brother and family visiting her this week. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Young are from Plainview.

The room mothers of each grade gave the children Christmas parties on Friday. Presents were exchanged, opened and after refreshments school was turned out for the holidays with it opening up again Jan. 5.

The Sun's three departments each held their Christmas parties separately and a grand time was had at each. Santa visited each party, gave out presents to each child and a stocking filled with goodies.

John Douglas Walker, son of J. B. Walker, Jr., is spending the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker, Sr. in San Angelo.

Douglas Copeland, brother of Mrs. Bob Edwards, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Whitt have gone to Goodman, Mo., for an extended stay with their son, E. E. Bussey, and family.

E. R. Pace, Sr. of McGeogor was a guest here last week in the home of his son, E. R. Jr., a foreman at Sun's gasoline plant.

BUILDING SUN HOUSES

Sun Oil Company is constructing two new employee homes in the Jameson Camp at Silver. They will be used by new personnel in the production department. Contract for the houses is being handled by McDonald Lumber Co. of Robert Lee. Work commenced last week.

DEVOLL FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Richards entertained all the Ike Devoll children and their families at dinner Sunday in their Sweetwater home. Mrs. Richards is the former Mrs. Zella Devoll. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Edwards of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Devoll of Tullia, Mr. and Mrs. Jodey Devoll and family of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baugh of Colorado City, Ocie Devoll and family of Robert Lee, Melvin Adams and family of Strawn, Mrs. Clara Fitzgerald and son of Ft. Worth and Mr. Richards' father and mother, who reside in Sweetwater.



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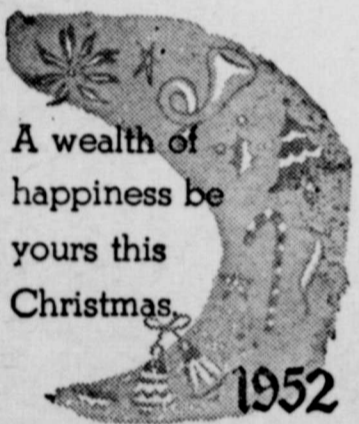
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CONSTIPATION

Case no. 587, Male, age 97. This gentleman had been bothered with severe constipation for many years and getting worse particularly during the last three months. The family was getting worried. The suspense was getting them down.

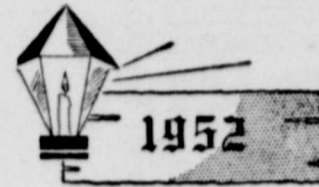
There was a soreness in the right side of his head and neck and a weakness of the eyes and lots of gas. A friend recommended Mesquite Rollerpractic to him and a complete rollerpractic examination was made, which shows up the weak spots. The bottom vertebra of the spine was found to be misaligned and disturbing the nerve energy from the brain. Rollerpractic adjustments were made and the patient began to feel better. After two trips on the rollers the patient reported his constipation had greatly improved. He was able to do his job even during hot summer months.

Now during the holidays you should have your spinal misalignments corrected regularly. Play it safe and take a few preventive treatments before you sit down to Turkey.

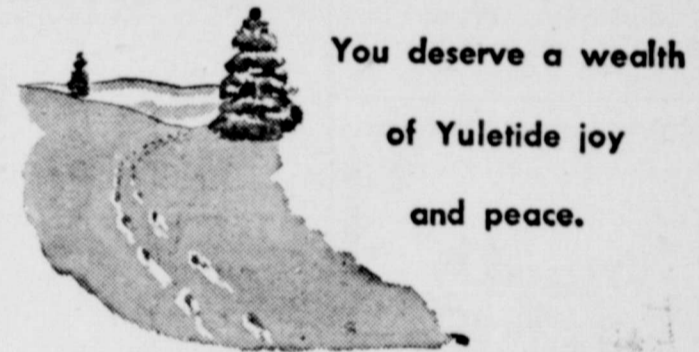
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The Rev. J. C. Shipman and family will spend Christmas at Grand Prairie in the home of the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shipman.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark motored

to Medina over the weekend and were accompanied home by their daughter, Mrs. Bill Craddock, and children, Robbie Ann and Frank. Mr. Craddock will join them here for Christmas.

