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SOME COUNTY OFFICERS GET 4-YEAR TERMS

Coke County officials were sworn in Monday. There are no changes this year, but all were required to post new bonds. The oath of office was administered to County Clerk Weldon Fikes by Mrs. Paul Good, a notary public. Mr. Fikes then gave the oath to other officials.

A new constitutional amendment passed last year extends the term of county and precinct officials to four years, instead of two. However, only half the official roster are given 4-year terms at this time. They include the judge, clerk and treasurer, commissioners from Precincts 2 and 4 and justices of the peace.

The sheriff, county attorney and commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3 and constables will get only 2-year terms. In the 1956 election they will be elected for full 4-year terms. This means that elections will continue to be held every two years.

Judge Jeff Dean took his oath of office from his bed in Coke County Hospital where he is being treated for a serious arthritic condition. He is starting his seventh year as county judge.

County Clerk Weldon Fikes is starting his fifth year and Sheriff Paul Good his 9th. Mrs. Gertrude Gray begins her third year in office, as does Frank Dickey, Jr., county attorney.

J. W. Service, commissioner in Precinct 1 (Robert Lee), and Claude Ditmore, Precinct 4 (Tennyson), are now on their 7th year. Howard Brock, Precinct 2 (Bronte) and Ed Hickman, Precinct 3 (Edith), are starting their third year.

Justices of the peace and constables in Precincts 1 and 2 are expected to qualify for their offices this week.

S. C. Gibson of Silver entered Coke County Memorial Hospital here Tuesday for treatment. He suffered a leg burn Dec. 19 and the injury had not healed properly. Mr. Gibson is a welder for Ernest Clendennen at Silver.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin left Wednesday for Austin to attend a state conference of school administrators.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 29 — Jerry Spearman, Mrs. E. C. Davis admitted. Mrs. Arvel Childress dismissed.

Dec. 30 — Earl Roberts, Mrs. Ford Hallmark, Patsy Woods admitted. Jerry Spearman, Sam Ed Skipworth, Charlene Robertson, dismissed.

Dec. 31 — G. P. Hooper, Mrs. W. E. Milam, Mrs. Joe Dodson, Sr. admitted. Earl Roberts dismissed.

Jan. 1 — W. B. Scoggins, Mrs. Curtis Walker, Mrs. G. A. Brown, Mrs. Sam Jay admitted. G. P. Hooper, Mrs. W. E. Milam dismissed.

Jan. 2 — Mrs. Eddie Patterson admitted. Mrs. Ford Hallmark dismissed.

Jan. 3 — Colleen Varnadore, Floyd Bynum admitted. Mrs. G. A. Brown dismissed.

Jan. 4 — S. C. Gibson admitted. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis dismissed.

Jan. 5 — Mrs. Sam Jay dismissed.



MRS. DON BELL

Jan. 1 Wedding For Don Bell, Diane Mitchell

Miss Diane Mitchell became the bride of Curtis Don Bell on Saturday, Jan. 1. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bell, all of Robert Lee.

The double ring ceremony was performed at 10 a. m. in the home of the bridegroom's parents by the Rev. Fred Robertson of Rotan, uncle of the bride.

The vows were said in the presence of members of the immediate families and close personal friends of the couple.

The bride's only attendant was Nettie Bob Bell, sister of the groom, serving as maid of honor. Harold Robertson, cousin of the bride, was best man. Mrs. Ruby Robertson played the wedding march.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of white faille and matching hat with rhinestone trim, and carried a white Bible topped with peach colored gladioli.

Following the ceremony a reception was held with Mrs. W. T. McAdams, sister of the bride, presiding at the guestbook. Assisting with the serving were Doris Sparks and Joydell Kinsey.

Both the bride and groom are students at Robert Lee High School and will continue their studies. The groom was outstanding as a football player and was chosen on the 1954 all-district team.

J. W. DENMAN RECOVERING

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Denman and son, Mike, came down Monday from Spearman for a visit in the home of Mrs. Denman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell, and other relatives and friends. J. W. is making a fine recovery from critical injuries received a few weeks ago. While working on an oil field truck he was struck on the head and received a skull fracture that made him unconscious for more than two weeks. J. W. has been advised by his doctor that he may be able to return to work in another month.

Earl Roberts, Robert Lee grocer and market owner, underwent minor surgery at Coke County Memorial Hospital last Thursday. He is recovering satisfactorily and returned to work the first of the week.

Visiting in San Angelo with relatives over the holidays were Mrs. R. A. Stroud and daughter, Fatima.

Almost Ready To Start Road Work In Silver Area

W. W. Greif of McCamey, engineer in charge of road projects in Precinct 1, conferred with county officials here Monday.

Bond posted by Younger Construction Co. was approved and Jan. 15 was set as a tentative date when the contractor would begin work on a 6-mile stretch of road from Silver to the Colorado River.

T. O. Keen of Snyder will be superintendent of the project for Younger. He said some road building equipment is now on the site and other machines would be moved in. His company was anxious to start. Mr. Keen advised The Observer.

Fencing of the new right of way at Silver is under way. Commissioner J. W. Service said it was preferable to have the fencing done before the contractor started.

Greif expects to have plans and specifications for the new Colorado River Bridge completed in the near future. He is also finishing up plans for the new road leading from the bridge southeast toward Edith.

These road projects should be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible, since they are badly needed because of the big expansion in oil field work in the northwest corner of the county. A new gasoline plant on the Blanks ranch is to start very soon and that project also requires a highway outlet.

20 Men Building Homes For Gas Plant Employees

A crew of 20 workmen is engaged building houses for personnel of the new gasoline plant to be constructed by Texas Natural Gas Co. on the Blanks Ranch in the old Cedar Hill community southwest of Silver.

Jack Capps and Martin have the labor contract and McMillian Lumber Co. contracted the materials for 16 homes and an office building.

Mr. Capps advised The Observer this week that two houses are now ready to sheetrock, one has been framed out and four additional foundations have been poured.

The contract requires that two houses be completed in five weeks and one house is to be finished weekly thereafter. Jack said they were a week ahead of schedule.

A contractor on the gas plant has not been announced, but work is expected to start in the near future.

Court House Bids Asked by Feb. 2nd

Final approval of plans for the new Coke County court house was made here last Thursday. Present at the special Commissioners Court Session were members of the Citizens Planning Committee and representatives of Wyatt C. Hedrick, architect, and Harry Weaver, associate architect.

The new building will be constructed in front of the present court house, and will set back 57 feet from the street. It will be only a few feet from the old building.

Contractors will be notified to submit bids to be opened Feb. 2.

More Rigs Move To New Oil Field



FRED McDONALD, JR.

Fred McDonald Polio Chairman

Fred McDonald, Jr. has been named chairman for the west side of Coke County for the March of Dimes campaign which opened this week.

He reports that Jake Higginbotham will again head up the committee at Silver and it is hoped that Lewis Heuvel will continue as chairman for the Edith community.

Mr. McDonald will announce his committee for Robert Lee and other localities within a few days.

Mrs. Virginia Boecking of Bronte is county chairman of the drive to be made during January. Dr. John R. Harris of Bronte is chairman of the county permanent Infantile Paralysis Committee.

