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## BARBARA HARWELL WEDS DEL RIO YOUNG MAN IN HOME CEREMONY

The marriage of Miss Barbara Joyce Harwell and Mr. James Ike Billings took place Friday, Dec. 26, at 10 a. m. at the ranch home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harwell, in the Lometa community southeast of Robert Lee. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Billings of Del Rio.

The Rev. Maynard Rogers, pastor of the Bronte Baptist church, officiated with the double ring ceremony. The wedding occurred in front of the fireplace with decorations of baskets of white gladioli and greenery. Candelabra with white tapers were placed on either side of the fireplace. Traditional wedding music was played by Miss Eugenia Hurley of San Angelo.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a white wool suit. Her accessories included navy shoes and bag, white hat and gloves, gold necklace and earrings, and a bracelet of star shaped rhinestones set in yellow gold, a gift of the bridegroom. She carried an orchid on a white Bible with orchid streamers.

Miss Violeta Harwell was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a light brown suit with matching accessories and her corsage was of white carnations. Jack Brown of Del Rio, a cousin of the bridegroom, was best man.

Following the wedding a reception was held in the Harwell home. The dining table was laid with white maderia linen centered with an arrangement of white gladioli in a crystal bowl, crystal candle holders with white tapers, and a three-tiered wedding cake decorated in rosebuds and hearts outlined in blue, and a silver coffee service.

Miss Eugenia Hurley served the wedding cake. Lou Emma Whitehead of Del Rio was in charge of the bride's book. Mrs. Sep Hall of Colorado City presided at the coffee service.

The couple left on a week's honeymoon trip to New Orleans. They will reside in Alpine where both will continue their studies at Sul Ross College.

The bride is a graduate of Robert Lee High School. She is a junior at Sul Ross where she is a cheer leader, a member of Sachel literary society and secretary of Lawrence Hall.

The bridegroom is from a prominent Del Rio ranch family. He attended Texas Christian University two years and is now a junior at Sul Ross. He is a member of the Lobo football squad.

Out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Billings, Mrs. J. L. Schwalle and children, Lou Emma Whitehead, Jack Brown and Frank Brown, all of Del Rio; Alayne Hodge of Neskowin, Oregon, and Mr. and Mrs. Sep Hall of Colorado City.

Lieut. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. departed Saturday for Barksdale FB near Shreveport after a two weeks' Christmas visit with home folks. They were joined here over Christmas by Mrs. Ivey's mother, Mrs. Pruitt of Paris, Tex.

The Bob Patterson family was entertained at dinner Dec. 21 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crowley Harmon. All of the Harmon's three sons and daughters and their families were present.

Capt. and Mrs. Nathan Douthit and son, Leslie, of Harlingen AFB are here for a holiday visit in the home of Mrs. Douthit's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

### BIBLE STUDY SERIES

The W. S. C. S. of the Robert Lee Methodist church is sponsoring a Bible Study series of lessons to start Monday, Jan. 5, at 9 a. m. at the church basement. Subject of the study will be "Toward Understanding the Bible," by Georgia Harkness. Mrs. R. L. Read will be the teacher. Everyone is invited to attend.

### LOTS OF MINOR ILLNESS

Twelve patients were in Coke County Memorial Hospital here Wednesday morning, a near capacity for the institution. Dr. J. D. McDaniel says a wave of colds and light influenza has spread over the community during the past week. None of the cases is considered critical.

## SUN TUBB E-2 HITS SAND OIL

Another producer in the Strawn sand at Silver was indicated this week when Sun No. E-2 Tubb recovered 300 feet of clean oil on a drillstem test from 5,920-55 feet. Casing was cemented to 6,095, the total depth. Operators were waiting on cement Wednesday.

Sun Mathers 43 flowed 14.7 barrels of oil and no water during a 24-hour test. Pressures were 335 pounds on the tubing and 535 pounds on the casing. Gas-oil ratio was 20,000-1.

Baker & Taylor had the contract and moved rotary to Sun D-2 Tubb. It was drilling Wednesday at 1,695 feet.

Sun A-5 J. B. Walker was in shale at 6,270 feet. It will continue to the reef.

Sun Mathers 37 was at 5,285 feet in shale.

Sun J. B. Walker-State Unit B-1 was in shale at 5,725.

All of Jim Blair's children were home during the holidays. Coming from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomas of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keel and three children of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Ray White and two children of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blair and child from Morton.

## Coke County Hospital News

Dec. 23 — Mrs. Max Wristen dismissed.

