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Stiff Drills For Football Squad

Charles Dennis, new coach of the Robert Lee Steers, has a squad of 26 working out in their first week of football. The boys are working hard and long (something new for Robert Lee) and should round into good physical trim rapidly.

More than half the squad have had experience and it can be said without boasting that prospects are bright for strong team this season.

Dennis has been drilling on the fundamentals of blocking and tackling, but only a few plays have been run. There will be little scrimmage until Monday. The coach says every man is looking good. "If the boys keep up the way they are starting out, we'll be ready for Sonora next week," Dennis told The Observer.

No definite assignments for the various team positions have been made. The 1950 Steer machine is being entirely rebuilt, and there will be plenty of competition for every one of the 11 berths.

The Steers open Friday of next week at Sonora, one of the best clubs that will be met all season. The schedule appears on this page.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dean came from Weatherford the last of the week for a visit with relatives and friends. The former returned home Monday, while Mrs. Dean remained to help care for her new granddaughter in the Bobby Baker home.

Mrs. Gail Britt came from Dallas on Saturday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen.

Coke Receives Generous Showers

Coke county enjoyed good rains over the Labor Day weekend. Amounts vary considerably, but most every section received an inch or more.

Heaviest rainfall is reported by Vic Collett at the Weaver ranch south of Robert Lee. His gauge measured 5.8 inches. Around Edith more than two inches was reported.

The rains will be of great benefit to pastures and late feed and cotton. It will also make good seasoning for the planting of small grain.

Charles Escue, Former Resident, Buried Here

Graveside services for Charles Escue, former Robert Lee resident, were held Tuesday morning at the Robert Lee cemetery. He died Saturday night at his home in Kilgore of a heart attack. The body was brought overland by the Clift funeral coach.

Mr. Escue was born in Cleburne, Texas. His wife was the former Carrie Turney of Robert Lee. He resided in Coke county a number of years ago and recently had been engaged in the oil business in East Texas.

Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Mrs. Paul Twyman of Del Rio; two sons, Charles Escue, Jr. serving in Japan, and Finis Escue of Snyder; a sister, Mrs. L. M. Service of Robert Lee; a brother, Wylie B. Escue of San Francisco, Calif., and a half-sister, Tossie Mercer of London, Tex.

He was a brother of the late John Escue, who passed away a few months ago.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Counts are parents of a daughter born Aug. 30 at a San Angelo hospital. The infant weighed six pounds, three ounces and has been named Jacqueline Beatrice. Mother and daughter are doing nicely and were brought to their home in Robert Lee on Sunday. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Counts.

Proud parents of their first child are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker of Robert Lee. Their infant daughter, Cynthia Dianne, was born at 10 a. m. Sept. 1 at a San Angelo hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, four ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dean of Weatherford.

Houston Firm Buys Varnadore Oil Co.

Varnadore Oil Co. has sold its wholesale bulk plants at Robert Lee and Snyder to Petroleum Distributing Co. of Houston.

The transaction includes a warehouse, loading dock and residence property at Snyder and a warehouse and tanks in Robert Lee. Also a good sized stock of lubricating oil, a large transport and a bobtail tank truck, two stake body trucks, a pickup and livestock trailer.

The business was owned by the Varnadore brothers, Clell and Morris, and their brother-in-law, Wilton Scott Morris has sold his entire share in the partnership, while Clell Varnadore and Wilton Scott retain ownership of the service stations in Robert Lee and Winters.

Ocie Devoll and Sam Fowler will be in charge of the Robert Lee business for the new firm, servicing oil field equipment and the farm trade in this locality.

Started four years ago, the Varnadore company made a rapid growth. They got in on the ground floor with Sun Oil Co. and have serviced drilling rigs working for Sun in a number of surrounding counties. Last week they were furnishing oil for 27 drilling units on Sun leases.

Ball Game Sept. 17

Robert Lee is planning a wind-up of the base ball season on Sunday, Sept. 17. Miles or Forsan will be matched against the Rabbit Twisters. The game will be a benefit affair. About \$50 is needed to pay outside equipment bills and a purse will go to Clarence Tinkler, local pitching star. It will be "Clarence Tinkler Day."

For Sale—20-ft. house trailer, air conditioner, excellent condition. See Kermit Hardcastle, block east of gin. 13tf

Cotton Bringing Over \$200 Bale

Cotton harvest has been curtailed this week by rains, but pickers will be in the fields again the end of this week.

The Robert Lee gin got off to a good start last week, earlier than usual. Thirty-two bales have been turned out by the local plant which has been entirely rebuilt.

Farmers this year are finding a cash market for their cotton and the price is good, too. A bale of cotton and the farmers pay for the seed will run to more than \$200.

The Coke county cotton crop is average or better.

Both Bridges Out; Traffic Delayed

With bridges out of commission over the Colorado River both south and west of Robert Lee, traffic here has been badly interrupted this week.

While the bridge at the south edge of town is being repaired, a low water crossing has been in use a half mile down stream. However, recent rains caused a several foot rise in the river and traffic is being routed through Bronte.

A truck owned by H & L Truck Co. here went through the floor of the bridge 3 miles west of town Wednesday forenoon. The machine, a K-11 5-ton International, was coming into town empty. It was driven by Curley Adkins.

