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ACID TAKEN BY MISTAKE KILLS MRS. D. ADKINS

Mrs. Dave Adkins, 54, a lifelong resident of Robert Lee until two years ago, died shortly before midnight Monday in a hospital at Kermit. Her death was due to drinking a small quantity of carbolic acid when she thought she was taking cough medicine.

The family moved to Kermit two years ago where Dave was employed as a school house custodian.

About 8 o'clock Monday night the Adkins' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Buford, came by the house to see if Mr. and Mrs. Adkins would ride out into the country with them. Mrs. Adkins was lying down and did not care to make the trip.

When Mr. Adkins advised his kinfolks they would not go, he returned to the house a short time later and found that his wife had swallowed the carbolic acid by mistake. She had been a long sufferer from asthma and used considerable medicine.

He called to the neighbors for help and an ambulance soon hurried Mrs. Adkins to the hospital. Doctors worked with her more than three hours. It was apparent that she had taken only a small amount of the liquid, but it was impossible to save her.

The body was brought to Robert Lee Tuesday and funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday from the Baptist Church in charge of the Rev. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery under direction of the Clift Funeral home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins were called to Coleman last week by the death of an uncle, P. W. Downey. They were over night guests Saturday of their children here and returned Sunday to their home in Kermit. Mrs. Adkins seemed exhausted from the trip and had been resting the following day.

Susie Nancy Barnett was born in Robert Lee, Texas, Oct. 7, 1898. Her father, J. W. Barnett, was an early day County Clerk of Coke County, an office which he held for thirty years.

She graduated from Robert Lee High School and married Dave Adkins Dec. 25, 1919. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. Holt, pastor of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins both joined the Baptist Church at Sanco in 1926.

Mrs. Adkins was a good wife and mother and her entire married life was spent looking after her family and her home.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. E. B. (Zela Ruth) Buford and Joyce Sue Adkins, both of Kermit; and three sons, Woodson, J. D. and Neill Dean Adkins, all of Robert Lee.

She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Calvert of Robert Lee and Mrs. O. D. Calvert of Ballinger, and a brother, Wm. L. Barnett of Robert Lee.

There are four grandchildren, Katie Sue, Patsy Ruth, Rickey and David Buford of Kermit, and two aunts, Misses Effie and Nancy Murray of Robert Lee.

Lieut. and Mrs. Horace Scott and children of Del Rio visited over the weekend in the parental H. L. Scott home. They were enroute to Nebraska for a visit with relatives of Mrs. Scott. Horace, who was recently called to active duty with the Air Force, is being transferred from Hondo to El Paso.

FARRIS STUDIES TV

Buster Farris was in Lubbock this week where he was getting information on Television operation. Farris City Drug will handle the well known line of Zenith T-V sets and expect to have one in operation next week. New San Angelo and Abilene stations will be on the air soon and good reception is expected in Coke County from both.

NEW CAFE OWNERS

Mrs. Ernest Varnadore and her sister, Mrs. Verna Donaghue, have purchased the Y-Courts Cafe and took over the business Monday. They have designated Saturday, July 4, as their formal opening day when free coffee and donuts will be served to the public. Home cooking and home baking will be featured and the price of coffee and cold drinks will be only 5 cents.

ROBERT LEE P. O. NOW 2ND CLASS

Effective July 1 the United States Post Office in Robert Lee will become a Second Class office. Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr. states the advancement was due to the office receipts reaching a figure above \$8,000.

During the calendar year of 1952 the office had collections of more than \$8,300. That was \$900 above the previous year.

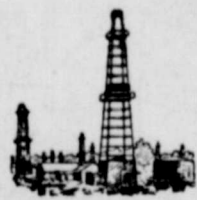
The postmaster and employees will benefit in salary increases, and some new equipment has been furnished by the government, including an automatic cancelling machine, filing cabinet, money drawer, etc. Other items of equipment are expected to arrive soon.

Box rentals were advanced 50% this month, and parcel post rates are due for a big increase Oct. 1. Other rate increases are being asked for 1st class mail, air mail and third class matter.

Some Stores Will Be Open Here July 4th

While Saturday, July 4, is a legal holiday all over the nation, a number of Robert Lee business firms have indicated they will not close. Roberts and Baker grocery stores will be open all day the 4th and close Monday, July 6. Some other stores may do likewise, but The Observer was unsuccessful in trying to get an accurate survey. County and city offices, the bank, post office and a number of business houses will close Saturday and be open for business as usual next Monday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley, five miles south of Robert Lee, was the scene of a happy family gathering over the weekend. All of the Cowley's six children and their families were present.



Notes From The Oil Field

Seaboard A. N. Counts, wildcat southwest of Robert Lee, was drilling Thursday at 4,355 feet. Fleeger-Riley of Odessa is the contractor.

To the north and west a wildcat has been staked on Annie L. Forehand in Section 306 Blk 2 N&TC.

On the north side of the river between the Wendland and Bronte fields a wildcat is scheduled on S. A. Kiker.

SUN 3 ANDERSON FLOWS 242 BBLs. DURING 19 HOURS

Sun Oil Co. A-3 Beatrice Anderson, two miles north of Silver in Mitchell county, flowed 242 barrels of oil, no water, during a 19-hour test ending at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Gauge was through an 11/64 inch choke with pressures of 865 pounds on the tubing and 400 pounds on the casing. Gas-oil ration 840-1. Production is from the Strawn sand.