Dec. 24 — Ralph Fuller, 17 months old of Silver, and Garlan Green admitted. Elton Millican, Kelly Gaston dismissed.

Dec. 25 — Mrs. Wilson Bryan admitted. Lawrence Higgins dismissed. Mrs. Annie McCabe passed away at 3:30 p. m.

Dec. 26 — Frank Preslar, Mrs. Lloyd Phelan, Janis Fowler admitted. Mrs. Wilson Bryan, Ralph Fuller dismissed.

Dec. 27 — H. L. McMinn and Adrienne Summers, 9 months old, admitted. Mrs. Curtis A. Dukes, Janis Fowler, Garlan Green dismissed.

Dec. 28 — Mrs. H. F. Boyd, Ronny Snoddy admitted. Mrs. Lloyd Phelan dismissed.

Dec. 29 — Mrs. F. C. Clark, Mrs. Curtis A. Dukes, Mrs. J. A. Childress, admitted.

Dec. 30 — Mrs. W. B. Clift and Susan Shipman, 9 months old, admitted. Adrienne Summers dismissed.

Dec. 31 — Mrs. Max Wristen admitted.



MR. AND MRS. HARRY WEAVER  
In Tropical Setting

### WILL ERECT BUILDING

Fred McDonald, Jr. has purchased the site of the former Casey Bros. garage which was destroyed by fire a few years ago. The property, just across the alley from the McDonald lumber yard, has a frontage of 90 feet and is 100 feet deep. Mr. McDonald plans to construct a new warehouse for his drilling mud business on the lots.

### SANCO MAN DIES

E. Arbuckle, 67, resident of Coke County for 29 years, died at 11:30 a. m. Friday after a heart attack. Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Saturday at the Sanco Baptist Church with the Rev. C. K. Corley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Sanco cemetery. Cliff Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Arbuckle moved to Coke County from Comanche County in 1924. He farmed near the Sanco Community.

Survivors are his wife; one son, Truett, who is in the Army at El Paso; one daughter, Mrs. Harvey Reid of Sanco; and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Marshall of Erath County.

Larry Jay Farris of Dallas is here for a 10-days holiday visit with his father, M. W. (Buster) Farris.

## HUMBLE STAKES LOCATION ON WEAVER RANCH

Humble Oil and Refining Co. has staked a 7,000-foot Ellenburger wildcat on Mrs. Helen Weaver, 10 miles south of Robert Lee.

It is located 3,300 feet from the north and 660 feet from the east lines of Section 7, EL&RR.

### NEWS FROM THE WILDCATS

Frank Frankel No. 1 Methodist Orphans Home, wildcat 2 miles west and south of Robert Lee, was drilling ahead Wednesday morning at 5,805 feet in lime. On a two-hour drillstem test Sunday in Strawn lime 5,501-31 feet recovery was 830 feet of salt water. There have been no shows.

Empire No. 1 Sam Powell, wildcat 4 miles south of Robert Lee, was drilling ahead Wednesday at 4,800 feet in lime and shale. No shows have been reported.

Guiberson No. 1 Feldman, on the Price ranch 4 miles northwest of Sanco, was drilling Wednesday afternoon at 5985 feet in hard shale.

Carl Short Drilling Co. of Houston was rigging up rotary on Sun No. 1 Victor McCabe, 2 miles north of Silver. Amerada is in with Sun on the projected 7,200-foot test.

## Weavers Enjoyed Caribbean Cruise

An interesting 17 day cruise through the Caribbean Sea and to South America was reported last week by Harry Weaver at a luncheon meeting of the Robert Lee Lions Club. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were accompanied on the journey by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. George B. McCamey.

The group left New Orleans and traveled on a freighter owned by the American Aluminum Co. It picks up cargo of ore and also has staterooms for a limited number of passengers.

They visited many places of interest, including Cuba, Bermuda, the Bahama Islands and touched on the northern coast of South America. The accompanying picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Weaver in front of the government building at Caracas, capital city of Venezuela. In returning to the States they docked at Mobile.



## Notes From The Oil Field

The Jameson Field at Silver has been extended 1/4-mile northwest with the completion of Southwest Natural Production Co. No. 4 Pallie Phelan for a daily flowing potential of 169.48 barrels of 48.5 gravity oil, no water. Gas-oil ratio was 1,442-1. Production was through a 20-64ths inch choke in Strawn sand 5,926-98 feet.