Tommy Hood Is Back Home And Feeling Better

Tommy Hood and his mother, Mrs. Jett Hood, are back at their home north of Robert Lee and Tommy's conditions is reported as improved. They arrived the day before Christmas, making the trip in a new auto furnished by one of the nurses who helped care for Tommy in a Fort Worth hospital.

The Robert Lee high school youth and prominent 4-H and FFA member has been relieved of severe headaches which affected him for several months. He has not been treated since physicians learned of a tumor at the base of the brain, but he will return to Ft. Worth within a few weeks.

Mr. Hood told The Observer this week that Tommy was cheerful and both he and his parents are deeply grateful for the help given them by Robert Lee friends. The sum of \$655.50 has been raised for the Tommy Hood Fund.

A family gathering took place Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Raphey Farris of Menard, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Trimble and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Farris of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Farris and Mrs. W. E. Milam and son, Joe, of Robert Lee.

Four rotary rigs are now drilling a few miles north of Robert Lee and more locations have been staked. Oil field activity continues to increase since the 304 barrel producer was recently brought in on F. C. Wojtek, 3 miles north of town.

J. B. Randle No. 2 Wojtek, an east offset to the discovery, is coring in the Canyon sand just below 4,900 feet. It is reported to be running flat with the formation in No. 1, and the core was very similar to pay sand from the discovery.

Randle plans to core through the Canyon and drill deeper to explore the Cambrian and Ellenburger.

Union has staked its No. 1 Wojtek as a south offset to the Randle No. 1 Charles E. Long, Jr., Inc., of Big Spring moved in equipment this week. The Cardwell Trailer Mast type rig was brought here from Kermit. J. C. Autry is the tool pusher.

Superior has completed location for its No. 1 Wojtek as a west offset to the discovery. A contractor has not been announced. Location is in the northeast corner of Section 407.

Fortune & Cosden moved in rotary this week on their No. 1 Dennis Markham. It is in the northeast corner of Section 408, and is one mile due west of the Superior location. Surface pipe has been cemented at 354 feet. The lease originally was owned by American Republics.

Fortune & Cosden No. 1 Tom Winton was drilling Wednesday afternoon at 4,136 feet. Located in the corner of Section 412, it is between the ranch homes of Marvin Simpson and Mrs. Frank Clawson, just south of Highway 208. The lease was owned by Crown Central.

Sun is expected to start operations soon north of Robert Lee. They have a forced offset on Henry Wyatt and also may stake a location on Mrs. M. A. Runnion, who joins the Wojtek property on the south.

DEATH OF MRS. STUART

John Conley mourns the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Rosa T. Stuart, in Dallas. She was 84 years of age and had been in ill health for several months. She passed away Saturday night. John had been in Dallas on New Years and returned there Sunday after receiving word of his grandmother's death.

The average man can't understand why others can't see him as he sees himself.

BIRTHS

MASON — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mason (Olene Cole) of Hermleigh are parents of a daughter born in a Lubbock Hospital Dec. 17. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and has been named Linda Colleen. She has two brothers, James Cole, age 3, and Mike, 16 months old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cole of Midland and Clyde Mason of Hermleigh.

History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

INSTALLMENT 38

Silver Churches

The Silver community has a Baptist church and a Church of Christ. Both of these churches are said to be very active. The Silver Church of Christ was organized "about 1900" by J. H. B. Norfleet. Elder Hooten was the first minister.

Annual Sun-Rise Service

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Robert Lee Methodist church, under the leadership of the pastor, the Reverend Ross T. Welch, sponsored an Easter Sunrise Service on the mountain near the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver, in 1949. That sunrise service grew into an annual affair, last Easter being the fifth annual service.

The Reverend Mr. Welch and his Fellowship group dug steps in the side of the hill to facilitate climbing. Mr. Harry Weaver had a large hardwood cross erected on the hill. Each year a minister from a different denomination is invited to give the lecture. This is done to make the service community-wide rather than denominational. The Reverend Schulze, Mimo Goldston (two years), Rodney Gibson, and Taylor Henley have been the speaker. Following the service on the hill, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver hold open house at the ranch and serve coffee and doughnuts. The Weavers are keeping a register of the guests.

Although Coke County people do not always agree as to doctrinal beliefs, they are in most ways very cooperative.

Conclusion

Coke County has made progress along the social and intellectual front. Many Coke County young people today are taking college degrees, whereas many, in the old days, did not even finish grammar school.

It is believed that people of Coke County have broadened their view, and that creeds are not so narrow as formerly, when people put in time worrying over whether "to fence or not to fence," "to immerse or to sprinkle," "to commune or not to commune."

Three things can surely be said of Coke County people without fear of contradiction: they are friendly, they are sociable, and they are hospitable.

The old longhorn steer has been replaced by sleek, squat Herefords and equally sleek, squat Black Angus. Sheep produce an average of eight to ten pounds of wool per fleece instead of the three-pound average of pioneer days.

Soil and water conservation is practiced on a wide scale. Modern methods and machinery have replaced the crude methods and cruder implements of the earlier days. New homes have been built or old ones improved and modernized. Of course Coke County, along with the rest of West Texas, has suffered from droughts and other economic "set backs", and her economic status has fluctuated from the hilltops of prosperity — when cotton was forty-five cents and wool nearly two dollars a pound — to the deep, deep valleys of economic depression, when prices hit bottom — with cotton at five cents, wool at seven cents, no market for livestock, no money in circulation, and the shadow of

unemployment stalking her citizens.

Yet, Coke County people have learned to face the inevitable with chins up and a forward look, knowing full well that no matter how dark today may be, there will be a brighter tomorrow.

THE END

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tubb, Mrs. Jennie Bilbo and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb were New Years dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Alice Preslar, in San Angelo.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fowler and daughters visited in Crandall with Mr. Fowler's parents during the holidays. Mrs. Roy Fowler of Grand Prairie accompanied them to Crandall for dinner on Sunday and then returned with them to Robert Lee for a New Years visit.

Mrs. Boneita Robertson's home was the scene of a happy Christmas gathering when all the children were present except one daughter, Miss Faye Landers. The latter, who has a government position in Washington, D. C., telephoned her mother on Christmas Eve. Guests from out of town were the Keith Tomes of Amherst, W. S. Talley of Anton and the Raymond Bloodworths of Silver.

Visiting over Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCutchen were all their children and their families except two sons, J. D. of Levelland and Mac of San Antonio.

Bobby Baker and family spent Christmas at Weatherford with Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Claud Dean.

A(2C Floyd Sheppard and his family left Monday for Denver after a holiday visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard, and with his wife's kinfolks in San Angelo. He reported back to duty this week at Lowry AFB but is expecting to be transferred soon.

Bill Webb and family have mov-

ed to Big Spring where Bill will do carpenter work. Mrs. Webb is the former Odessa Meek. Louise Meek has now joined her parents at Goldthwaite and attends high school there.

Waddy Fowler, now stationed in the Air Force in Japan, says he is receiving The Observer and enjoys getting the home town news.

Mrs. Willis Smith visited a few days the last of the week at Melvin with her sister, Mrs. Les Mitchell, and family.