To our many friends



Model Laundry

W. W. LANDERS, JR., Agent

Merry Christmas

We extend to our Coke County friends Greetings of the Christmas Season with all best wishes for the coming year.

ROSE GARDEN DRIVE IN

Pearl & Laddie

DANCING NIGHTLY



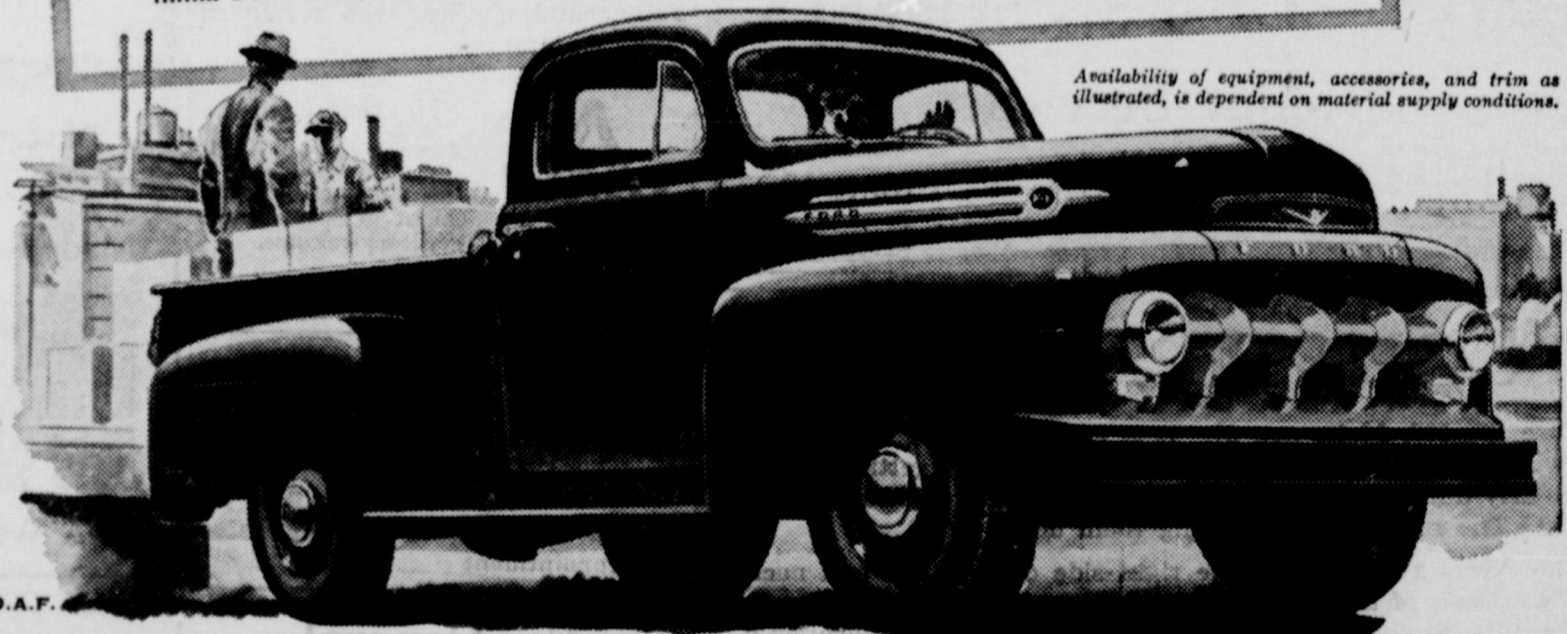
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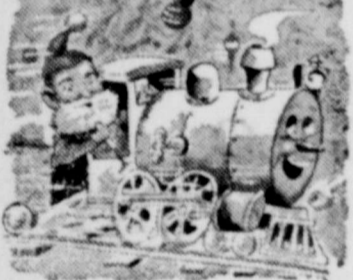
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Robert Lee Variety Store

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter

Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing!