Ray-Harris was the drilling contractor and expected to move rotary to Sun A-4 Anderson.

Sun E-4 Tubb drilling Wednesday at 4,405 feet in shale and lime. Empire Drilling Co. is the contractor.

Sun Mathers A-11 waiting on cement after seating surface casing at 517 feet. Morris & Hamilton has the contract.

Sun B-2 Central Nat'l Bank drilling at 5,060 feet in shale. Contractor is Baker & Taylor.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 46-K on the C. E. Mathers lease drilling at 4,225 feet in lime and shale. Baker & Taylor contract.

Sun 5 Victor McCabe, north of Silver in Mitchell county, drilling at 4,584 feet in shale. Carl Short is the contractor.

ENJOYS ALPINE RANCH LIFE

The many friends of Mrs. Hattie Day will be happy to learn that she is now located in Alpine on the Miles Pierce Rambouillet Ranch. Mr. Pierce has some of the best registered stock in the state and will show his prize animals in San Angelo in September, Mrs. Day stated. She is enjoying the cool weather and beautiful mountains and is looking forward to some excellent fishing nearby, according to the letter received by the Carter Dibrells. Mrs. Day is enjoying her leisure time, as she has light house-keeping duties—mostly "just caring for two small, sweet children," she said. Congratulations, Ma Day on your fine position, and the "nice little house of your very own."

WANTED

INFORMATION ON HISTORY OF COKE COUNTY

Do you know or remember having heard of:

An interesting bit of Coke County History?

Any true stories concerning Coke County pioneers?

Any anecdotes concerning life in Coke County over which you have chuckled?

Any interesting facts about early-day doctors, teachers, or preachers who served Coke County?

I am especially eager to include in my "History of Coke County" stories concerning the families who were here at the time Coke County was organized in 1889, or before that time; however, if you came here before 1900, let me have your story not later than July 10.

Mail to Mrs. Jessie Newton Yarbrough, Robert Lee, Texas.

Mrs. Henry Varnadore writes from Mena, Ark., that they were happily surprised to have their son-in-law, Wilton Scott, of San Angelo, and Jim Greer of Robert Lee visit them recently. Mrs. Royce Smith and little son, James Royce II, who had been visiting her parents at Mena, returned to Robert Lee with them. The Arkansas folks also enjoyed a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Will Posey (Eunice McClure) of Palestine, who were on their honeymoon.

CONCHO LEAGUE STANDING

	W	L	Pct.
Bryan Electric	5	0	1.000
Big Lake-Texon	4	1	.800
Goodfellow	4	2	.667
Corner Drug	2	3	.400
Robert Lee	1	4	.200
Miles	0	6	.000

The only Concho Basin baseball game last Sunday saw the Goodfellow Skyhawks edge the Miles Giants, 7 to 5.

Next Sunday Robert Lee's Rabbit Twisters play at Texon, while Corner Drug meets Bryan Electric on the Veribest diamond.

The Twisters walloped Corner Drug 15 to 1 here in an exhibition game last Sunday, but no one knew about the game and only a few fans were present. John Conley hurled for the home club, with Frankie Percifull behind the bat. Bobby Baker clouted two triples.

Thursday night of this week the Twisters play in the semi-pro tournament at Sweetwater.

VAUGHAN DAVIS NEW OWNER OF SILVER STORE

The Sun Grocery and Market at Silver changed hands this week when Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson sold the business to Vaughan S. Davis of Robert Lee.

The Andersons, well known Silver residents, have operated the store more than two years and built up an excellent patronage. They preferred to dispose of the business in order to look after their other interests in the community.

Vaughan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Davis of Robert Lee. He has had several years of training in stores operated by Frank Bryan and more recently was with the Earl Roberts Grocery and Market in Robert Lee.

He is an expert meat cutter and is familiar with all departments of food merchandizing. Mr. Davis plans to enlarge the fresh meat and fresh fruit and vegetable departments of the Silver store immediately.

Last spring Vaughan completed two years of military duty and was discharged with the rating of Sergeant 1st Class. He then married a popular young lady from Birmingham, Ala., and has been in charge of the market of the Roberts Store the past four months.

Oil and ranch folks of Silver appreciate the excellent store which the Andersons have operated, and they welcome Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who are sure to carry on the business in a highly successful manner.

J. T. Henry, local contractor, has completed two residences for Magnolia in the Pegasus field, 26 miles southeast of Odessa. Two more houses are expected to be built soon by Mr. Henry.

Coke County Hospital News

June 24—Mrs. Julia Rocha admitted. Mrs. Roy Cole dismissed.

June 25—Bobby Roberts admitted for minor surgery. Mrs. O. B. Jacobs, Doris Sparks dismissed.

June 26—Carolyn Childress, Melvin Bahlman, Mrs. Bill Powell, Mrs. Melvin Childress admitted. Baby McEntire, Mrs. Julia Rocha dismissed.

June 27—Mrs. W. J. Cumbie admitted. Melvin Bahlman dismissed.