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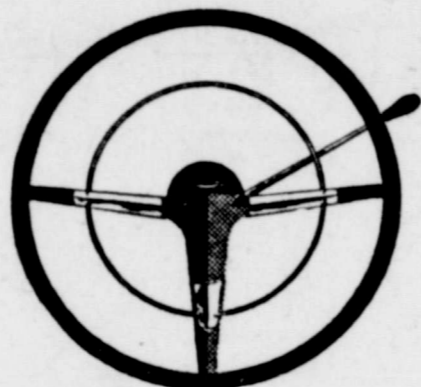
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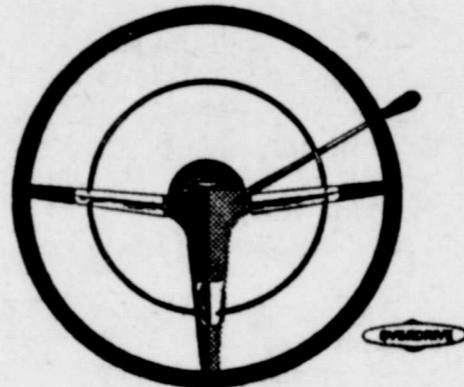
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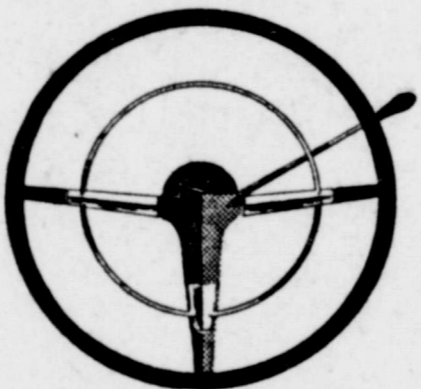
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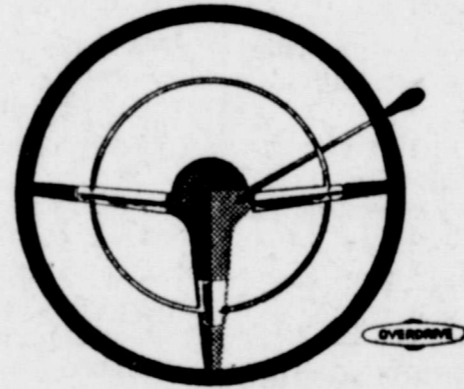
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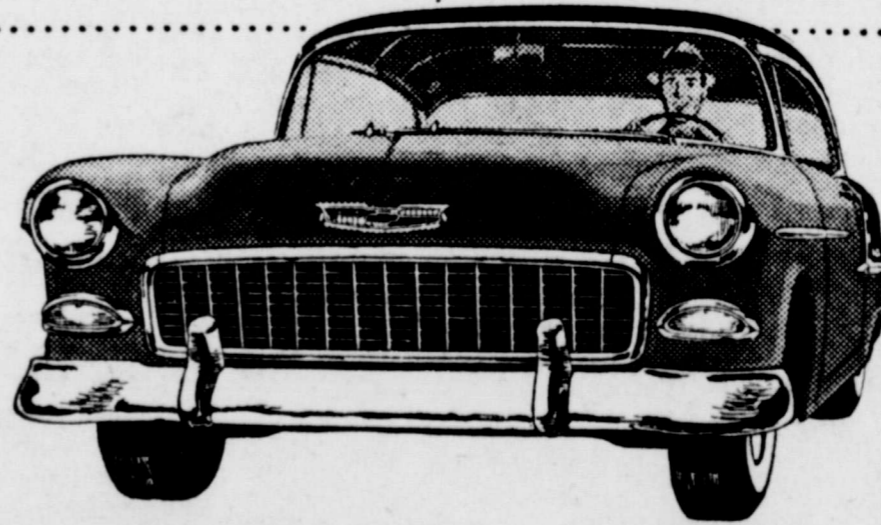


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Rural Carrier Named Bronte's New Postmaster

BRONTE, Dec. 30 — J. A. (Jap) Stephenson, rural route carrier of Bronte, has been named acting postmaster here, succeeding Mrs. Carrie G. Williams, who resigned because of her health. Stephenson has been the mail carrier on Route 2 out of Bronte for the past 28 years.

The new postmaster will begin his new duties Jan. 1. Mrs. Pearl Boynton will continue her duties in the post office, and Mrs. C. C. Glenn, who has worked regularly since Mrs. Williams left, will be

a substitute clerk. John Coalson will act as substitute carrier on Route 2 until the changes become permanent.

Stephenson was born in Oklahoma and came to Texas with his parents when he was 5 weeks old. They moved to West Texas in 1908 and Stephenson was farming in the Brookshire community when he began his job as mail carrier in Oct., 1926.

Stephenson is married to the former Ola Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mills of Bronte. They have a daughter, Mrs. E. G. Collins. They had two sons, one of whom died when he was four years old. Their other son, Elbert, has been missing in action since World War II. The local football field is named in his honor.

Stephenson is active in civic affairs in Bronte, and at the present time is president of the local Lions Club. He is also active in the Bronte Masonic Lodge. He has served as the past several years as Coke County representative on the draft board which serves Coke, Tom Green and Irion counties. He said that he will have to resign this position when he assumes his new duties.

Mrs. Williams, who served as Bronte postmaster for 14 years, is now living in Abilene. During the time of her service the post office here was advanced from third to second class. During the last few months new equipment has been received which makes the increase in mail easier to handle.

TRY A WANT AD

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

Jan. 7, 1955

Travis Hicks To Give Advice On Income Reports

Hollydod, New Mex.
Dear Friends:

Let me first extend to you our Best Wishes for a Joyful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

INCOME TAX NOTES

There are several changes this year in calculating your income tax, however, I am sure that the continued drought has taken care of any income tax payments. The main thing is to be sure you have all your expense items which are deductible. Remember this year

you can count the cost of terracing or other dirt work, not paid for by the government. There is a new method for figuring depreciation on new equipment. Children earn more than \$600 and still be counted as dependents. You get a little better deal on medical expenses this year. These are just a few changes that affect farmers this year.

I plan to be in Robert Lee JANUARY 10 through JANUARY 22 in order to help you with your 1954 Income Report. I promised to return for this purpose and help those who wanted me.

Remember — January 10-22.

Sincerely,

Travis B. Hicks.

(Advertisement)

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Coke County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. C. WHITESIDE, W. C. WHITESIDE and JOHN H. BRUNNER, if all or each of such persons are living, or if all or each of such persons are dead, their or his unknown heirs or legal representatives, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Coke County at the Courthouse thereof, in Robert Lee, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 24th day of January A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of October A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 2001 on the docket of said court and styled Henry Harris Allen, Plaintiff, vs. Mrs. Lou Whiteside, a widow, Mrs. Mamie White and her husband, Pat White, J. C. Whiteside, W. C. Whiteside, Leah Hubbard and her husband, Ralph Hubbard, Elmer F. Whiteside, Marcel Jensen Whiteside, John H. Brunner, and Mrs. James R. Dougherty and husband, Dudley T. Dougherty, if all or each of said persons are living, or if all or each of such persons are dead, their, his or her unknown heirs and/or legal representatives, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: *Trespass to Try Title for Title and possession of all the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 287, Block 1-A, of the H & T C Ry Co Survey, in Coke County, Texas, and to cancel a Mineral Deed by Homer Beasley to John H. Brunner and an Oil & Gas Lease executed by Mrs. Lou Whiteside, et al, to S. E. Adams covering said land, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