Lion Oil Co. No. 1 Mary (E. C. Rawlings Estate), five miles northwest of Bronte, has been completed for a daily flow of 867.22 barrels of 50.6 gravity oil. Location is three-fourths mile north of the nearest production in the Bronte 5,100 field. The new extension was completed in the Gardner lime. It had shows in four other pays, and a possible fifth.

Baker & Taylor Co. of Amarillo has moved its field shop from Silver to Midland. The company has three rotary rigs at work in the Silver area.

Lowell F. Grush has purchased a 15% interest in Tucker Drilling Co., from W. F. Tucker. Lowell was a driller under Tucker when the latter was handling tools during the early days of the Ray-Harris Drilling Co. Fred L. Koskie, Jr. is a new pusher for Tucker. He is a brother of Ira Koskie of Robert Lee, Ray-Harris pusher.

## 3 NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS TO BE SWORN IN

Three changes in the roster of Coke County officials take place this week, with the possibility of a fourth.

Two new Commissioners and a new County Treasurer take office the first of the year. They will be sworn in Friday, Jan. 2, when a special session of the Commissioners Court is scheduled.

Ed Hickman of Edith succeeds T. R. Harmon as Commissioner in Precinct 3 and Otis Smith retires from the Commissioner post in Precinct 2 (Bronte) in favor of Howard Brock. Mrs. Gertrude Gray, formerly of Bronte, succeeds Mrs. Ruby Pettit as County Treasurer.

Mr. Harmon retires after serving 18 years. Smith has been Commissioner from Bronte two full terms and nearly two years of the unexpired term of the late J. W. Eads. Mrs. Pettit has been County Treasurer 8 years.

The new Commissioners Court will have to make a decision in regard to the County Attorney's office. E. B. Fuller, who won the nomination and was elected in November, has moved back to Austin and will not qualify for the office. A vacancy will thus exist and the Commissioners Court will have to make a choice between Frank C. Dickey, who has held the office four years, or his son, Frank, Jr., who engaged in the practice of law here last summer.

Commissioners will have important matters confronting them immediately. Wages and salaries of county employees will be set and there is general opinion that salaries should be increased in line with the higher costs of living.

Road programs will also come up for study, including division of the county funds by precincts and adoption of a state financed Farm to Market road program for the coming two years.

A gathering of relatives over Christmas in the home of Mrs. Fannie Green included her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John McCord of New London, Mr. and Mrs. Landon Dorn and Michael of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Durham and Sue Beth and Mrs. D. I. Durham of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman and Carla of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Robert Lee.

Coming out from Grand Prairie to attend the Arbuckle funeral on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim L. Reid.

## BIRTHS

HALL — Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hall (Carrie Katherine Rabb) are parents of a son born at 1 a. m. Dec. 25 at a San Angelo hospital. Rodney Terrell weighed 10 pounds, five ounces. The infant underwent minor surgery Saturday and is reported to be doing nicely. Grandparents are Mrs. O. K. Rabb and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hall of Robert Lee. Mrs. J. C. Rabb of San Angelo is the great grandmother. Mr. Hall is a driller for Ray-Harris. They have another son, Randy, 2 1/2 years old.

PLUMLEE — A son weighing 5 pounds, 10 ounces was born Sunday in the Bronte Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Plumlee of Robert Lee. He has been named Sam, Jr. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Plumlee. The father is employed at Black Gold Angus Farms owned by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson.

## Alvie Owen Dies From Car Wreck

Alvie Leon Owen of San Antonio was injured in a car accident Sunday, Dec. 14, and died the following day at 2:30 p. m. Funeral services were held at Porter Loring Chapel in San Antonio Wednesday at 10 a. m. and graveside services and burial took place at Dale, Texas.

Mr. Owen was born in Mills County July 11, 1908, and had reached the age of 44 years, 9 months and five days. He had lived in San Antonio 16 years, having been a foreman at the Portland Cement Co.

Survivors are his widow and two sons, Leon and Glen. Also his mother, Mrs. Beulah Owen of Johnson City, two brothers, Ivy Owen of Atascosa and Arlie Owen of San Angelo; and four sisters, Mrs. Lavern Holden of Lampasas, Mrs. Ethel Majors, Hobbs, N. Mex., Mrs. Janice Woerner of Lampasas, and Mrs. Dala Hamilton, Jr. of Odessa. All were present for the funeral.

### Personals

Mike Casey and family of Mineral Wells were holiday guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Mundell. The Caseys and Mundells were Christmas dinner guests of the Roy Mundells in Snyder.