June 28—Mrs. W. J. Cumbie, Mrs. Bill Powell, Bobby F. Roberts, Mrs. E. A. Burgess dismissed.

June 29—Bobby Cowley admitted. Mrs. Melvin Childress and daughter, Carolyn, Dismissed.

GOV'T PROGRAM BRINGS AID TO DROUTH AREAS

Coke is included in the group of 152 Texas counties which have been designated as drouth disaster areas. This makes stockmen in the area eligible to share in the \$8,000,000 drouth relief fund appropriated by the federal government.

Cheap feed will be sent into the area and a beef buying program by the government is expected to halt declining cattle prices.

Action came rapidly the past week when Agriculture Secretary Benson made a trip to Texas and learned first hand of the terrible drouth conditions. Upon his return to Washington, the government's decision to render aid was forthcoming without further delay.

A Drouth Emergency-Committee will be set up in each county to administer the program. In Coke the committee will include G. E. Kresta, County PMA Chairman, T. B. Hicks, County Agent, Paul Schillenburg of Sweetwater, FHA Director, and a farmer-rancher and a banker. The above three officials were expected to meet in Robert Lee Thursday to select the other two members of the group.

J. E. Quisenberry, PMA secretary, will serve with the committee. He has been informed that cottonseed cake will be available at \$35 per ton, and shelled corn at \$1.00 per bushel at Santa Fe shipping points in the county. These prices are about half the present market figures.

Quisenberry has already placed an advance order for 10 carloads of cake and 2 cars of corn. Stockmen are making reservations, but blanks for definite orders have not arrived.

Most everyone believes the critical situation will be relieved by the government aid. Cattle and sheep men will be permitted to hold some of their foundation animals.

G. C. Allen, Robert Lee bank executive, hopes the government program will be set up on a basis of from three to five years, to enable stockmen to work out of the present difficulty when the drouth is broken.

Trimble Lawyers Want New Trial

Judge Joe L. Mays has set next Wednesday, July 8, as the date to hear the application for a new trial of the Jack Trimble damage suit. In a lengthy lawsuit before a jury in district court here recently, Trimble failed to recover any damages, although he had asked for \$435,000.

Lawyers for the plaintiff claim instructions to the jury were not entirely clear and affidavits from a number of the jurors have been filed in the office of District Clerk Weldon Fikes.

Notice of appeal to a higher court has also been filed by attorneys for Mr. Trimble.

Lieut. Jack Sneed came in for a visit over night Saturday and returned Sunday with his wife to Topeka, Kans., where he is taking advanced radar training. He recently returned from spending eight days in a California national forest where Air Force officers are given endurance tests in which they had ter.

Mr. and Mrs. Oda Benton write that they are back at Marysville, Calif., and that they enjoy the good old Observer very much and don't want to miss a copy.

HEALTH TALKS

Prepared By The
Texas Medical Association

You might think your nerves bear the brunt when everything goes wrong—but they sometimes pass the buck to the stomach. Then you speak of having "nervous indigestion."

Quite a few people have this complaint. They report getting sick at the stomach or losing their appetites when they experience worry, anger, fear, or other strong emotions. If the period of strain is prolonged, they even reach the point of acute illness.

When they seek a physician's opinion, a thorough examination is in order. The doctor has at his disposal a number of tests which will conclusively reveal or rule out organic disease: gastroscopy (looking at the inside of the stomach through a tube), analysis of the stomach's contents, x-ray examination, and examination of the stool.

If the doctor decides that emotional troubles are at the root of indigestion, he can outline a course of treatment. First, he perhaps will recommend correction of minor defects, such as bad teeth, tonsils, or infected sinuses which may have some bearing. Next, he will emphasize the importance of a regular schedule for meals, elimination, rest, recreation, and so on; the diet will include only easily digested foods. Pleasant surroundings for meals, regular vacations and holidays, and forgetting upsetting incidents as quickly as possible are other positive measures for helping to get rid of indigestion.

One of the conditions the doctor is careful to differentiate from nervous indigestion is that of peptic ulcer. This condition is estimated to affect about 10 per cent of the general population. The most common location for peptic ulcer is in the stomach or duodenum, the part of the small intestine just beyond the stomach, but it may occur in any part of the food tube which is bathed in gastric juice (the stomach's secretions).

The most characteristic symptom of peptic ulcer is gnawing "hunger pain," which usually is relieved by frequent, small feedings; there also may be nausea with or without vomiting, belching, excessive saliva formation, heartburn, or constipation. Usually treatment with simple measures like diet, rest, and medicine is sufficient, but an operation sometimes is necessary.

Another disease of the gastrointestinal tract (stomach and intestines) which may be serious is cancer of the colon and rectum. Even though it is easy for the doctor to discover and treat this disease early, it is responsible for more deaths than cancer in any other part of the body. Its symptoms are a change in bowel habit (diarrhea, constipation, or alternating periods of each, bleeding, loss of weight, or pain).

The chances for good results from treatment are increased considerably if the patient reports as soon as he notices any of these symptoms or, better still, if he is treated even before they appear. A rectal examination will cause very little discomfort and may yield dividends by prolonging life and preventing pain. In the examination the physician will use an instrument which allows him to observe the inside of the rectal canal and lower end of the colon (the sigmoid). X-ray examination also may be needed.