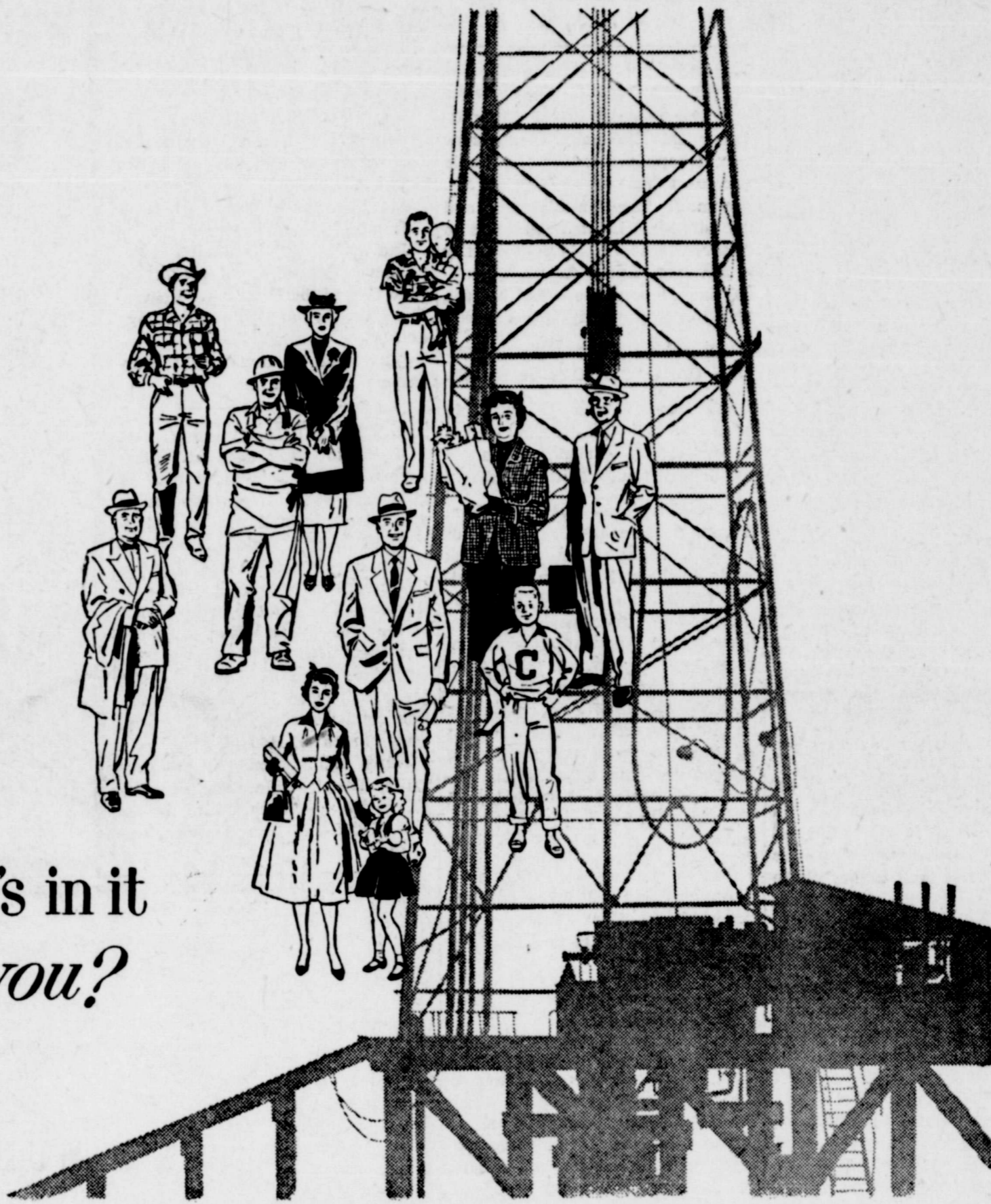
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Robert Lee, Texas, this the 9th day of December A. D. 1954.

Attest: Weldon Fikes, Clerk,
District Court
Coke County, Texas
By Winnie Waldrop, Deputy.

Seal.

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Every Texan profits in a large way from every barrel of crude oil and every cubic foot of natural gas produced in the State.

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Notes From The Oil Field

F. Kirk Johnson 1-A (formerly 2) D. F. Perciful, wildcat in 463-George Kuhlmann survey, five miles southeast of Robert Lee, plugged and abandoned at 3,959 feet.

Sun No. 12 V. T. McCabe, north of Silver in Mitchell County, was swabbing after treating a sand pay section 5,938-55 feet with 6,000 gallons of sand oil. Total depth of hole 6,100 feet.

Sun Pipeline Co. recently completed a line from the McCabe Pennsylvania field in southeastern Mitchell County to its pumping station at Silver. Crude oil from that area had been hauled out in tank trucks previously.

C. C. Pope of San Angelo, Sun Oil Co. land man, is optimistic over future oil development in West Texas. He no doubt had Coke County in mind when he made the following statement in Sunday's Standard-Times:

"No fields of the calibre of those found in the past in Scurry County, or comparable with the great Spraberry trend, have been discovered recently. However, development now under way and contemplated within a radius of 75 miles from San Angelo may result in another 'Scurry County' find."

NEW PRODUCERS

Perkins-Prothro No. 11C Blanks Estate, finaled for a daily flowing potential of 257.89 barrels of 48 gravity oil, no water. Gas-oil ratio 1.78-1. Production was through a 12-64 inch choke. Location is 18 miles northwest of Robert Lee.

Perkins-Prothro No. 3F Blanks, one location south and west, was completed for a daily flow of 248.96 barrels of 48 gravity oil, no water. Gas-oil ratio 938-1. Tubing choke 12-64 inches.

Both were natural completions in Strawn sand of the Jameson field.

Perkins-Prothro No. 10 J. W. Johnson et al was finaled for a daily flow of 221.47 barrels of 48 gravity oil, no water. Gauge was through a 12-64 inch tubing choke and the gas-oil ratio 971-1. It is located in Section 25, blk 2, H&RC, 20 miles northwest of Robert Lee in the Fuller-Coke field.

F. Kirk Johnson No. 2 Johnson-Hall, in the same field, was completed for a daily potential of 212.82 barrels of 47.2 gravity oil, no water. Gauged through a 12-64 inch choke, the gas-oil ratio was 1,041-1. It was fractured with 10,000 gallons.

GEE PRODUCER

(Strawn) Field well was completed 15 miles southwest of Silver. The oiler is F. Kirk Johnson, Fort Worth, No. 1-A Nora Gee, Section 120, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 265.34 barrels of 46.4 gravity oil, flowing through a 12-64-inch choke with 360 pounds casing and 925 pounds tubing pressures. Production is from 164 perforations at 6,695 to 6,725 feet. Casing is set at 6,816 feet and the hole is bottomed at 6,820 feet.