Upon his return to Ft. Eustis, Va., last week following a holiday visit with Robert Lee relatives, Lieut. Bob Burpo received orders transferring him to the Japan-Korea area. Mrs. Burpo and children will return here and reside with her mother, Mrs. Hattie Day.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garvin west of Edith included Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Zelachoski and Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Wallace and Carroll Don of Cleburne, Miss Wanda Schaefer of Coleman, Harry Larson of Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Weir of Sanitorium, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Garvin and Henry, Joe and Mae Dean of San Angelo, Eddy and Donna Garvin of Edith and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hendry and son, M. C. of Sterling City.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Killam and children came down from Bethany, Okla., last week for a holiday visit with Coke county relatives and friends. They made their headquarters in the home of Mrs. Killam's mother, Mrs. L. S. Bird at Sanco, where a family gathering took place Christmas Day.

Lem S. Batton of Shoshoni, Wyo. accompanied by his daughters, Bobbie Ola and Leona Rae, visited here last week with his sisters, Mrs. Ben Tubb and Mrs. Ern Mathers. They also visited Mrs. Batton's family at Lovington, New Mex.

### CARD OF THANKS

To the dear friends who have been so kind I wish to attempt to express my appreciation. Words seem inadequate to express my feelings. Every letter, card, word and prayer mean so much. Particularly I would like to thank Mac's Cafe

and the many wonderful people who aided in presenting to me the Christmas Gift Fund. — Miss Myrtle Hurley.

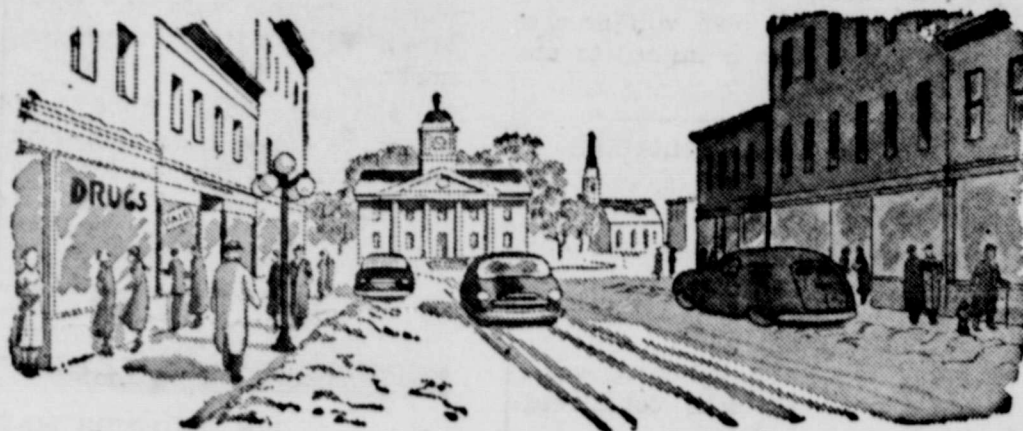
The Cherokee Indian tribe was the only one to have a syllabic writing system.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay and Dick Skipworth returned Sunday from a brief holiday visit with kinfolks at Van Alstyne.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Masey and sons, Dale and S. C., of Grosvenor spent Christmas with Mrs. Masey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Schooley and daughter, Mrs. Dean Taylor and baby of Fort Worth, were Christmas guests in the Turney Casey home and visited other Robert Lee relatives. Barbara June Casey accompanied her grandparents home for a week's visit.

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

We are thankful to be starting  
another year in our community,  
among our good friends.  
Success to every one of you.

1953

## Robert Lee State Bank

IT'S A NEW YEAR...

and a New Opportunity



A New Year . . . a fresh start . . . an opportunity for all West Texans to join together in working for a prosperous, peaceful, and a happy new year. We — of your electric service company — are glad of the opportunities the new year offers us for more and more service to you. Early in the year we will complete the installation of three new generating units — providing an additional 100,000 horsepower of electric energy for your use. Yes, we welcome this new year as a new opportunity to serve you!

Reddy Kilowatt

West Texas Utilities  
Company

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kerley of Hermleigh were over night guests Tuesday of last week in the home of Mrs. Kerley's mother, Mrs. Emma Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan and daughters were Christmas dinner guests at Big Spring in the home of Mrs. Vaughan's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker came up from Beaumont for a Christmas visit in the home of Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Bert Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr. came over from Jayton for a holiday visit last week with home folks. Junior is pushing a roustabout crew for Younger Bros. in the Jayton area.

Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman and daughter, Brenda Sue, motored to Galveston for a brief Christmas visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. J. Wagley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee T. McCleskey and daughter and Mrs. Eva Vowell were over from Abilene last Friday visiting relatives and friends.

About forty persons were present for the Christmas gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen. All their nine children and their families were present except one son, J. D. of Whitharral, who is still busy with farming operations up on the plains.

The Rev. Ross Welch and family stopped briefly in Robert Lee last Friday while enroute to Post to visit the former's father and brothers. Ross is pastor of a Methodist church in San Antonio and is well pleased with his pastorate. He preached in Robert Lee a few years ago.

Fred McDonald, Sr. of Bronte was released from the Bronte hospital Wednesday after a week's treatment of pneumonia. He is much improved.

Visiting here over night Monday in the Buster Farris home and with other friends were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Petross and three children, Karen, Douglas and Stanley. Mr. Petross is a former Robert Lee high school principal, leaving here in June 1951 to attend TCU at Ft. Worth where he received his master's degree in education. He was a teacher here 2½ years ago and is now a mathematics instructor in Polytech High in Ft. Worth. The Petross family had been spending the holidays with Brownwood relatives and went on to Odessa Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen motored to Sheffield Christmas Day where they remained overnight with their nephew, Currie Brooks, and family.

## Want Ads

**FOR SALE** — One .22 rifle, one .16 gauge double barrel shotgun, one 4.10 shotgun, 2 good mattresses, 3 cots, 3 trunks, 3 cedar chests, chest of drawers, steamer trunk, cabinet radio, table model radio, Frigidaire, vacuum cleaner, a lot of dishes and many other odds and ends. GEO. W. HALE w2c

**Aermotor Windmills, woodrod, cylinders and all fittings necessary to complete your water job. Leeper Supply Co.**

**WANTED** — Want to rent or borrow high chair and baby's bed. Grandchild coming for visit. Editor and Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick.

**NOTICE**  
My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission.  
—Fred McDonald, Jr.

**HELP WANTED FEMALE—WOMEN TO SEW** for spring business. Easy to sew product, good pay. Sewing machine not essential. Write Kenroe Mfg. Co., Yorktown, Indiana.

**EARACHE? DAVISS DROPS—QUICK!** No dope or carbolic acid. "Ask A User." Drug stores - everywhere.

**PAINT** — Pittsburgh Rubberized Satin Finish Wallhide for all inside work. Use it on paper, wallboard, wood, cement, anything. Dries in 15 minutes.—LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

**SALESMAN WANTED** — What are your plans for 1953, A good Raleigh Business is hard to beat. Opening in Coke County. Write at once to Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-1230-254, Memphis, Tenn. 27w5p

**WANT TO LEASE** small place of 5, 50 or 100 acres near Robert Lee. Write Frank Mach, 2002 Riverside Ave., San Angelo, or leave word at Observer office.

**FISHING TACKLE** Headquarters — We have a complete new stock of fishing essentials. See the new guaranteed anti-backlash casting reel.—LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

**FOR SALE OR RENT** — Small almost new home for rent or sale. Well located for oil field worker. Inquire at Observer office. 30-w2p

**FOR SALE** — My place located in the southwest part of Robert Lee. See S. R. Young for particulars. GEO. W. HALE w2c

Give a windmill a chance. Change its oil and tighten its bolts once a year. Aermotor Windmill Oil. LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

**FOR RENT** — Room in new modern home, kitchen privileges if desired. Mrs. Leslie Copeland.

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

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

Mail your Kodak film to Etz Studio & Camera Shop, Sweetwater, Texas. 120 eight exposure rolls, 50 cents, 12 exposure rolls 70 cents, 16 eight exposure rolls 58 cents. All prints jumbo size. Prompt service, good work. Send cash with order.

# New Year GREETINGS



May joy and success attend you the whole year through.

We appreciate the fine business we have enjoyed in the past, and hope to merit your continued patronage during the coming year.