A disease which affects an estimated one-third of the adult population is hemorrhoids. Also called piles, this condition amounts to varicose veins either inside or outside the rectum; sometimes there may be a combination of external and internal hemorrhoids.

Treatment of hemorrhoids may be by conservative methods, such as ice packs followed by hot wet packs, and sitting in hot water; however, surgery is usually more satisfactory from the standpoint of more lasting results. Usually hemorrhoids are completely removed. Internal hemorrhoids, that is, those occurring in the rectal canal, can be relieved at least temporarily by the injection of an irritating chemical into the tissue surrounding the

varicose veins. Scar tissue which forms shrinks these tissues, usually destroying the hemorrhoids.

B. W. Shropshire left Wednesday of last week for Austin where he will make his home with a daughter, Mrs. F. W. Hunter. Mrs. D. P. Key and other relatives took Mr. Shropshire to Austin, and returned to Robert Lee the following day.

Mrs. Robert Vaughan and daughters are in Victoria visiting Mr. Vaughan's parents. Bob attended a Chevrolet dealers meeting in Mineral Wells the fore part of the week and will join his family in Victoria the last of the week.

Here's News On Proposed Cotton Quotas For 1954

Cotton acreage under crop control allotments for most West Texas counties will be increased if a three year average on cotton acres in cultivation is substituted for the present formula which is based on a five-year average.

Hearings are due to start in

Washington before congressional committees during the coming week on House Bill 5655 and Senate Bill 2106, which propose the substitution widely supported by many western cotton growers.

Information developed by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce from records published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that all but 20 of the 117 cotton-growing counties in West Texas would gain acreage by passage of these bills, largely because of new acreage put into cotton production during recent years.

The law now provides that allotments be based on an average acreage of five crop years — 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1952. The year of 1949 was specifically omitted.

The new proposal would change the basis of the three years of 1951, 1952 and 1953.

West Texas as a whole would gain 688,900 acres for 1954 if the new formula is approved by Congress. The WTCC urges every grower to give his Congressman his opinion of the more desirable formula.

Coke County would be allotted 10,700 acres on the proposed three-year basis and 7,800 on the present five-year basis.