GARVIN REUNION

Christmas visitors in the ranch 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 sons, Carroll Don and Gary, of Cleburne; Mr. and Mrs. Rush Garvin and sons, Henry and Joe, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Makawsky and son, Elmer Wayne, of San Angelo; Homer Garvin and sons, D. J., Jim and Henson, of Eldorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Garvin. Joe and his wife had a good time entertaining their new 7-months old grandson, Gary Wallace, and Elmer Wayne Makawsky, 2 months old, the first great grandchild in the Garvin family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to each of you for your contributions which have helped so much in this time of need. May God bless each of you.—Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Simpson and Family.

Cleo McDorman and family left lats Thursday for their home in Eugene, Oregon, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman. The family gathering was completed earlier in the week by the arrival of the McDorman's other daughter, Mrs. J. W. (Geraldine) Wagley and her two little sons of Lemarque.

Mrs. Dee Smith began training this week as a nurses aid in Coke County Memorial Hospital.

SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

In the rush of getting out our Christmas edition we failed to insert the greeting ad of Commissioner Ed Hickman. Don't know how it happened, and we've made our most humble apology to Mr. Hickman. The commissioner and his wife send belated greetings to Observer readers. Ed paid us \$4.00 in advance. Lucky for us, the money hadn't been spent and he was reimbursed promptly with 4 bucks.

WE GOT ONE NICE CHRISTMAS CARD WITHOUT A NAME.

And then there's the greeting card from Ira M., Helen and 3 little Birds. thought maybe it could have read "3 little Birdies."

Sons of the late Albert and Mrs. Emma Baze renewed a number of old friendships the last week while on the sad mission of attending funeral and burial rites for their mother. All three of the boys grew up here and attended school in Robert Lee. Each of them holds good government jobs. Mike is a civil service director of supply at an Air Base in California. Albert is connected with the Bureau of Internal Revenue office in San Angelo and Winford is stationed at McAllen with the U. S. Border Patrol.

Most of the ag experts spell it "drought," but whenever you see "drouth" in The Observer you can be sure it refers to a long dry spell.

Readers are welcome to contribute to this column.

When I get on the school board I intend to introduce a resolution to disqualify sweet potato pie from those otherwise excellent banquet menus. You can fix my sweet potatoes with some syrup and maybe a marshmallow on top.

And then of course I may never get on the school board.

Texas TB hospitals operate on a budget of \$4.52 per day for each patient. The national average is \$8.30. Until the legislature provides adequate hospital care in Texas new cases of tuberculosis will continue to mount...new homes will be broken...new names will go on welfare rolls.

ZIPPER — THE UNDOING OF A MODERN GIRL.

With a dozen or more insurance companies going broke and the new veterans land scandals being probed, it is apparent that everything has not been in order under the capitol dome at Austin.

Robert Lee and Coke County is one of the hottest oil spots in Texas right now.

It is with hesitancy that we publish the letter from our son, Tommy. Many other boys have gone overseas and we didn't print their letters. But you'll never know how much writing it will save both Tommy and myself because a number of kinfolks will be getting this copy of The Observer.

Robert Lee Wins Twin Bill From Blackwell Teams

Robert Lee high school cagers won a double header in Blackwell Tuesday night. The girls' score was 55-44 and the boys were victorious 58 to 37.

Bonita Robertson led the winners with 23 points. Sue Henson was good for 19, Jo Clawson 6 and Carroll Bagwell 7. Robert Lee guards were Carolyn McDaniel, Jackie Sparks, Leslie Nell Wink and Carolyn Box.

McCarley scored 20 points for Blackwell.

Lynn Davidson had a big night and scored 37 points for the Robert Lee boys. Atha Hall counted 12, Sherman Williams 4, Harmon 2, Ashworth 2 and Simpson 1. Coach James Mancill played all 15 members of his squad.

James Boyd accounted for 16 points for Blackwell.

FUTURE GAMES

Robert Lee has a busy basket ball schedule for the next two weeks as follows:

Jan. 7 — Miles here, 7 p. m.

Jan. 11 — Norton there.

Jan. 14-15 — Hermleigh tournament. Robert Lee meets Colorado City in the first round Friday. The girls play at 2:30 and the boys at 3:40.

Jan. 20-22 — Invitational tournament in Robert Lee.

TEXAS I NREVIEW

Much to their delight many youngsters get Shetland ponies as gifts each year. How these ponies are raised, trained and then shipped to happy children will be shown next week on the Humble Company's TV program, Texas in Review. The feature was filmed at the Will Williams Shetland pony farm near Denton.

Another interesting item on the program will be films taken of the wonderful work being done by visiting nurses in Houston.

Times and stations for the program Tuesday, January 11, are KCBT-TV, Lubbock, 8:00 p. m. and KTXL-TV, San Angelo, 7:30 p. m.

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

Jan. 7, 1955

PERSONALS

Mrs. O. E. Duke and Mr. and Mrs. James V. Kane and daughter, Vicki Anne, have returned to Waco after a week's visit in the home of the Turney Caseys and with other relatives.

Mrs. Willis Smith visited a few days the last of the week at Melvin with her sister, Mrs. Les Mitchell, and family.

Dr. Hubert Johnson, superintendent of the Methodist Home in Waco, who was in town on business Wednesday, was a guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Warren Ellis. Dr. Johnson in 32 years as head of the Waco home has done a job seldom equalled in building human character.

Leslie Chiles received a wrist sprain one day last week when he fell while at work for his mother at Hazel's Cafe. The injury is in a cast.

Mrs. Sam Jay, city secretary, returned to her office yesterday after a few days of illness. She was treated at Coke County Memorial Hospital.

Cpl. Donald Mauldin and his family are here for a visit with relatives and friends. He is stationed at Fort Hood and his family is living at Copperas Cove. Donald is due for a discharge Jan. 29.

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ROBERT LEE OBSERVER**

Services Held Saturday For Mrs. Albert Baze

Services for Mrs. Emma Baze, 79, were held Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Robert Lee Methodist Church. Services and burial in Robert Lee cemetery were in charge of Clift Funeral home.

Mrs. Baze, widow of the late Albert Baze and pioneer settler of West Texas, died Tuesday night of a heart attack in a San Angelo hospital.

She was born March 5, 1875, in Marlin and moved to Junction ten years later with her father, Thomas Gray Eason. On Feb. 4, 1900, she married Mr. Baze in Sherwood. They moved to the Harris Ranch in Coke County where he was foreman 40 years.

Mr. Baze died Oct. 10, 1947. He had retired from ranch work a few years previously and moved to San Angelo. The family home in San Angelo was at 125 Harrison St.

Survivors include three sons, all of whom came for the funeral. They are Mike M. Baze of Lancaster, Calif., Albert E. Baze of San Angelo and Winford E. Baze of McAllen. She also leaves a niece, Mrs. J. O. Talbott of San Angelo, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Serving as passbearers were Victor Collett of Robert Lee, and Walter Beaty, Felton Jones, W. C. McManus, Richard Seaglar and Thomas Humphrey, all of San Angelo.

C. W. (Dub) Taylor, former Robert Lee resident, is back from four years of army service in Germany. He and his wife and baby arrived in New York Dec. 27. Their auto was unloaded from the same boat and they immediately headed for Texas. They visited in Robert Lee with his uncle, Roy Taylor, and family last week and went on to San Angelo to visit his brothers. Dub will be stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and they will visit his wife's relatives in Montana while enroute to his new post.

Hayrick Lodge

No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.
R. H. GODWIN, W. M.
H. S. LEWIS, JR., Sec'y.