## McDonald Lumber Co.

FRED McDONALD, JR., Owner

YOUR EYES will POP



when you see the

Beautiful, Entirely NEW 1953

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## THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

Lettuce, 1ge firm head lb 12½c

Carrots, cello bag 2 for 29c

Oranges, full of juice lb 9c

Crisco 3 lbs 79c

SALMON No. 1 Tall Can 49c

TOILET TISSUE, Charming 4 rolls 39c

Patio Mexican Style Beans 2 cans 19c

SUN SPUN CATSUP large bottle 15c

Salad Dressing, Miracle Whip pint 33c

Diamond Brand Spinach, No. 2 can 2 for 25c

COFFEE Red & White lb 79c

Nu-Maid Margarine lb 21c

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

## Mrs. Annie McCabe Victim of Illness

Funeral services were held from the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 1:30 p. m. Saturday for Mrs. Annie McCabe, 83, who passed away at 3:30 p. m. Dec. 25 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. Burial was in Robert Lee cemetery under direction of the Clift Funeral home.

Mrs. McCabe was born Feb. 5, 1869, in Bosque County and married D. H. Gary in 1886. Both taught school for a number of years. After Mr. Gary's death in January 1911, she continued teaching until December, 1915 when she was married to F. S. McCabe and came to Coke County.

She had been a Sunday School teacher in the Methodist Church here for many years until she suffered a stroke in November, 1951. She had been in declining health since that time.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Gilpin, Ft. Worth, Mrs. Laura Wylie of California and Mrs. Ada Robison of Haskell, Tex.; three brothers, F. D. New of Hico, Jim New of Walnut Springs and J. G. New of San Angelo; also a large number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. McCabe had no children but reared a niece, Mrs. V. H. Simpson, from infancy.

## CHRISTMAS AT WALDROPS

Christmas guests in the home of

Mrs. J. A. Waldrop of Hayrick were:

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Hartgraves of Maryneal, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hartgraves and Arlene of Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rives and Marjorie Gladys of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rives, Jimmie and Barbara Jo of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rives and Stephen of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Warrington and Harvey of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Warrington of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meyer and Barry of Mangum, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, David, Dick and Keith of Roswell, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Waldrop and Lyndon, Mrs. Donald Mauldin of Robert Lee and Gladys Waldrop.

All of Mrs. Waldrop's children were present and all but two of her grandchildren. The family enjoyed a turkey dinner and a wonderful day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lloyd and children, Linda and Michael, came from Austin for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Lloyd's mother, Mrs. E. A. Burgess, and her sisters, Mrs. Carl Brock and Madine Burgess. Mr. Lloyd is a student at the University of Texas and will finish a pharmacy course the coming year.

## Personals

Mr. Frank Percifull has returned home after a stay in a San Angelo hospital and her condition is said to be serious. Her son, Frankie, has been called home from Korea where he was serving with the Air Force Engineers.

Gilbert Wallace and family of Pecos were weekend guests of Robert Lee relatives.

All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis were here for Christmas except the youngest daughter, Mrs. Russell Zoet (Billie) of Galveston. The Zoets were forced to remain at home when their children took the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Austin were dinner hosts to children and descendants of the late R. W. Foster here Sunday, Dec. 21. It is a tradition for the family to get together the Sunday preceding Christmas each year. Gifts were exchanged during the afternoon. Forty-two were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker entertained a number of kinfolks on Christmas Day. They included Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Lett and family and Mrs. W. H. Gill (Mrs. Baker's grandmother), all of Winters; also the S. L. Ferguson, Joe Dodson, Jodie Williams and Roy Farbus families of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Farbus of San Angelo and the J. D. Boykins and Bobby Baker families of Robert Lee.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McDonald included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sims and daughters of Pecos, Mrs. Bertie Jones of Tyler and their grandson, Billy Ray Goode, who lives at Boys Ranch near Amarillo. Mrs. Jones is a sister of Mrs. McDonald. Billy Ray is wearing a pair of \$55 boots and a \$12 Stetson hat, both gifts. He said Roy Rogers gave each of the 200 boys a similar pair of boots.

Mrs. J. L. Patterson of Glen Rose has been here recently helping care for her mother, Mrs. M. M. Sparks.

SAND AND CEDAR — Cedar and Sand — Any amount, any length or size. B & H CEDAR YARD ...30w2p

## SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

Silver had its share of holiday visitors. The W. C. Snyders and son, Billie Ray, of Texas City, visited the O. L. Snyders.

The Perry Posts had the Jimmy Posts and two daughters, Betty and Patricia from Sterlington, La.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Singletary and their children spent three days with the Rabon Martindales. Mrs. Singletary is Mr. Martindale's sister and they are from Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitehurst of Silver City, New Mexico, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mae Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Slone of Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Don Crews of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Conner of Hawley and Mr. and Mrs. Baylis Pope of San Angelo all spent the holidays in the George Connors home.