S. E. (Skinny) Adams

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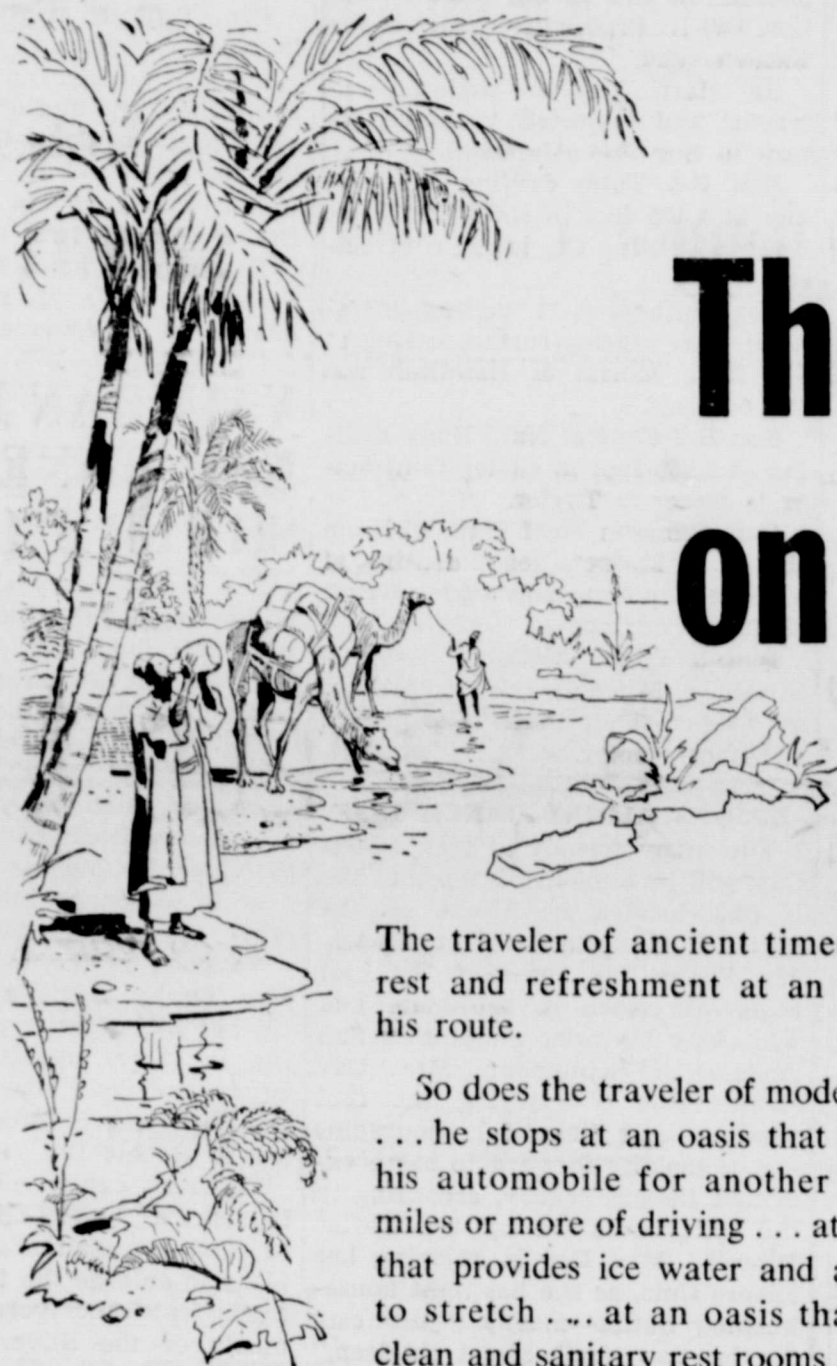
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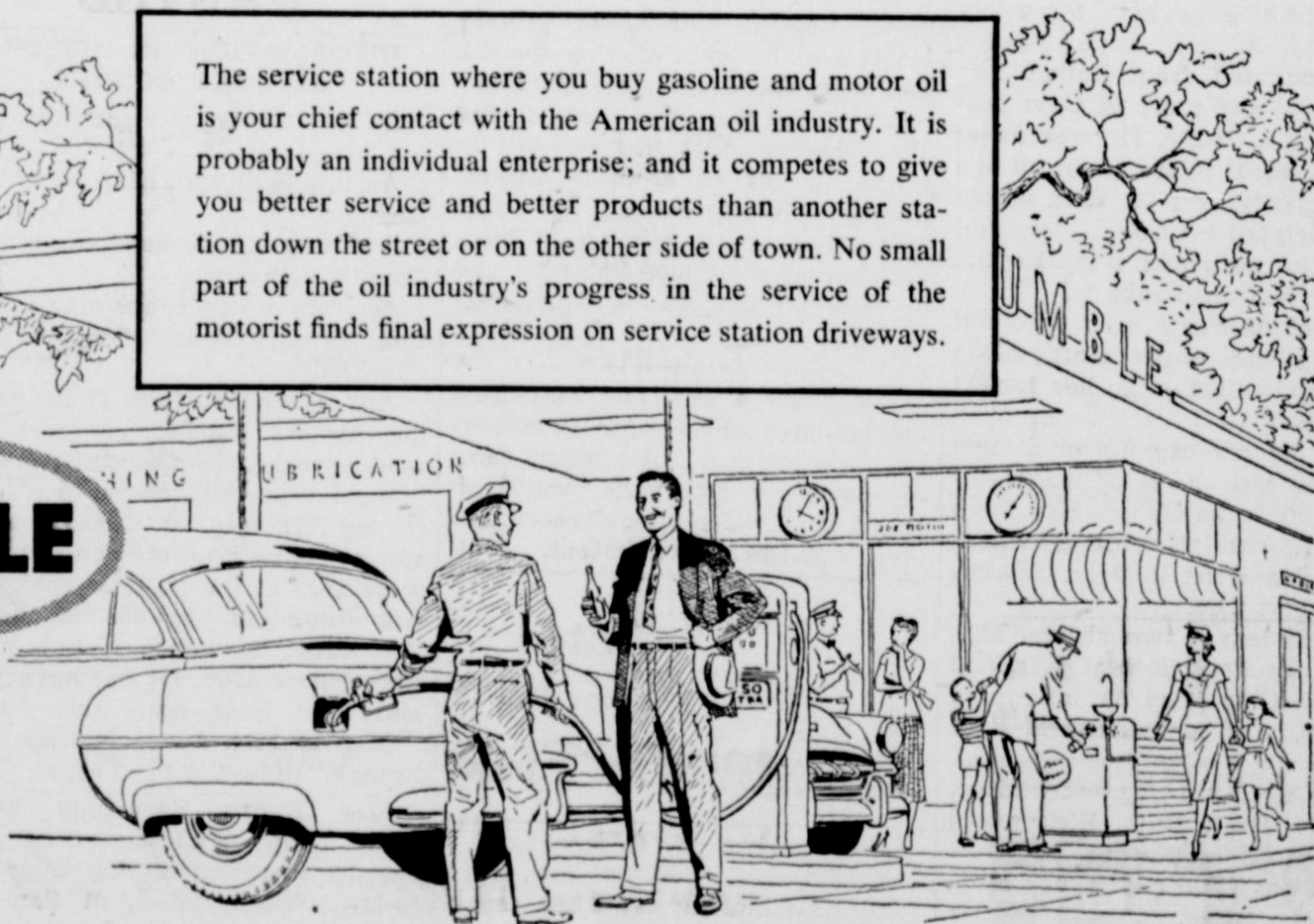
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SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clifton and children are vacationing in the Big Bend country.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Newell and family and Barbara Clifton have returned from an outing at Lake Brownwood.

Returning from vacations are the W. W. Deans, J. D. Gilberts and D. H. Caldwells.

H. R. Crawford has been transferred to Corpus Christi.

Joe Holt, handsome son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Holt, was recently honored with a birthday party.

Clyde V. Hornback has started his vacation.

The girl scouts are having fun swimming in the Colorado Clay pool.

In the hospital at Colorado City suffering from sore throats are Pat Connor, Tommy Weigel and Jackie Sue Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards and children have returned from their vacation. Mr. Edwards is chief clerk at Sun's Jameson gasoline plant.