HICKMAN REUNION

Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman had all their seven children and their families with them over the New Years weekend. The children are: Mrs. Austin Sandusky of Bronte, Mrs. Earl Tanner of Artesia, New Mex., Mrs. Hadley Richards and Mrs. Curtis Trimble of Robert Lee, Edward Hickman of Killeen, Johnny Mac Hickman of Levelland and Freddie Hickman of Ozona. The group was entertained on New Years in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franky Percifull in Robert Lee, while another family dinner was served Sunday in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Hickman at Edith.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. M. Johnson and her daughters, Mrs. Bessie Caston of Robert Lee and Mrs. E. A. Boykin of Brownwood, visited over the weekend with their daughter and sister, Miss Helen Johnson. The latter has been undergoing treatment for some time at the Veterans Hospital in McKinney. They report her condition is good.

W. B. Scoggins of Millersview is recovering at Coke County Memorial Hospital where he has been a patient since New Years Day. He suffered a heart attack and was brought to Robert Lee by ambulance. The Scoggins family formerly lived at Silver where Mrs. Scoggins was a teacher. They reside in Robert Lee and Carroll is employed as a welder by Ernest Clendennen at Silver.

Motoring to Ft. Worth for Christmas were Mrs. Turney Casey and children and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican. They visited Mrs. Casey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Schooley, and other relatives. The Buddy Millicans came from Mountain Home for a visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Lawrence Higgins, accompanied by Paul Isbell of Midland, attended Georgia Tech-Arkansas game in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas on New Years. Lawrence said the Razorbacks looked pretty fair the first half, but really not in a class with the Ramblin' Wrecks.

C. M. Byrd reports that his wife is considerably improved and is able to be up much of the time. The Byrds are staying with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John R. McClure, who reside on the Robert Lee Road at the north edge of San Angelo.

Work After Dark To Hold Expiring Union Oil Lease

Some fast action took place here late Wednesday. Representatives of the Hall-Stewart Drilling Co. arrived in Robert Lee late in the afternoon and announced they had staked a location on Mrs. J. B. McCutchen in the southwest corner of Section 421, 7 miles northeast of Robert Lee.

It was well after dark before the location was made and Burl Childress put a bulldozer at work preparing the drilling site. Why such a hurry? The lease on 2½ sections of Mrs. McCutchen's land expired Jan. 6.

Hall-Stewart will make the test on a farmout from Union Oil Co. It is 1½ miles from production in the McCutchen field east of Robert Lee.

Union has a lease on T. G. Stinebaugh's 480 acres in Section 435 which expires Jan. 10. Its southwest corner is less than a half mile from production.

The many friends of Mrs. W. M. Millican of Edith will be pleased to learn that she is back home and doing quite well after spending several weeks recently in Seely Hospital in Galveston.

Want Ads

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Coke County will accept bids for one 115 horsepower Motor Grader to be equipped with steering booster, six 1200 x 24 tires, cab and heater.

The County will trade in one used Caterpillar No. 12 Motor Grader.

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NOTICE — I am still representative for Avon cosmetics. New phone number 7722. Mrs. Jim Greer. 32w4p

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McNeil Wylie Writes Letter From Lubbock

Jan. 1, 1955
4807 Canton Ave
Lubbock, Texas
Robert Lee Observer
Robert Lee, Texas
Dear Friend Kirk:

Please keep the Robert Lee Observer in the mail. You know after a fellow has lived in a county for 53 years it is hard to get away from it, and your paper helps to bring Coke County into our home.

There is not much to ask for your paper keeps me informed of the happenings of Robert Lee and Coke County and there is not much to tell for I never go any where or see many people. However there are several people in Lubbock that formerly lived in Coke and I see them once in a while. I have not worked any since I left Robert Lee. There is not much that I can do.

Weta and Jane are both doing OK. Jane is as tall as her daddy, quite a young lady.

I was sorry that I did not get to see you on my last trip to Robert Lee, but I was in town only for about an hour. I may be back some time in the near future and will make your place then. — As ever, McNeil Wylie.

Finances, Water Chief Problems Of Legislators

Water and its conservation, a "general housecleaning" and fund raising top the list of projects of West Texas lawmakers now packing for a trip to Austin and the 54th session of the Texas Legislature.

SPENDING TOP ISSUE

Rep. A. J. Bishop Jr. of Winters, thinks that increased demands on spending will be the top issue.

Bishop, a farmer, is representative of the 77th District which includes Coke, Runnels, Coleman and Concho counties.

He said he doesn't know where the additional money is going to come from to meet increased demands which include maintenance and long range planning finances for the State Highway Department and additional money sought by state hospitals and other groups.

Conservation of water, which is of particular importance to West Texas, will be, in his opinion, one of the top subjects. "Nine major bills are already in the making in addition to a number of local bills."

He is a member of the Military Veterans Affairs committee and was one of the four men who sponsored a bill to include the Korean veterans in the state land program.

He feels that there should be a complete airing of everything involved in the land program, but the program as a whole is essentially good. Bishop said there may be some places where it has not been administered properly.

BUT KEEP IT GOING

He favors legislation to correct any unfairness in the law and called for a new appropriation to keep the program going.

He doesn't expect segregation to become much of an issue this session.

The comic book problem has, Bishop believes, been pretty well solved by public opinion and cooperation by dealers.

He said he had received a great deal of literature which indicated the driver education and increase in Highway Patrol strength will be pushed. He expects the traffic problem to get quite a bit of attention.

Bishop plans to go to Austin Jan. 8 or 9. He is single.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greer have moved out to Edith to make their home with P. W. Millican. Jim will continue to work for Fred Roe and his wife will also remain as the Avon cosmetics representative in this territory.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Thomas came out from Dallas for a New Years visit in the parental Jim Blair home. Mrs. Thomas is the former Madelle Blair. Mr. Thomas is employed in the Chance-Vought airplane factory, and are moving from Dallas to Arlington. While here Mr. and Mrs. Thomas visited The Observer office and renewed their subscription.

C. R. Shipman and wife of Grand Prairie were here for a weekend visit with their son, Rev. James C. Shipman, and family. They were accompanied by another son, Joe Shipman, and family. The latter Mr. Shipman is a building contractor and plans to return to Robert Lee to check on some building projects.



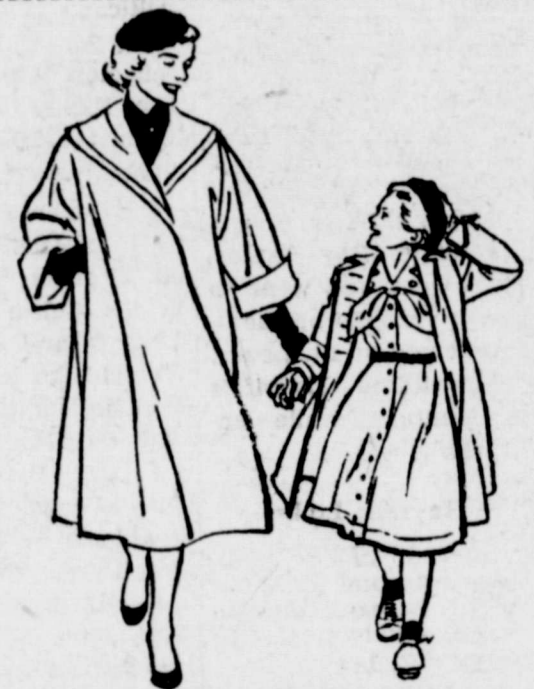
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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

SILVER NEWS

Silver is growing and more houses are needed. An adequate water supply is holding us back more than anything else.