Several of the bridge planks gave way, the machine being prevented from falling into the swollen river 35 feet below by steel cross braces. County workers were repairing the bridge Thursday and it should be open to traffic today.

The two-way tie-up prevented the Green Mountain school bus from making its run from Edith. Bob Read, who has a mail route to the west, went around the Bronte bridge and served his patrons Thursday.

Normal Enrollment As School Opens

Robert Lee schools opened Monday with a total enrollment of 335, which is about the same figure as last year, according to Supt. B. C. Goodwin.

Two teachers were unable to start the term this week because of illness. They are Mrs. Sam Powell, primary, and Miss Myrtle Hurley, 4th grade. Both are expected to take up their work soon.

Mrs. Carroll Russell is teaching the 4th grade, and Mrs. Jeff Dean the beginners.

Supt. Goodwin says he hopes to secure a music teacher within another week.

Deputy Sheriff Quits

O. B. Jacobs, deputy sheriff the past three years in the office of Paul Good, resigned his position the first of the month. He said he wanted to get outside and will be able to make more money. He was paid \$2,400 per year by the county. O. B. went to work Monday as a roughneck on the Ray-Harris drilling rig at Silver. Sheriff Paul Good says Jacobs was a fine deputy and he sure hated to have him resign. A new deputy has not been named.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek attended the Young family reunion held at the R. A. Perry home in Miles on Sunday.

Bronte Variety Store

Harry Porter of Robert Lee will open his new Variety Store in Bronte on Saturday of this week. The store is complete with a brand new stock and fixtures and is patterned after the Robert Lee Variety Store which Mr. Porter opened a year ago. Favors will be given everyone who attends the opening on Saturday and there will be merchandise specials.

Concho Station Sold

J. W. Denman and Roy Tinkler have sold their lease on the Concho station at the Y Courts to Delmir Morris Sheppard. The business changed hands Sept. 1 and Tinkler is helping the new owner for a short time. Roy expects a draft call before long. Mr. Denman has not announced his future plans.

Daisy McCutchen Gets 2nd Producer

A north extension of the newly opened McCutchen field, five miles east of Robert Lee, was indicated this week when Union's No. 2 B Daisy McCutchen flowed at the rate of 35 barrels of oil per hour on a drillstem test.

The tool was open 30 minutes for the test made Wednesday, and a pressure of 1,605 pounds was indicated. The hole was bottomed at 3,890 feet, after penetrating an 8 to 12 foot pay section in Cisco sand.

Thursday afternoon 5 1/2 inch casing was cemented to the bottom. The pipe will be perforated Sunday or Monday.

Union No. 2-B Daisy McCutchen is a north offset to the recent discovery producer. The test was the center of local interest, since dry offsets had been drilled to both the west and south.

Union officials had not decided Thursday where the next location will be staked. They will have a forced offset to the west on land owned by Jim McCutchen and Bert Smalley, while they may go north or east on the Daisy McCutchen lease.

Waldrop at 4,228 Ft.

Lion Oil Co. No. 1 Waldrop, wildcat near Hayrick Mountain, was drilling Thursday morning at 4,228 feet in shale.

A Correction

Another sister of the late John L. Ross not given in the story of his life elsewhere in this paper, is Mrs. Oscar (Mary) Russell of Blackwell. Robert Lee folks attending the Ross funeral at Sweetwater Monday were B. C. Goodwin and P. E. Webb and their wives, H. C. Allen, Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell and the Rev. Ray Lee, who gave the sermon.

For Sale or Rent—3 room house, lights and water, partly furnished. Geo. W. Hale. 13w2p

For Sale—Dining room suite, buffet, table and four chairs, \$35. Mrs. Fred Asher Silver. p

Robert Lee Steers 1950 Football Schedule District 6 B

Date	Opponent	Game Site	Kind
Sept. 15	Sonora	Sonora	Non-Conf.
Sept. 22	Bronte	Bronte	Non-Conf.
Sept. 29	Miles	Robert Lee	Non-Conf.
Oct. 6	San Angelo B	Robert Lee	Non-Conf.
Oct. 13	Hobbs	Hobbs	Conf.
Oct. 20	Loraine	Loraine	Conf.
Oct. 27	Hermleigh	Robert Lee	Conf.
Nov. 3	Coahoma	Coahoma	Conf.
Nov. 10	Stanton	Robert Lee	Conf.
Nov. 23	Bronte	Robert Lee	Conf.

Sun Oil Company Has 2 New Coke County Producers

A new producer southwest of Silver is Sun No. 12 Jewell Brannan which has been finaled for a 24-hour flow of 229 barrels of oil. The hole was treated with 5,000 gallons of acid.

No. 12 Brannan topped the reef at 6,068 feet and was bottomed at 6,329 feet in tight lime. There were 500 pounds tubing pressure and 950 pounds on the casing. Gas-oil ratio is 1,746-1.

New Mathers Location

Baker-Taylor Drilling Co. moved its rotary equipment from Brannan 12 to Sun No. 6. C. E. Mathers in the same area. Location is east of Mathers No. 5 and north of No. 3, both producers.