Mrs. Sims of Bronte, mother of Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr., is reported as very ill.

J. B. Walker, Jr. and family have returned from vacationing in Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

Roy Overturf pitched a one-hitter Monday night to lead the Sun Soft Ball team to a 9-1 victory in the Colorado City league.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor have gone to Beaumont where the former will attend a representatives meeting.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Neal is the former's mother.

The J. D. Gilbert family is happy to have Mr. Gilbert's mother visiting in their home.

The Hale Kincaids left Tuesday to spend a three weeks' vacation at their summer lodge on Phantom Lake. Mr. Kincaid is one of Sun's production foremen.

C. C. Bengston is acting superintendent of Sun production while Jack Higginbotham is on a 3-weeks' vacation with his family. Bengston was transferred from Silver to Calgary, Canada, a year ago by Sun and expects to be given another permanent assignment in West Texas.

Cecil Colville of Midland, new district superintendent, was looking over Sun production operations Wednesday in company with Mr. English from the Dallas office. Colville succeeds J. B. Hamilton, who was transferred to the Rocky Mountain division with headquarters in Denver.

William F. Mullican is attending West Texas State College at Canyon for the first term of the summer session. A junior industrial arts student, William is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican of Silver.

Want Ads

FOR SALE—5 room home located 2 blocks north of Texaco Service Station. Reasonable price. See Mrs. Jack Trimble. 4w4p

FISHING Tackle Headquarters, Lone Star Aluminum Boats and everything needed by fishermen and campers. LEEPER Supply Co.

FOR SALE — 1951 Travelite house trailer, 25 foot length, well equipped, used very little. Inquire of E. H. Ivey. 1-2c

FOR SALE—1500 acre stock farm, 90 acres in cultivation, 8 room house and bath, rent house, 5 wells, \$60 an acre. Also smaller stock farms. Joe Green, Rt. 3 Goldthwaite, Texas. 4w4p

NOTICE

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

—Fred McDonald, Jr.

FOR SALE—Nearly new house in Robert Lee, 3 rooms and bath, priced at \$1,975 for house and lot, including new refrigerator and stove; or \$1,750 without stove and refrigerator. Mrs. D. W. Spicer, Owner. Contact Mrs. Loyd Phelen. 1w4p

FOR SALE—35 ft. trailer house, 2 bedroom, will finance or trade for house in Robert Lee. See James Coleman. 4w4p

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

FOR SALE—Nearly new electric washer and twin tubs for sale or trade. Interested in good milk cow. Bob Odom, Silver, Tex. 1p

For Limited Time Only—PABCO 9 x 12 RUGS, reg. \$10.75, at only \$8.95. LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

FOR SALE OR RENT—3 room house, bath and butane, 1½ blocks from post office. J. C. Strickland, 312 Iris St., San Angelo, Phone 213063. 44tf

FOR RENT — 2 bedroom rock veneer house with nice bath. Furnished. See or call the owner, I. M. Austin.

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

FOR SALE—Best building site in Robert Lee, 300 ft. front on paved highway in northwest part of town. If interested inquire at The Observer office. 4-5p

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Freddie McDonald Going to Jamboree

Freddie, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. of Robert Lee, will be among the 73 Boy Scouts and leaders from the San Angelo area who will attend the National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch near Santa Ana, Calif.

Concho Valley Scouts and leaders will assemble in San Angelo Friday, July 10, and spend the night at Goodfellow Field. They will board a Santa Fe special train from Houston the morning of July 11 and head for the west coast.

They will spend a day at Grand Canyon enroute and on the return trip will visit San Francisco, Salt Lake City, the Royal Gorge and other points of interest. They are due back in San Angelo July 29.

Richard Rees of Bronte is the only other Coke County youth going on the western trip.

Good reports come from Tom Whitt, who was released Wednesday from Shannon Hospital where he underwent a successful operation for removal of a stomach ulcer. Indications are that he will make a complete recovery.

Mrs. Elton Millican and baby, Marshall Wayne, are guests this week in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican. Elton is stationed in northern Japan with the U. S. 7th Cavalry Regiment.

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Thanks, Everybody

We have sold the Sun Grocery to Vaughan Davis and wish to thank everyone for their patronage and cooperation. It has been a pleasure to serve the good people of this community.

We recommend Mr. Davis very highly to you. He is young and well trained, and will give Silver a first class Grocery and Market that everyone will be proud of.

MR. and MRS.

R. S. Anderson

Please Notice!

We are happy to be in Silver and will do our best to operate the Sun Grocery and Market in a manner that will meet your entire satisfaction.

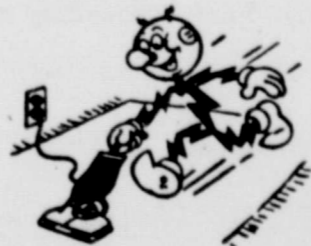
We plan to enlarge the Fresh Meat and Fruit and Vegetable Departments, and handle a good quality of merchandise at all times.

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MR. and MRS.

Vaughan S. Davis



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Automatic electric home appliances turn West Texas homes into small factories

producing a variety of products from frozen desserts to clean shirts.