Bobbie Hatley of Robert Lee is opening a barber shop this week in the Anderson building.

Sun Cafe, owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson, has been leased to Henry J. Skrabonek of Iraan, effective Jan. 1. He is an experienced restaurant man. Mr. Skrabonek will move his family here as soon as living quarters can be found. Anyone having a vacant ranch house which is for rent, is requested to contact Mr. Skrabonek.

The Hale Kincaids were in Dallas for the Cotton Bowl football game on New Years Day.

Mrs. Mildred Livensparger and son, Richard, leave the last of the week for their home in Mansfield, Ohio, after a ten days visit with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson.

The Charlie Kennedy family enjoyed a holiday visit with Mrs. Kennedy's kinfolks at Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Carden and children have returned from a holiday visit with relatives in Cleburne and other points in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson enjoyed having their three daughters home for Christmas. They are Donna Jean Jameson of San Angelo, Mrs. Susie Wilson of Midland and Mrs. Buzzy Thorp and husband of Throckmorton. The Thorps are moving to Dixon, Tenn. where Buzzy will be employed by Ridgela Angus Farms. He is a graduate of Texas Tech and majored in animal husbandry. Mrs. Thorp is the former Billie Fred Jameson.

R. G. Henderson of Colorado City is a new Sun employee, having started here Dec. 27 as a roustabout at Jameson gas plant.

Don Hull and his wife have moved to Delmita in Starr County. He is a construction engineer and for the past two years was employed on projects here for Sun's gas department.

Sun Pipeline officials visiting here Tuesday were J. T. Butterfield, general superintendent, and J. B. Turner, chief engineer, both of Beaumont.

Rabon Martindale and family visited over the New Years weekend with relatives in Lufkin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Farr are parents of a 7-pound son born last Thursday in the Colorado City hospital. He has a sister, 5 years old. Mr. Farr is an employee of Sun Pipeline Co.

Elton McClusky has returned to his studies at LaMar College in Beaumont. While home for the holidays he underwent an appendectomy at the Colorado City hospital and made a speedy recovery.

Sonny Palmer has returned to A & M College, where he is a freshman, after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Palmer.

A New Years Eve Party at Sun Rec Hall for Sun employees also

served as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Branch. The popular couple was presented with an electric coffee maker and two pieces of luggage. Bill has been stationed in Silver the past year as a petroleum engineer and is being transferred to Sun's district office in Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Branch and two little daughters moved the first of the week. They will reside at 1208 East Cedar St., Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ramsey and children visited over New Years with Mrs. Ramsey's folks at Terrell. When they started home Sunday, Donna Jo, one of the twin daughters, became ill and their return was delayed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clendennen and son, Coy, of Gila, New Mex., were holiday guests of their son and brother, Ernest Clendennen and family, and with their daughter and sister, Mrs. S. C. Gibson, and family. Also joining the group was Ernest's sister, Mrs. Goldie Loggins, and children of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen entertained their children and their families over Christmas.

Miss Christine Johnson and Mrs. Frank Devlin of Duluth, Minn., came for a holiday visit with the O. W. Newells. Mrs. Devlin will remain here for some time.

Mrs. M. J. Bearden and son, Ramsey, of Lockport visited here over Christmas with her brother, C. A. Ramsey, and family and with her parents at Forsan and another brother in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lyle and son, Ronny, spent a few days during Christmas week with relatives in Oklahoma. They visited his parents in Sulphur and went on to Cushing to be with Mrs. Lyle's kinfolks. Mrs. Pearl Smith of Cushing, Mrs. Lyle's mother, accompanied them home and is enjoying a stay in Silver.

Mrs. Earl Boggus returned recently from a month's stay with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mowbray at Sidney, Mont. She accompanied the Mowbrays when they moved to Montana around the last of November.

PERSONALS

A happy family gathering occurred Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Read. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keyes and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donny Edwards and son, Lee, of Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek, who spend most of their time on their 360 acre grass farm near Goldthwaite, were here for the weekend. Millard is running a herd of goats and is getting along without buying any feed. Their son-in-law, Sonny Weathers, has bought an adjoining farm and expects to move there with his family in the near future.

John Conley and Willis Wayne Smith motored to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl football game on New Years Day.

What's the new news in '55 cars?

Is it V-8 Power?

Ford has had it since 1932

Is it Ball-Joint Suspension?

Ford had it in 1954

Is it hood-high fenders?

Ford introduced them in 1952

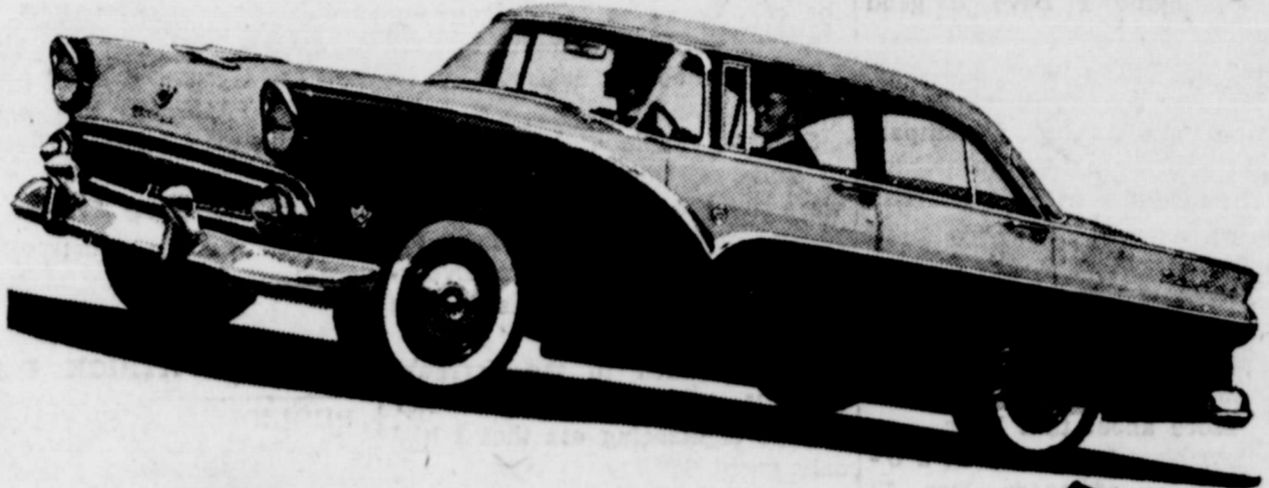
Is it suspended pedals?

Ford introduced them in 1952

Is it oil and battery signal lights, curved instrument panel, rotary door latches,

push-button door handles, power-lifts for all windows, Overdrive, Hotchkiss Drive?

Ford has had all of them, too!