Surface pipe was cemented at 530 feet and plugs were to be drilled out Thursday.

Sun No. 7 Homer Jameson, southwest of Silver, was drilling in shale at 4,380 feet Thursday.

Davidson 7 Flows

In the Millican field west and north of Edith, Sun No. 7 G. W. Davidson flowed 121 barrels during a 12-hour test ending Thursday morning. Gauge was through a 5-16ths inch choke. Pressures were 150 pounds on the tubing and 1,100 casing.

The Morris & Hamilton rig was released Thursday and will move one location north to Foster Sims Price A 1. The new location is 1,320 feet north of Sun Davidson No. 7 and is in the southwest corner of Sect on 151.

Sun No. 9 Annie L. Cummings was drilling at 5,627 feet in shale.

In Nolan County

Sun No. 1 Maddox in southern Nolan county pumped 15 barrels of oil daily. Five hundred gallons of acid were dumped down the casing, but pump rods had to be pulled for cleaning and results of the treatment have not been determined.

Sun No. 1 Eunice Paramore, 3 miles west and one mile north of the Maddox location, is building derrick. Warren & Bradshaw are the drilling contractors.

Coke County Hospital News

Sept. 1—Mrs. G. W. Davidson admitted and later dismissed.

Sept. 4—A. J. Bilbo admitted.

Sept. 5—Fred L. Jones, Jr. admitted. A. J. Bilbo dismissed.

Sept. 6—Fred L. Jones, Jr., Carolyn Box and Mrs. J. C. Slaughter dismissed.

Sept. 7—Mrs. J. C. Strickland dismissed.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vestal and daughter, Joan, were over from Ballinger Sunday and visited in the Ell Hatley and J. I. Murtishaw homes.

The J. B. Mauldins, Mrs. Olene Snoddy and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith joined the Lammers family and other relatives in a picnic Sunday at the Bronte Park. Also present for the affair were Mrs. J. C. McDonald of Gatesville, J. B. Mauldin, Jr. and family of Belton and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lammers of Houston.

Coke County 4-H Boys Make Trip To Davis Mts.

Ten 4-H Club boys and County Agent T. B. Hicks made a trip to the Davis Mountains Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 28-30.

They carried full camping equipment and slept out under the stars each night. The first day they reached Ft. Stockton where they enjoyed swimming in Comanche Springs swimming pool. From there they went on to visit Old Ft. Davis and McDonald's Observatory and spent the night above the 6000 feet level in beautiful Madiera Canyon.

Wednesday they continued their trip around the Scenic Loop to see the famous Rock Pile and Saw Tooth Mountain. By driving hard they reached Balmorhea State Park in time to take a swim in the largest outdoor swimming pool in the U. S. before dinner. From there they drove through the Pecos Valley irrigation district and on back home.

Those boys making the trip were: Gerald Clint Harmon, Bill Simpson, Morgan and Byron Russell, Jim Cox, Tommy Jett Hood, Lloyd Sparks, Gail Lammers, Willard Smith and Wayne Arrott, who served as junior leader.

Any boy who has a 4-H demonstration or has finished one this year was eligible to make the trip. Expenses for the trip were paid from the Boys 4-H Club fund.

SILVER NEWS

Had Interesting Trip

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Butcher and Bonnie returned recently from a two weeks vacation trip. They visited in Des Moines, Iowa, with Mrs. Butcher's sister and family, the R. W. Knotts, and in St. Louis, Mo., where they were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Gardie, and Mr. Butcher's brother and family, the T. K. Butchers.

Sight seeing trips took the group to various points, but most interesting were Shaw's Garden and the St. Louis zoo. Some years ago a Mr. Shaw, who was quite wealthy, bequeathed a large sum of money for the establishment and upkeep of a garden in St. Louis. In this garden are to be found all kinds of plants and trees from all over the world, and it takes a good day to go through and see it all.

Information such as kind native country, by whom donated, etc., are to be found near each specimen. All trees and plants not

native to this country are grouped together in green houses which are steam heated to keep the temperature the same as their native climates. All sizes are planted together to save space, and all trees, plants and flowers that blossom the same time are also in similar groups.

At the zoo the elephant, monkey and lion shows are given twice daily. There are many other animals which would take hours to see. All species of snakes, birds, fish, etc. are in quarters fixed up as near native as possible. The Butcher family went through the zoo at feeding time and found it highly interesting.

The T. Z. Phillips family recently moved here from Bronte and are residing in a house on the R. B. Allen place. Mrs. Phillips is employed at the Odom Drug.

Boy Scout Troop No. 46 of Silver won first place in the senior division of the recent Colorado River District Swimming Meet at San Angelo. Taking part for Silver were Bobby Odom, Don and Dick Asher, Dave Gassiot, T. C. and Willie L. Coffey, T. J. Walls, Richard Howlett and Lane McGee. H. R. Gassiot of Silver was one of the judges.

Folks You Know

Mrs. Billie Pharis has accepted a position in the Farris City Drug Store, succeeding Juanice Childress, who will re-enter high school next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson returned Wednesday from Belton, Mo., where they attended an Angus cattle sale.