Smaller Towns Began Lighting Outdoor Trees

Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree decorations have become famous in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair.

Four widely separated communities lighted up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania.



Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first National Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years the lighting of the White House has been televised.

An intaglio is an engraving pressed below the surface of a material.



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merry Christmas
to one and all.



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untroubled Christmas.



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HAPPY HOLIDAY

May your heart
sing with the
true joy of
Christmas time.



McDonald Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr.

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MONOXIDE GAS SILENT ENEMY WILL KILL YOU

AUSTIN—"You can't see it... you can't smell it... you can't taste it and yet it can kill you," said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, referring to carbon monoxide. A silent enemy, it strikes its victims in closed rooms, garages and cars where wood, coal, gasoline, or natural gas is burning.

Some victims of "this silent poisoner" never knew their life was in danger. As others died, they may have realized that the killer was at hand, but were helpless to do anything about it. They were so benumbed that they could not get out into the fresh air; they couldn't walk or even stand up. Those who escape death, once this silent killer permeates a closed room, garage or automobile, are rescued by someone who discovers their plight.

Carbon monoxide is given off when wood, coal, gasoline or natural gas is burning, but not all the

gas is burned. Its danger is greatest in cold weather because people tend to close their houses and cars so tight that no fresh air can circulate. When this happens, carbon monoxide accumulates to a dangerous concentration. It kills because it prevents the victim from getting enough oxygen.

To help prevent such deaths all stoves should be vented, keep heated rooms ventilated, do not leave gas heaters burning while you and your family are asleep, do not entirely close all the windows in your car and do not run your car in a closed garage.

Whether your stoves, heaters and your car serve you and family usefully, capably and safely, or whether they become agencies of death depend upon how wisely you use them. Remember, ventilate at all times.

Mrs. A. E. Latham and her mother, Mrs. W. M. Summers, departed Saturday for Carmi, Ill., where they will be holiday guests of the Lee Roland Latham family.



In the East, a star,
and in the hearts of
men a great joy,
for unto the world
is born a Saviour.
His blessing upon
mankind!

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Key Feed Store



BEST WISHES
FOR A
WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY

Mr. and Mrs.
S. E. (Skinny) Adams



The greatest gift is given again
on Christmas Day;
may this new
Yuletide bring joy
and faith abundant.
1952



THE BEST EVER . . . That's the Christmas we're
wishing for you! And as Tiny Tim said: "God Bless
Us, One and All."

McMillan Lumber Co.

MELVIN MOODY, Manager

M. V. Hemphill

Fred Henson

Melvin McKinney

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Dibrell and family and her brother, Jack, are leaving Wednesday to visit over Christmas with Mrs. Dibrell's parents in Weslaco. While there they will attend the wedding of her brother on Dec. 27.

Mrs. Stewart Evans, the former Janet Bilbo, came from Alpine the last of the week to visit in the parental A. J. Bilbo home. She left Sunday for California to spend Christmas with her husband who is stationed at Camp Roberts.

Mrs. Zelma Milam entertained a group of little folks at her home last Thursday evening in honor of the fifth birthday of her son, Joe. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. Mrs. Milam and Joe spent the weekend with friends in Stanton and Lubbock.

Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good will go to Stephenville for a Christmas visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker. Eddie Paul Good, who is employed by Sun Oil Co. in Starr county, will not be able to join the group until Friday.



ALAMO THEATRE

—Motion Pictures Are Your Finest Entertainment—
Evening Show Starts at 6:15 Sunday Matinee 1:30

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, DEC. 24-25

FLAME of ARABY in Technicolor

Maureen O'Hara-Jeff Chandler Also Cartoon

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DEC. 26-27

Audie Murphy-Yvette Dugay in

Cimarron Kid In Technicolor Also Cartoon and News

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY, DEC. 28-29-30

Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:05

Myrna Loy-Jeanne Crain-Jeffrey Hunter in

Bells On Their Toes In Technicolor Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Betty Hutton-Ralph Meeker in

Somebody Loves Me In Technicolor Also Cartoon

Sam & Ruth's

Formerly Froggy's

They Can Be Good and Not Be Ours — but They CAN'T be Ours and Not be GOOD!