The Joe Warrens visited through the holidays in Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paul and sons spent the Christmas holidays near San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Dean and family spent the week before Christmas in Dublin and Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rogers from Delhi, La. have been transferred to Silver. Mr. Rogers is employed by Sun Oil Co. in the Gas department.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie White and baby, a nephew of Mr. Perry Post, is visiting in Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davis have been transferred from Delhi, La., to Silver. Mr. Davis is also employed in the Sun Gas Department.

Christmas guests in the H. R. Gassiot home in Silver included Mrs. Z. A. Gassiot of Valera, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gassiot and three children of Talpa, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gassiot and son of Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg Gassiot and son of Lohn, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gassiot of San Angelo, Mrs. Johanne Allen and son, Gary, and Jerry Gassiot of Silver. All members of the family were present except David, who is serving with the armed forces in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Millican of Silver were happy to have all their children and their families at home for Christmas.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of sympathy in the loss of our husband and father, through your gifts of love, food and beautiful floral offerings. —The Arbuckle Family.

Miss Helen Johnson returned home Sunday after a trip to McKenney where she underwent treatment at the Veterans Hospital. She also visited friends in Fort Worth.

Miss Jonell Black, Coke county home demonstration agent, returned Monday night from Wichita Falls where she spent Christmas week in the home of her parents.

S/Sgt. L. C. Day is here for a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. Hattie Day. He has been attending an Air Force weather observer's school at Chanute Field in Illinois and is due to leave Jan. 14 for service in Japan.

Sam Fowler and daughters Sammie Jo and Patricia, visited with the C. L. Fowlers in Crandall over the weekend.

Cpl. Roy Fowler and wife returned the last of the week to Albuquerque, New Mex., where he is stationed in the Air Force. They wrote home folks that they encountered considerable snow after leaving Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Dickey spent several days last week in Dallas where the former's mother, Mrs. L. E. Burt, is hospitalized with an injured hip. A former well known Coke County resident, Mrs. Burt is now 88 years old and resides in Dallas with a daughter, Mrs. Bertie Newman.

Mrs. G. E. Davis left Tuesday for medical examination in a Houston hospital. She made the trip with her son, Bob L. Davis, and a daughter, Mrs. Elmo Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker and Sandra Kay visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker at Clyde during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown spent the Christmas weekend with Mrs. Brown's parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Blake, at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith and four sons of Carlsbad, New Mex., spent a couple of days here the first of the week in the parental S. B. Plumlee home.

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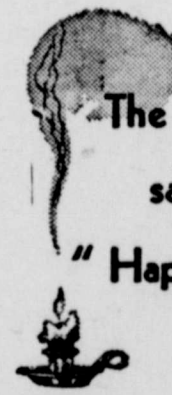
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## 1952 YEAR OF GREAT DROUTH ALSO SAW BREAK IN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Fort Worth — The year 1952 will long be remembered by livestock people as the year of the Great Drouth — but it will also be remembered as the year of the Big Break in prices.

Perhaps live stock prices have never before undergone such a drastic series of losses as have hit cattle and sheep prices simply because they had never been so high and had so far to fall previously.

At the start of 1952, cattle and sheep prices were still near their highest peak since OPA died in 1946. The speculative fever that had gripped the industry was still raging. It was "buy, buy, buy" on the part of all interests and the bullish sentiment was spurred by government figures, as released, and statements from people in high places.

However, as the first quarter of 1952 unrolled it was very evident that change was in the air. We noted this changed feeling in our visits with farmers and ranchers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. We discussed this new temper among the people with many men in many lines of business. There was a feeling of caution, a feeling of impending change which grew from the prolonged lack of progress in the Korean War and the exposure of many scandals in

high places.

Livestock producers swung over to the selling side and for the first time in nearly a decade, more people wanted to sell than wanted to buy. The Great Drouth put spurs to this sentiment as the Summer progressed. The stage was set for a serious price collapse and it came in on schedule.

Speculators in livestock took to the sidelines, or took one drubbing after another, as prices continued to skid. The false bottom fell out of the badly inflated stocker and feeder price structure when Cornbelt and other buyers studied the previous year's losses and became cautious and very bearish buyers.

Strong suspicion was abroad in the land that while government estimators believed the cattle population was between 90 and 95 million head, that it was possible that the past eight years of steady stocking of farm pastures may have boosted this population well beyond the 100 million mark.