Travis Hicks, Jr. visited his father here the last of the week. He has been doing engineering work on a pipeline near Snyder and leaves this week for Lubbock to enter Texas Tech. Travis had his college work interrupted by the war and is going back after a lapse of ten years. He will major in agriculture.

Personals

(For Last Week)

A. J. Bilbo left last Thursday for Alpine where he joined his sister, Mrs. Lillian Turney, on a vacation trip to Elephant Butte Dam in New Mexico. Mrs. Turney's daughter, Mrs. John Simpson, and Johnnie Mac are also in the party.

Bill Herron of Bronte, who played on the Robert Lee base ball team this summer, left Tuesday for Austin here he will attend the state university. He reported early as he will go out for football. Bill was a star athlete in high school and at San Angelo college.

Miss Lynda Hassell of Eastland, popular Robert Lee high school teacher last year, was a weekend guest in the home of Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell. Miss Hassell was enroute to San Antonio where she will take examination for hostess with the American Air Lines.

Mrs. Ray Fritts of Sterling City was in Robert Lee Wednesday of last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Carol Reed.

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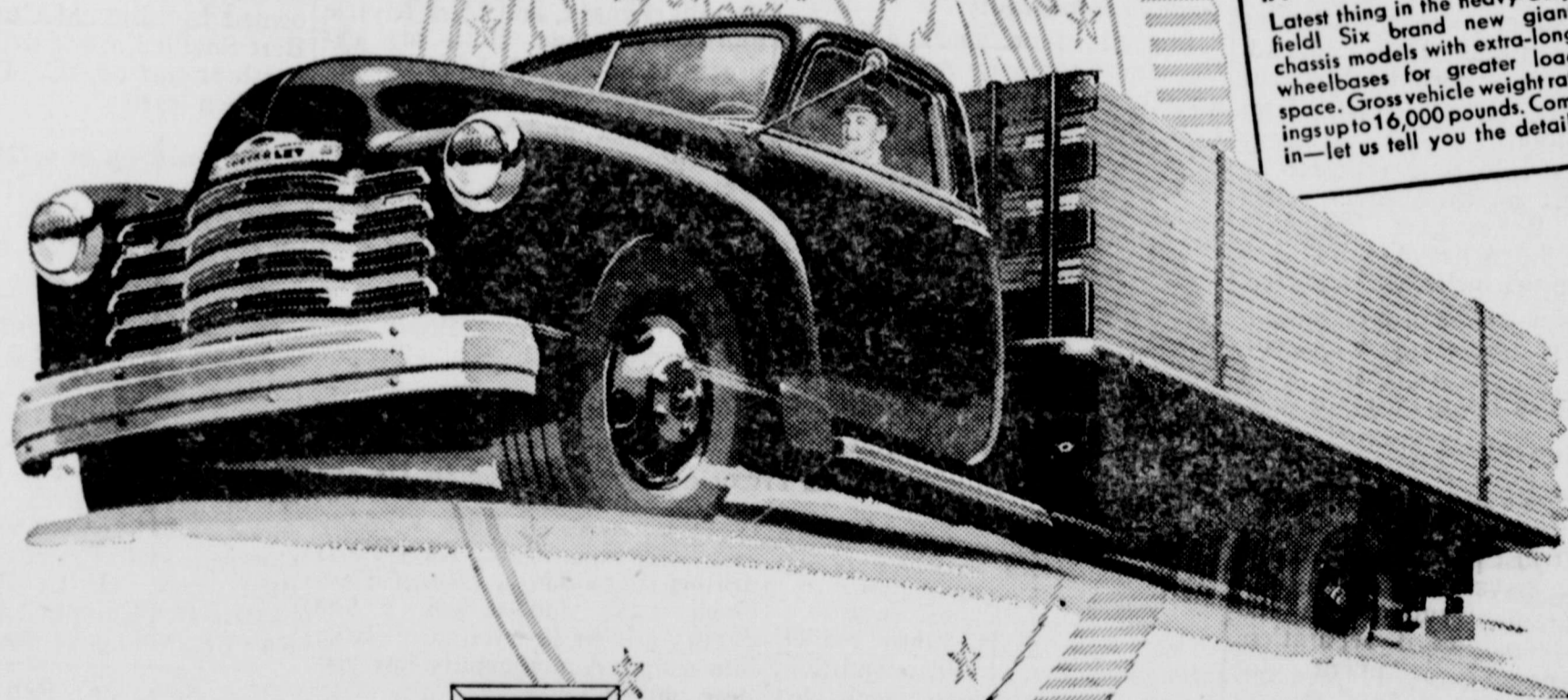
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SILVER NEWS

A new comer to Silver and a transfer from Delhi, La. is Bill Houtchens, a roust-about for Sun's production department. He is an ex-student of T.C.U., a member of the Christian Church, and has been with Sun Oil Co. for two years. He served as a pilot in the army air corp in World War II and spent a year in the South Pacific with the 13th Air Force.

Bill's parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Houtchens of Dallas. His father is a chemistry and biology teacher in the Woodrow Wilson high school. Before moving to Dallas, the family lived in Livingston, Tenn., where the elder Houtchens was superintendent of the Livingston Academy which was a Home Mission of United Christian Missionary Society and served in this capacity for ten years.