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recreation and entertainment for fuller enjoyment of family life.

Research engineering and dependable electric service provide means of

eliminating the time-consuming drudgery of housework. Electric

service and electric servants together have created a new

way of living — a new freedom.

Be Careful Of Accidents Over July 4 Holiday

AUSTIN—Taking note of the approach of the great patriotic national holiday, July 4th, which this country has celebrated for one hundred and seventy-seven years, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, calls the attention of the citizens of Texas to some of the dangers of careless celebrating. Each year on the 5th of July, one always reads of the appalling number of accidents which occurred over the Fourth.

It is not alone the wounds received from explosives that increase our death toll. Injuries from automobile accidents, splinters, nails and other penetrating wounds in which dirt may be carried into the skin, heighten the hazard of tetanus or lockjaw. Such wounds should be promptly treated by a physician.

If the days' pleasure includes a swim, caution should be used and no attempt made to do more than your strength will permit. If a

drowning takes place, artificial respiration should be started at once and continued until a doctor arrives.

Automobile accidents have usually one of three causes—exceeding the speed limit, driving on the wrong side or failing to grant the right of way. It can be seen that the chief factor in auto accidents is the judgment of the driver. Caution should guide the holiday activities so that the day may be remembered with joy instead of sorrow.

ENJOYED SOUTHEASTERN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. John Rives and daughters, Floy and Johnnie Lou, and Mrs. R. L. Page, returned last week from a pleasant trip to Florida and other points in the southeast.

They visited Mrs. Page's son, Elwood Snyder, at Camp Rucker, Ala., where he is stationed in the army, and also visited Hubert Brock of Bronte, at the Pensacola, Fla., naval station.

The group went through the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and down the coast of Florida from Pensacola to Panama City.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker left Sunday night for a few days' outing at Devil's Lake near Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. El Hatley and Mrs. Bobbie Hatley and baby spent the weekend at El Paso with Bobbie Hatley, who is stationed at Fort Bliss.

Mrs. Ethel Green, Mrs. Garland Green and children and Mrs. J. S. Augustine and children of Sterling City left last week on a two weeks' trip to Bakersfield, Calif., where they will visit the former's brother and sister, Latham Conner and Mrs. C. C. Davis.

Showers late Thursday night of last week brought some moisture to the western part of Coke County. Will Millican, west of Edith, reports seven-tenths of an inch and some of his stock tanks were filled.

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SUNDAY SERVICES—Bible Study 10:15 to 10:55 a. m. Worship at 11:00 A. M. Young Peoples Class at 7:00 P. M. Evening Worship at 8:00.

Mid-Week Bible Study Wednesdays at 8:00

OWEN COSGROVE, Minister

Bronte-Robert Lee Masonic Lodges Joint Installation

New officers of the Robert Lee and Bronte Masonic Lodges were installed at a joint ceremony here last Wednesday night. Bob Godwin was the installing officer, while C. S. Brown served as marshal and conductor.

Heading the new roster of officers of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 of Robert Lee are H. S. Lewis, W. M., Teddy Pitecock, S. W., and Lewis Heuvel, J. W.

New Bronte officers are Charlie Boecking, W. M., Les Wilkins, S. W., and Bob Woods, J. W.

The installation was largely attended, several older members coming from a distance and a number of visitors were welcomed. Ice cream and cake were served.

The many friends of J. I. Murtishaw will be happy to learn that his condition is much improved recently. He is being cared for in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lee Augustine, in Sterling City.

Bob Crisp writes The Observer that he has moved from Madera, Calif., and his new address is Caruthers, Calif.

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Livestock Prices Show Strength On Ft. Worth Market

Fort Worth—Lighter receipts of livestock and some clouds and showers in the territory gave the cattle trade a stimulus at Fort Worth Monday. Most cattle and calves were 50 cents to \$1 higher and some cows and some calves were \$1 to \$1.50 above the low time last week. Receipts at Fort Worth were 20 per cent under a week earlier and the nations 12 major markets reported 11 per cent fewer cattle and calves.

Hog prices were firm with top hogs at \$26, and sows \$20 to \$23. Pigs drew \$20 downward.

Most classes of sheep and lambs were steady, except feeder lambs were slow and some sales weaker.

Good and choice fed steers and yearlings cashed at \$17 to \$22, and common and medium sorts from \$9 to \$16, with cull yearlings at \$6 to \$8.

Fat cows sold from \$8 to \$12.50, some heiferish kinds upwards to \$13 to \$14. Canners and cutters drew mostly \$6 to \$8. Bulls sold from \$7 to \$13, odd head reaching \$13.50.

Good and choice slaughter calves cleared at \$13 to \$18.50, while common and medium butcher calves sold from \$9 to \$13, and culls sold for \$6 to \$9.

Good and choice stocker steer calves drew \$12 to \$16, and stocker steer yearlings moved at \$10 to \$15. Heifer calves and heifer yearlings sold generally \$2 to \$3 under comparable steers. Stocker cows were considerably more active at \$7 to \$10.

Good and choice fat lambs sold for \$17 to \$23, and common to medium sorts drew \$10 to \$14, with culls from \$5 to \$10. Stocker and feeder lambs bulked at \$10 to \$15. Stocker ewes drew \$5 to \$7 and slaughter ewes sold from \$3.50 to \$4.50.