As Spring changed to Summer, prices lost ground steadily. At the close of this year of 1952, virtually all classes of livestock were selling many dollars per hundred below a year earlier and many steers going to market represented \$50 to \$100 per head losses. Many cows that had cost \$250 to \$325 a year ago for

stocking purposes would currently bring half that.

Time alone will tell whether 1952 will be more famous for the Big Drouth, or for the bursting of the speculative bubble in livestock.

At the start of 1952, good and choice fed steers brought \$25 to \$36 at Fort Worth, today comparable cattle bring \$20 to \$29. Common and medium butcher steers and yearlings a year ago at \$22 to \$25, today bring \$10 to \$19.

Top hogs at Fort Worth a year ago brought \$19 and currently sell near \$17. Sows at \$15 to \$16.50, currently bring \$13 to \$16.

Ewes sold at \$10 to \$15 a year ago, currently bring \$6 to \$8.50. Fat lambs at \$22 to \$28.50 a year ago, sell for \$17 to \$20. Feeder lambs at \$15 to \$25 a year ago, compare with \$10 to \$16 this week.

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks and children were hosts at a Christmas Eve gathering of Cowley kinfolks. On Christmas Day some of the Sparks relatives were there.

Word has been received here that S/Sgt. Floyd Casey has been joined in Austria by his wife and three children. This is their third trip overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Roberts of Schulenburg enjoyed the Christmas holidays with Robert Lee kinfolks and with their sons, Travis and Gene, and their families in San Angelo.

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## Personals

Mrs. A. C. Johnson recently returned from a two weeks' stay with her new granddaughter, Kay Cole, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cole at Adrian, Tex. Since returning home Mrs. Johnson contracted the flu.

T/Sgt. Otto Havins has returned to the states after a tour of duty in Japan and is now stationed with the Air Force at Goodfellow field in San Angelo. He and his wife came to Robert Lee for a Christmas visit in the parental Fern Havins home. Other Christmas dinner guests were Mrs. M. H. Havins and the Doogee Hallmarks.

Mrs. Elsie Latham and her mother, Mrs. W. M. Summers, returned Sunday from a week's holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Latham and Monnette at Carmi, Ill. They enjoyed good weather during their stay.

J. E. Quisenberry and family enjoyed a Christmas visit with relatives in Quannah.

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## CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express our appreciation for the kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one. Especially do we thank Dr. McDaniel and the nurses for their tender care and those who brought food and flowers. May God bless you all. — Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Simpson and other relatives of Mrs. Annie McCabe.

In addition to the M. Griffin family who came from California, other Christmas guests of the H. C. McMinns and G. A. Harmons were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thompson and Georgia Sue, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McMinn and son, David, and Hezzy L. McMinn, all of Corpus Christi; also Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Carriger and Ann and Joe Bob of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Epperson of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks enjoyed having their three children at home for a holiday dinner last Sunday. They included Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson of Robert Lee, Sgt. and Mrs. James Mitchell of San Angelo and Joe Brooks of Eldorado.

Mrs. Jackie Mahon is resigning this week as bookkeeper in the Vaughan Chevrolet office. The position will be taken by Mrs. John L. Bruton, the former Janie Sue Higgins.



ROBERT LEWIS JAY

## Robert Lewis Jay Top Trombonist

Robert Lewis Jay was selected for First Chair Trombone from about 20 entries in the regional band contest recently held in Abilene. He will go to Galveston in February for the State Band tryout.

From the 20 contestants nine were selected to play in the Regional Band, but only two were eligible to go to the state contest. The tryouts took place at McMurry College.

Robert Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay of Robert Lee and is a junior at Lake View high school. He plays with the Shrine Band in San Angelo and has been taking private lessons from Bill Webster.

Christmas guests in the home of Mrs. W. L. Clawson and daughter, Viola, were Mr. and Mrs. George Hester and children of San Angelo. Mrs. Hester is a daughter of Mrs. Clawson.

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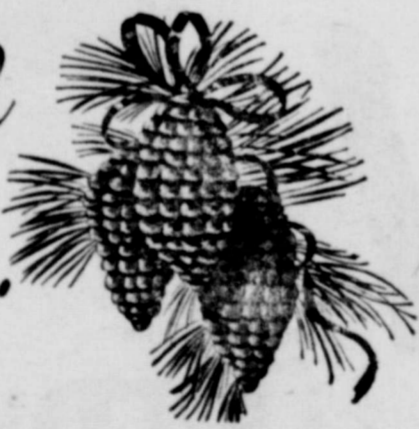
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