Drew Kennard made a trip to Dallas over the weekend and visited his parents, the S. A. Kennards.

Recent guests of the Ray Sparks family were Mrs. Elsie Davis and Foy O'Bryant of San Angelo. Mrs. Davis will be remembered by the old timers here as Elsie Goss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Goss who resided in the Sanco community.

Gerald Millican is at home with his parents, the D. M. Millicans. He will return to Lubbock soon to begin his senior work at Texas Tech.

Mrs. Jodine Willis of Salinas, Calif. is here for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jones.

Willie I. Tubb is a patient in the Robert Lee Hospital and is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

Bill Gassiot, a recent H.S.U. grad and son of the H. R. Gassiots, left Sunday for Divide where he will teach mathematics in the high school this year.

Mrs. Ramey Jameson and Brenda returned Monday from Hamilton where they visited relatives.

Mrs. Bill Vanderland and girls of Odessa were here recently visiting the J. B. Walker, Jr. family. Mrs. Walker and children returned home with her sister for a few days visit.

Returning Friday from a vacation in Colorado were the H. H. Jamesons, John Walkers and J. P. Jamesons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson are at home after a trip through ten states. Mrs. Paul Livensparger and Richard, whom they visited in Mansfield, Ohio, came home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAuley of Gulf Camp were here recently visiting the F. A. Whitt and E. E. Bussey families. The Whitts returned home with them for a few days visit.

Barbara Keener of Abilene spent the weekend at home with her parents, the H. W. Keeners.

Esther Allen is at home after

spending a couple of weeks in San Angelo.

A birthday party for Wayne Smith on his 9th birthday was given Friday afternoon, Sept. 1, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doey Smith. Games were played and ice cream and cake were served to 18 children and sixteen ladies.

Mrs. Jack Mowbray has returned from a visit in the J. B. Hamilton home in Midland. Mrs. Hamilton entertained her guests at a luncheon at the Petroleum Club where ten ladies were present.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman have ordered a year's subscription as a birthday gift for their daughter, Mrs. J. E. (Georgia Lou) Turner, of Artesia, New Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay returned Monday to their home at Lubbock after a weekend visit in the parental A. J. Bilbo home. They were accompanied to Lubbock by Charles Bessent and Bobbie Hatley, who had also visited Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Danford have moved to Sherwood where they are operating a 50-acre farm recently acquired by their son-in-law, Bill Ratliff. The land is irrigated by water from Spring Creek and improvements include an excellent modern home. The Danfords retain their place near Edith and will continue to run sheep and cattle there.

Visiting over the weekend in San Antonio were Mrs. J. A. Waldrop and Gladys and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Labenske. Mrs. Waldrop was a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Terry, and the Labenskies visited his brother, Walter.

Mrs. Mattie Tinkler has gone to Chicago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Robert Large, and family. She accompanied Robert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Large, of San Angelo who made the trip by auto.

Buys Registered Rams

G. C. Allen, Robert Lee banker and ranchman, purchased ten head of registered Rambouillet rams at the San Angelo sale last week. They are fine big yearlings and were raised on the Pauly Ranch in Montana. The sale price was \$97.50 per head. Mr. Allen runs 130 head of registered Rambouillet ewes in addition to his commercial herd.

Female Beer Runner

A second woman in the past two weeks has paid a fine here for running beer through a dry county. Latest offender is Mrs. Louise Rowlett of Sweetwater, apprehended Monday night with 25 cases of suds in her possession. The arrest was made between Orient and Tennyson by Liquor Control authorities. The woman spent the night in the custody of Sheriff Paul Good and paid a fine of \$150 and costs for her freedom in county court Tuesday morning.

NOTICE

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Announcement . .

We have sold our wholesale and bulk plants to Petroleum Distributing Co., who took charge of the business Sept. 1. The new owners will continue to service oil field equipment and the farm trade in the Robert Lee territory.

We have retained the Retail Stations in Robert Lee and Winters and hope to merit your continued patronage.

All charge accounts will be payable at our warehouse office in Robert Lee and we want to close our books within the next thirty days or sooner.

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Farm Bureau Plans District Meetings

Texas Farm Bureau Federation will conduct a series of sub-district meetings throughout the State during September according to announcement today by J. Walter Hammond, Federation president.

A meeting is scheduled for Big Spring, Saturday, September 16, in the Settles Hotel, and another will be held in San Angelo, Monday, September 18, at the Cactus Hotel. Mr. C. H. DeVaney of Coahoma state Farm Bureau director, will preside. Meetings will start at 10:00 A. M. and will be concluded at 3:00 P. M. State and national Farm Bureau officials will be in attendance, Hammond said.

Farm Bureau policies are developed by the membership, Hammond asserted and the series of meetings has been scheduled so that state and national officials may have the benefit of the thinking of farmers and ranchers throughout the state, and at the same time for officials of the organization to give farm people more needed information on the program of the Farm Bureau, its aims and accomplishments.

Every day the business of farming becomes more complicated, Hammond declared, and the need for a stronger Farm Bureau, more necessary. If rural people want a democratic government, fair prices, good roads, a fair tax program, improved educational facilities for their children, and a better rural health program, then they want a strong Farm Bureau in Texas and the Nation, he concluded.