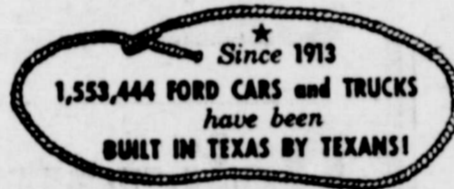


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Overdrafts	375.08	Surplus	50,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	1,269.08	Undivided Profits	8,463.41
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	2,100.00	Reserves	2,500.00
CCC Cotton Loans	3,152.97	Deposits	1,395,948.79
U. S. Securities	394,480.00		
State and County Securities	134,760.78		
Cash and Exchange	545,938.10		
TOTAL	\$1,491,912.20	TOTAL	\$1,491,912.20

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TEXAS

Editor's Son Tommy Writes From Germany

Funari Barracks
Christmas Day

Dear Dad:

Seems like a long time since I have written last but I guess it has only been a couple of weeks. There wasn't any use to write aboard ship because the letters wouldn't go out until we reached land.

Well I am at present located at Mannheim in one of the many army camps which are located in this area. Most of them are scattered around the outskirts of the cities and are not too large. I am not assigned as of yet to any unit but I imagine I have a good chance to stay here in Funari Barracks, the Hq. of the 34th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade. It is a large headquarters and is comparable to a division hq. Only three of our cadremen weren't assigned when we arrived. The rest were taken to their many outfits as soon as we arrived and they were split up. I told you before that I thought we might go to Heidleberg. Well it is only 8 miles from here. More about that later.

We left New York City at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, Dec. 13 (Carrier Co. No. 13 on the 13th — lucky number 13). We stopped in South Hampton, Eng., Tuesday, 8 days later and left there the following morning. The trip to England was extraordinarily smooth with the exception of the 3rd day out of New York. The weather was nice and warm and the water was calm. Very unusual for this time of year. But when we left England and got out into the North Sea, it was a different story. The day before it was the worst weather in several years. Anyway we got into the tail end of the storm which was enough for most of us. Perhaps you have read about it in the papers.

Docking in Bremerhaven was a problem, too, since the waves were going over the sea wall taking our ship along with them. There were 3 tug boats that were pulling in the opposite direction. I guess you could say we didn't land but were washed ashore. We arrived at 2:50 p. m. Thursday at Bremerhaven. Our train was waiting right where we got off the boat. We left there around 3 that afternoon on a military transportation corp. train. It was a great surprise to us that it was a Pullman type so we got plenty of sleep that night. We arrived in Mannheim early yesterday morning. Actually we are located in Mannheim close to the edge of the city.

I'm living in a four-story former German army barracks building. It was one of the few buildings around here that wasn't demolished during the war. It is a large building housing all of the headquarters of the 34th plus mess facilities and housing facilities for Hq. personnel.

Yesterday afternoon, my 1st sgt. did some fast talking and we got passes for the rest of the day.

First step was Mannheim where we exchanged our military scrip for German marks. Then the sight seeing began. Mannheim was almost completely destroyed although it has been greatly rebuilt the last few years. I would guess that between 25 and 50% of the city is still in ruins. The loose debris has been removed but the empty shells of burned and bombed buildings, some of which seem to be precariously standing in the air, still are to be found everywhere.

Many new buildings have taken the place of those completely destroyed. Civilian housing projects are numerous too. I was surprised to find the lack of snow at this time of year here. The weather was ideal too. Since the grass is

some kind of rye grass, everything is green. Although the trees have lost their leaves it looks like spring.

The shops and stores have displays the same as any to be found in the States. Much of the merchandise is as fine as that of ours and in some cases superior. Clothing stores had very stylish clothes for sale. On the streets you could see that the cars were more numerous than bicycles which used to be about the only form of transportation the people had. Many new cars too. They are mostly small cars but the new models are larger and fashioned after the American styles.

Later in the evening, we took a train to Heidleberg. Heidleberg was not bombed during the war. It was beautiful, as I had expected, and the city is built at the foot of the mountains in a valley where the Necker River flows. I'll tell you more about it later. We had supper there.

Spent a couple of hours talking to some ex German soldiers who were in the old German army. Many Germans speak English so it is not hard to talk to them. Everyone had a good time as it was Christmas Eve.

We got back to the barracks about 11 o'clock. I found that after a days sightseeing etc that I had only spent \$5.00 so it wasn't very expensive.

I'm not doing much of anything today. Went over to the service club this morning. Had a wonderful turkey dinner this noon and more turkey for supper tonight. I'm so full right now that I'm expecting to explode any minute.

It's been a long time since I've heard about what's happening in Robert Lee so give me all the news. Send me the copies of The Observer I've missed, too.

It's about time that I closed this letter or it's going to take more than the one air mail stamp that I have. Take care of yourself.—Love, Tommy.

My address is:
Pfc. Thomas O. Kirkpatrick
US 54 128 053
Hq. Btry. 34th AAA Brigade
APO 166, New York, N. Y.

LOCAL NEWS

Fred McDonald, Jr. and family returned Monday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown at White-wright. Mrs. Brown is the former Mrs. O. V. Looney and is Mrs. McDonald's mother. Matthew Caperton and daughter, Janet, of Bronte were also at Whitewright over the weekend, Matthew having delivered a new Chevrolet to his mother-in-law.

Mrs. Turney Casey and Mrs. O. E. Duke motored to Mountain Home last week for a short visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican. Returning home with them after a week's visit with their brother-in-law and sister were Dian and Phebe Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker had all their children at home for a Christmas gathering. They included Mr. and Mrs. Duane Conger and Debbie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and Linda of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Varnadore and Billy and Helen K. of Mertzson, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker, Jr. and Sharon and Becky, and Ralph Walker of Robert Lee. Both Mrs. Conger and Mrs. Hardin had been here prior to Christmas because of their parents' illness. Both Mr. and Mrs. Walker are reported to be much better this week.

Cpl. and Mrs. Gene Hinnard and baby daughter, Cookie, left Wednesday after a visit over the holidays with Mrs. Hinnard's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan, Cpl. Hinnard is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and will complete his two years of service the latter part of January.

Methodist Church Notes

Construction is scheduled to begin by the first of next week on the Methodist educational building. Contract for the building, awarded to Chester Richie of Brady, low bidder at \$8,000.00, calls for a 20' x 70' haydite block structure with a 30' covered walkway extending to the present building. There will be four rooms housing classes of the Children's Division. Reverend Warren Ellis attended a special session of the Southwest Texas Conference in San Antonio last Monday afternoon which was called to consider establishing a Methodist Hospital and Medical Center in San Antonio. The resolution to effect the plan was passed unanimously, but the city of San Antonio was asked and has agreed to accept the major portion of the hospital's building cost, estimated at \$3,500,000.00. By the Conference vote the Methodist Church of the

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Southwest Texas Conference assumes the task of administering and operating the hospital. If built as planned this hospital will be one of the most modern and well-equipped medical centers in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown were happy to have their three children with them over the Christmas holiday period. They included Capt. and Mrs. Natham Douthit and son, Les, of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Pritch Brown of Delmita and Cpl. and Mrs. Dale Brown and daughter, Marsha, of San Antonio. Dale is stationed at Fort Sam Houston and is due for discharge Jan. 29.

Returning to their studies at Texas Tech in Lubbock after spending the holidays with home folks were Don Fields, Lyndon Waldrop, Eileen Vaughan and Bill Casey.

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