- ★ Hamburgers
- ★ Sandwiches
- ★ Chili
- ★ Cold Drinks
- ★ Coffee

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Christmas in Texas

What could silver and red tumbleweed, gum-drop-tipped thorn bushes, silvered yucca, and mistletoe galore mean other than Christmas in TEXAS? Where else could you find a century plant strung with colored lights and a bow legged Santa Claus ringing in Christmas tidings and spitting on Main Street,

The air is crisp over the prairie in December. Jack rabbits bound about with no snow to mark their racks. There are no skyscrapers or smoke-filled cities to hide from view the Christmas star.

A Texas Christmas is not one that is bought in stores. It is one in which neighbors try to out-cook and out-decorate one another—not run up the biggest charge accounts.

The children donned in gingham and levis hang up their boots on the long-awaited eve while cherishing hopes of rocking horses, guns, and Indian dolls brought in Santa's buckboard of toys drawn by horses naturally.

Somehow during the holiday season Texas friendliness reaches the bubbling over point and even mistletoe becomes a trumped-up excuse for a natural Texan outlet.

Merry Christmas, you-all.
(Written for San Angelo College Ram Page by Miss Joanne Carr.)

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hughes and son, Phil, arrived Monday from East Point, Ga., for a visit with the former's mother, Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw, and other relatives and friends. They will also spend some time at Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips, parents of Mrs. Hughes.

Miss Eula McCutchen has renewed Observer subscriptions to her brothers, Walter McCutchen at Pecos, and Jess at Sanitorium.

Prin. and Mrs. P. E. Webb will enjoy the holiday vacation visiting his mother at Sweeney, Texas, and go on to Grannis, Ark., to visit kin-folks of Mrs. Webb.

A. J. Bilbo is now employed in a drug store at Andrews. He will be home for a Christmas visit with his family.

The Jess Varnadore family of Texon visited Robert Lee relatives and friends over the weekend. Miss Eula McCutchen, who has been at Lubbock, joined them there and accompanied them to Texon for Christmas.

J. A. Brown is a new employee at Baker's Grocery and Market. He was formerly employed at the Paul Burns Service Station.

FOR SALE — Complete set of grocery and market fixtures. Will sacrifice as owner is in Korea. Inquire of Mrs. Frank D. Bryan. 29tf

'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Carol

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song.

For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

Food will cook as quickly in gently boiling water as in rapidly boiling water.

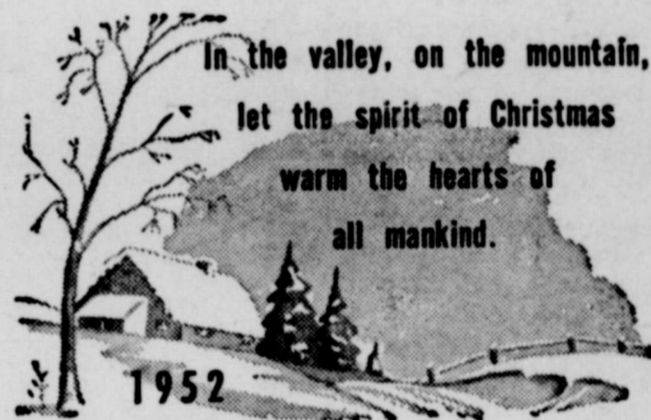
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Best Wishes From

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts
J. C. Wallace Waymond Davis
Bennie Bessent G. E. Davis
and Sgt. Vaughan S. Davis
who is still doing army service

**TOTICE—We will be closed two days
Dec. 25 and 26, for Christmas holidays**

ROBERTS

Grocery and Market