All farmers and ranchers of the area are urged to attend their nearest sub-district meeting.

Folks You Know

Gilford Lord has returned to his former position in the Baker grocery and market, after doing oil field work the past few months.

Talman Millican was given an indefinite deferment when he reported for active duty last week in San Antonio. He was in the Air Force Reserve. Talman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Millican of Robert Lee, has returned to his work as foreman on the Joe Logan Ranch near Sonora.

Mrs. Bryan Ya brough resumed her teaching duties this week in one of the third grade rooms at Lake View. School officials there found her work highly satisfactory.

Stroud Roberts was here from Ozona several days last week. He visited Robert Lee relatives and with his brother-in-law and sister, the Joe Ed Scotts, at Bronte. Stroud is planning to take over operation of his mother's farm near Ft. Chadbourne the coming year.

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Personals

Wallace Clift departed Tuesday of last week to resume his studies at Harvard Law School at Cambridge, Mass. He spent the summer vacation period here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift.

Mrs. H. L. Scott and her mother, Mrs. W. J. Cumbie, left Tuesday for Dallas. Mrs. Scott will buy merchandise for Roach's store, while Mrs. Cumbie will consult a medical specialist. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach and sons who continued to East Texas points to visit relatives.

Miss Ruth Austin, who is employed in a government position at Amarillo spent the Labor Day weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Austin, north of town. Miss Austin recently enjoyed a vacation trip to Washington, D. C., and other eastern points in company with her uncle, John Byrd and wife.

Bob Read and his nephew, Arthur Runnion, enjoyed a week-end outing at Buchanan Dam. They were joined there by Preston Milligan of Austin.

Mrs. Henry Payne of Clovis, New Mex., and daughter, Miss Alene Payne, of Amarillo visited over the weekend with the former's father, Harve Wallace, and other Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Want Ads

For Sale—Seed oats, heat and rye. Fred McDonald Jr.

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Robert Lee Gin Begins 1950 Run

Beginning our 31st year in the cotton ginning business, we are happy to announce that the Robert Lee Gin is now open and ready for business.

In order to serve the farmers of this community in the best possible manner, we have completed extensive improvements in our plant. New electric motors have been installed throughout. Also new cleaners and droppers and all worn parts in the boll machine have been replaced.

We take pride in our work and last year had the best record of any West Texas gin which had its samples graded in the Abilene office. Out of a total of 1,800 bales which we processed there was only one complaint.

We were fortunate in securing the services of Bob McFarland, who operated the Blackwell gin for thirty years. Bob will be at the head of our experienced ginning crew which includes Ed Hickman, Louie Morton, Pete McDonald and Fred McDonald, Jr.

We are anticipating a fair run this season in spite of the dry weather, and will be happy to serve you.

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We are in position this year to pay you the top market price for cotton the day it is ginned. So bring your cotton to us for a first class ginning job, and go home with a check in your pocket.

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Illness Claims

John L. Ross, 77

John L. Ross, 77, well known Robert Lee public official and community leader, died Saturday night at 10:30 at the home of a sister, Mrs. G. J. Couch, in Big Spring.

His death resulted from an illness which had afflicted him a number of years. Last March he was in an auto accident south of town and was treated at a San Angelo hospital. A surgical operation performed a short time later disclosed that he was suffering from an incurable internal disease.

Mr. Ross made a temporary recovery and returned to Robert Lee for a few months and devoted some time to his business. The past few weeks his condition was critical and he had been cared for by the sister in Big Spring and was in the hospital there some of the time.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the First Methodist church in Sweetwater. The Rev. Ray Lee, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist church, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. A. H. Carlton of Big Spring and the Rev. Edwin Kirby of Sweetwater.

Burial was in the Sweetwater cemetery with the Wells funeral home of Roscoe in charge of arrangements. Nephews of Mr. Ross served as pallbearers.

John L. Ross was born in Denton county, Ark., in 1873, and moved with his parents to Coke county in 1890. They settled in the old Ft. Chadbourne community and were prominent in early day activities of the county.

Mr. Ross started teaching school when he was 18, and was superintendent of the Hylton school for

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To John R. Clanton, Defendant in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause; You are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of Coke County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the City of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of Monday 16th day of October, 1950, and answer the petition of Tommy Grace Clanton, Plaintiff, in Cause Number 1848 styled Tommy Grace Clanton vs. John R. Clanton, in which the following persons are plaintiffs: Tommy Grace Clanton, and the following person John R. Clanton, which petition was filed in said Court on the 22nd day of August, 1950, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Plaintiff sues for divorce and alleges residence in Coke County for more than 6 months next preceding date of filing and exhibition of petition and bona fide inhabitance of the State of Texas by plaintiff for more than one year next preceding date of filing petition, plaintiff alleges cruel treatment of plaintiff by defendant consisting of enumerated acts of assault and other misconduct, of defendant just prior to separation alleged to have rendered further living together insupportable and to have occasioned separation, plaintiff prays judgment for divorce and restoration of maiden name.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness Willis Smith, Clerk of the District Court of Coke County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Robert Lee, this 22nd day of August, 1950.

(Seal) Willis Smith,
Clerk of the District Court
of Coke County, Texas.
by Mary Patterson, Deputy
Issued this 22nd day of August,
1950.