Fat yearling wethers sold from \$10 to \$14, and feeder yearlings cashed at \$10 down. Old wethers sold from \$6 to \$8, and two year olds cashed at \$10 down.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McArthur and sons returned last Friday from a two weeks' vacation visit with kin-folks in North Carolina. Mr. McArthur is a gauger for Sun Oil Co. in the Millican field west of Edith.

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE, ss
TO THOSE INDEBTED TO OR
HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST
THE ESTATE OF CHARLES P.
THOMPSON, DECEASED:

The undersigned, W. W. Thompson, being the only heir at law of the said Charles P. Thompson, now deceased, late of Coke County, Texas, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate, to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence, 2108 Broad Street in the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, where he receives his mail. The undersigned will be at the home place or in Robert Lee during the remainder of the month of June, this the 2nd day of June, 1953.

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MILlicAN HOMECOMING

Mr. and Mrs. Will Millican recently enjoyed having all their children with them at their ranch home west of Edith. Included in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Connie Millican and children and Mrs. Orin Smith of Arlington, Mrs. Rankin Russell of Maryeal, Howard Millican and family of Odessa and Ensign and Mrs. Charles Blake. Mrs. Blake is the former Joy Millican. She has been in California with her husband for several months. He has been called to duty in Japan and his wife has returned to Abilene to resume her old position with a law firm. Because of the drought Connie Millican gave up ranching temporarily and is employed as a machinist in an airplane factory. Howard Millican is connected with a loan and development company at Odessa.

Robert Lee Teacher Weds Palestine Man

Miss Eunice McLure and Mr. William Posey were married Saturday evening, June 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Scott in Palestine. The Rev. Harry Hembree officiated at the ceremony which took place before an improvised altar of palm leaves flanked by two tall baskets of pink hydrangeas and white gladiola.

Their attendants were Mrs. L. D. Johnson, sister of the bride, and Mr. Johnson. Nephews of the bride who lit the tapers were Warren Johnson of Houston and Mac Johnson of Palestine.

Miss Doreka Fuqua of Pasadena kept the bride's book. Mrs. Tommy Phillip of Freeport and Mrs. Jack Goolsby of Pasadena, both nieces

of the bride, served punch and wedding cake.

After a wedding trip to the Ozarks, Mr. and Mrs. Posey will be at home at 1201 N. John St., in Palestine.

The bride plans to return to Robert Lee in September to continue her position as a teacher in the

elementary grades. Mr. Posey is a retired post office employee.

Mrs. J. Q. Barnes and son, Donald, of Hatch, New Mex., and Mrs. John R. Simpson and son, Johnny Mac, of Alpine were guests last week in the A. J. Bilbo home. The ladies are daughters of the late Dr. F. K. Turney.

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Directors voted to pay the usual dividend at their June meeting and at the same time certified an additional \$5,000 to the Surplus Fund. Only \$5,000 of the present Surplus Fund now remains uncertified.

The bank's condition is in good shape, according to G. C. Allen, executive vice president. In spite of the severe drouth livestock loans are sound, Mr. Allen said.

to rustle their own food and shelter. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams made a business and pleasure trip to Dallas last week. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Griffith. Mrs. Griffith is a sister of Mrs. Williams.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan S. Davis returned Sunday from a week's vacation trip to Birmingham, Ala., where they visited kinfolks of Mrs. Davis. Her brother, Douglas Waid, accompanied them to Robert Lee for a two weeks' stay.

Patty and Ginger Taylor of Midland are guests this week in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. They are daughters of Mrs. Jim Mac Taylor, who now resides in Midland where she is employed by the telephone company.

Peggy Bilbo has been in Kermit visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boren.

Charles Calder was among the Boy Scouts who enjoyed an outing at Sol Mayer Camp last week. He expressed his pleasure in the association of fellow Scouts and cooperation between the boys and their leaders. They enjoyed swimming and a big fish fry.

Wallace Clift Joins Houston Law Firm

Wallace Clift has resigned an important government position to enter a law firm in Houston. He is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift, and will take up his new work the middle of July.

Since last autumn he has been located in Washington, D. C., as an employee of Central Intelligence. At Houston he will be connected with Baker, Botts, Andrews & Parish, one of the state's outstanding law firms.

A graduate of the University of Texas, Wallace continued his studies at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., where he received his degree at Harvard Law School a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ewing of Ft. Worth were weekend guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Porter and family. Robert and Lewis Porter, who have been working in Ft. Worth this summer, accompanied their grandparents here. Harriett and David Porter went back to Ft. Worth with the visitors on Sunday.

Patty Taylor leaves this week for Camp Longhorn on Buchanan Lake where she will spend the remainder of the summer as a counsellor and swimming instructor at a girls camp.

Mrs. Bobbie Hatley was honored with a bridal shower which took place June 23 in the Delmir Sheppard home. A recent bride, Mrs. Hatley received many beautiful gifts. Assisting Mrs. Sheppard as hostesses were Mrs. Frank McCabe and Mrs. Howard Eaton.

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Van Camp TUNA 27c

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Pace 2 Lbs

Pork Sausage 89c

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