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several years. He later served as Nolan county school superintendent.

He returned to Robert Lee four years ago and engaged in the real estate and oil lease business and later became tax assessor-collector for the Robert Lee Independent school district.

Mr. Ross took an active part in community affairs and had a wide circle of admiring friends. He was Sunday School superintendent of the Methodist church, and an officer of the Board of Community Development and Lions club. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Glass Ross of Corpus Christi; one son, J. L. Ross, Jr., Lubbock; two sisters, Mrs. Couch and Mrs. Charles A. Jones of Sacramento, Calif.; and three brothers, H. E. Ross, Lubbock, the Rev. D. A. Ross, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Lubbock, and the Rev. James T. Ross, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Huron, S. D.

Fred (Pete) Hickman left last week for Denton where he resumed his studies at North Texas State. Pete was employed on a drilling rig here the past summer and was one of the star members of the Robert Lee base ball club. He has a scholarship at North Texas State and is a standout backfield man on the football team.

Coke County 4-H

Turkeys Looking Good

Eleven 4-H Club boys and girls have entered the Junior Market Turkey Show at the Dallas Fair. Their demonstrations range from 20 to 50 turkeys each.

On August 11 Mr. Bill Braddy, sales manager for Texas Mill and Elevator Company, formerly with Extension Service, came to Coke County and spent the day with the county agent checking the 4-H turkey demonstrations. His help was timely and useful.

Then on August 22 Mr. Draper from A & M Experiment Station and Mr. Barrett from the Extension Service spent two days with the county agent. Each flock was visited and all the birds were handled to check for growth, weight and finish.

These men were high in their praise of the quality shown by the 4-H turkeys all over the county. Coke County 4-H members plan to show 110 turkeys at Dallas.

4-H club boys and girls taking part in the turkey projects include Byron and Morgan Russell, Marlene Arrott, Tommy Jett Hood, Frederick Ashworth, Anniece Gartman, Norman Roberts, Jim Cox, Robert Lewis Jay, Kenneth and Milburn Wink.

Mrs. Jack Brock of Floydada spent several days last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard.

Richmond Stroud and family have returned from Red River, New Mex., where they closed their summer camp last week. Richmond says tourist business was not so heavy this season, probably due to the Korean War situation.

Bobbie Hatley visited over the Labor Day holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley. He has been attending a barber college in Lubbock and will complete his course the end of this month.

Simpson Sells Angus

Marvin B. Simpson of Robert Lee, recently sold a purebred Aberdeen Angus bull to George B. Goughly of Hamilton, and three cows to Lester L. Tatum of Bellaire, all of Texas. Mr. Simpson purchased two bulls from Arlo N. Moore & Son of Dike, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tom Roach returned last week from a vacation at various points in New Mexico



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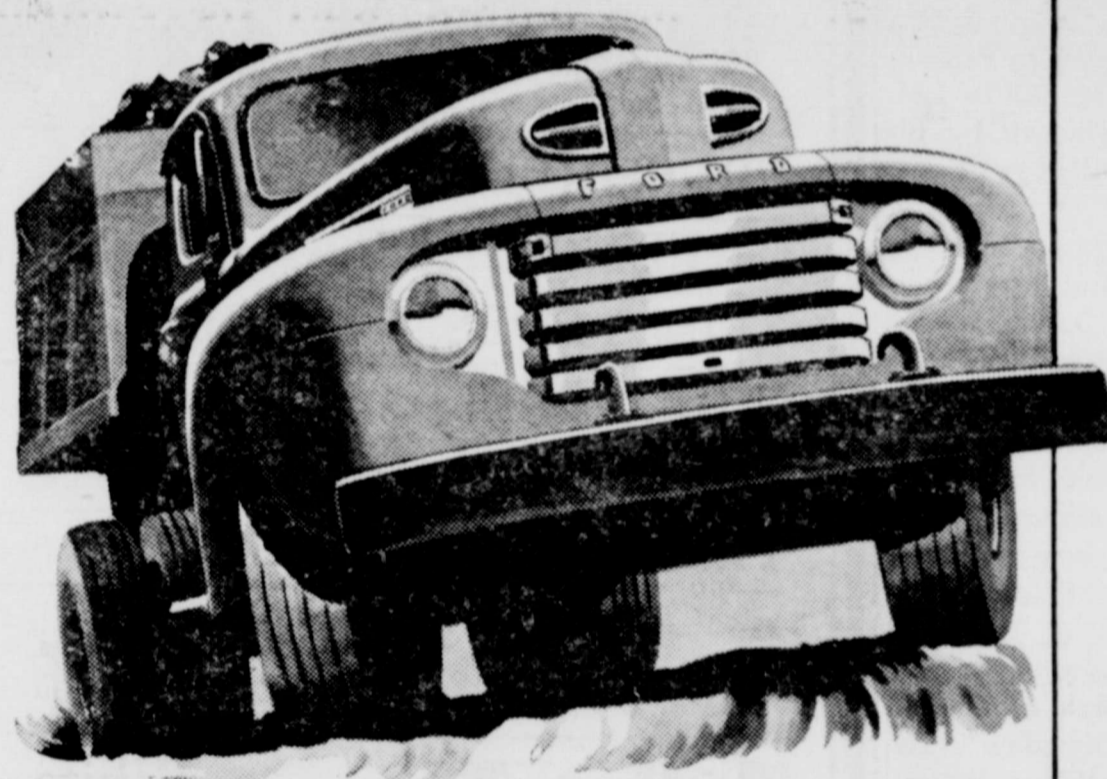


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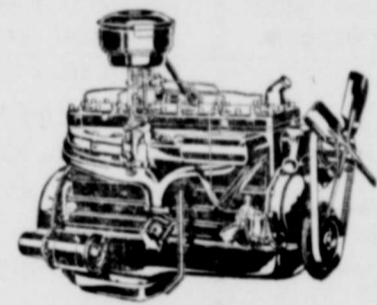
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SANCO NEWS

(By Mrs. Sam Fowler)

There seems to be a fall touch to the atmosphere now. Rainy weather is really good for pastures and small grain. But the fellow with cotton open or with a pile on the ground may have a worried look with his grin.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Devoll enjoyed a nice trip last week. They visited their son, Junior, who is stationed at San Antonio. Also went to Houston and attended a reunion at Santa Anna.

Mrs. Ray McDonald and daughter of Carlton, Texas are here visiting her parents, the John Allens.

The Clyde Gartman family of Grand Prairie were here for a weekend visit.

Mrs. T. A. Gartman visited over Labor Day at Sterling City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin. Mrs. Gartman and son, Billy Joe, took dinner out on the ranch with another son, T. A. Jr.

J. L. Carwile, Jr. has been ill for several days.

Teddy Pitcock, wife and son, Gaylen Lyn, visited at Ham'in over the weekend.

The Douglas Gartman and L. E. Wink families attended a weekend reunion at San Saba.

Charles Fowler and family and Belva McCutchen and children were Labor Day guests of the Sam Fowlers, and also visited in the Bill McCutchen, W. H. Wyatt and Roy Wyatt homes.

Cecil Smith Sells Out

Cecil Smith has sold his grocery and filling station at the east edge of Robert Lee, the new owner being Sam McDonald of San Angelo. He is a brother of C. E. McDonald, experienced market and grocery man, who will assist in operating the business. Cecil is expecting an early call to duty with the armed forces, and has already passed his physical.

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Garden Club Coffee

El Valle Garden club will open the new year with a coffee next Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 9 a. m. in the home of Mrs. R. C. Russell. Mrs. J. D. McDaniel will be assisting hostess. President of the organization is Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Sr. El Valle is Robert Lee's only federated woman's club.

Birthday Party

Mrs. Ira M. Bird honored her daughter, Laura Lea, with a party on her recent 5th birthday anniversary. Games were played and refreshments of watermelon, cake and lemonade were served to the following children and their mothers: Marian and Farrel Jean Fikes, Ronald and Marlyn Reid, Ann Carwile, Ernest Albert and Clifford Stewart, Bonnie Gartman, Patricia Fowler, Faye and Edna Lea Killam, also Mrs. L. S. Bird and Mrs. U. S. Bird. Many nice gifts received by the honoree.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness in the death of Charles Escue. Especially are we grateful to the Baptist ladies and Mr. and Mrs. Clift.—Mrs. L. M. Service and Family.

Personals

Mrs. J. S. Gardner was happy to have her family together for a visit over the Labor Day weekend. They included Mr. and Mrs. Winston Gardner and son, Lin, of Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gardner of Midland and Woodrow Gardner of San Angelo.

M. C. Harbin began work here the first of the week as bookkeeper for H & L Truck Co. He succeeds Jim Sexton, who resigned a few weeks ago and moved to Oklahoma. Mr. Harbin comes from Odessa where he was employed by Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. He will be joined here later in the month by his wife and daughter, Bobby Cheryl, 20 months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Page and Phil, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ray Robertson of Odessa visited over the Labor Day weekend with Coke county relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Scott and children have moved back from Snyder. They are staying in the parental Henry Varnadore home until they secure living quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Townsend and Mrs. Kate King of San Angelo and Mrs. Ed Haworth of Brownwood visited last Thursday in the S. R. Young and Victor Wojtek homes.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen and son, Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey left Tuesday on a vacation trip to the Rocky Mountains and western states. They plan to be gone about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore of Jacksboro and grandson, Jo Bert Moore of Bellevue, were recent guests of relatives here. Mrs. Moore is a sister of the late Jim Robertson.

To Our Friends and Customers

Please consider this your personal invitation to attend the

Formal Opening Of Bronte Variety Store Saturday, Sept. 9, 8 a.m.

Favors will be Free to our visitors and Specials will be good in Bronte only.

Thanks for your patronage and friendship, and we want to continue serving you in the best way possible.

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IGA PORK & BEANS 2 cans 19c

Bright & Early Tea with glass ¼ lb. 29c

C L Green Corn Meal 5 lb. bag 33c

Diamond Golden Crean Style Corn 2 cans 25c

Picnic Ham Ready to Eat SWIFTS lb 63c

SALT PORK For Seasoning lb 35c

Short Ribs of Beef lb 53c