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GIRL CAGERS TO PLAY COKE MEN

A record crowd was expected Thursday night of this week when the highly touted girls basketball team, the Arkansas Travelers, was scheduled at the Robert Lee school gym.

The girls club will meet a men's team made up of the best players in Coke County. A preliminary game at 7 p.m. will see the Silver Independents in action against Bronte. The Travelers vs. Coke County All-Stars will start a 9 o'clock. Admission prices will be 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for students.

The Arkansas Travelers Basketball team, under the leadership of the Nation's premier woman performer, All-American Hazel Walker, was organized in 1949 with three main objectives: top notch basketball.

The Hazel Walker troupe has delivered these essentials in great form.

Without question, the Hazel Walker combine rates as the No. 1 Women's Basketball Team in the Nation today. Proof of that claim is the amazing record the team has compiled against men's teams only in its four-year history.

The 1952-53 season was the biggest and best yet for the Arkansas Travelers who played a 200-game schedule in 48 states. The girls parlayed amazing court finesse, entertainment and beauty to the acclaim of thousands of basketball fans.

In addition, sports writers everywhere have tabbed the team "The Nation's Most Watchable Basketball outfit." The Travelers produce basketball at its best and entertainment at its finest—appealing to the kids who have only a nodding acquaintance with the game to long-time fans of the sport.

The Club thrives on expert basketball but mixes enough shenanigans and trickery to round out an entertaining night on the boards. Hazel Walker personally puts on a Free Throw exhibition during half time—challenging all comers—man or woman—shooting standing, kneeling or sitting—never been beaten in the past 7 years. From Miss Walker's amazing exhibition of shooting from the free-throw line—she's the world's champion in this department—to trick shots scored from a mass of baffling pass patterns, the Arkansas Travelers produce the best brand basketball on display anywhere.

Mrs. Jeffie Bell Garrett of Big Spring came to Robert Lee the last of the week and was accompanied to San Angelo by her sisters, Mrs. A. J. Bilbo and Mrs. F. C. Clark. They spent the weekend with two sisters, Mrs. Paul Brown and Mrs. Marcus Turner.

BIRTHS

WOJTEK — Cpl. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek are parents of a son, George David, born Feb. 28 at Cocoa, Florida, where the former is stationed at an Air Force base. Victor has completed two years of a 3-year enlistment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek of Robert Lee.



MARTHA EVANS

Winners Named In Coke County Essay Contest

Robert Lee high school girls walked off with top honors in the annual essay contest sponsored by the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

First place went to Martha Sue Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson, who is a high school senior.

Winning second place was Leslie Nell Wink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wink. Placing third with her essay was Billie Hester, who makes her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childress.

The essays will be published in The Observer, with Miss Richardson's appearing in this issue.

A. V. Sheppard of the Soil Conservation District, says all the essays will be forwarded to the office in Fort Worth and will compete for state-wide honors.

Twelve girls and five boys submitted essays in the Coke County contest.

Rabbit Twisters To Start Practice

The Rabbit Twisters, Robert Lee's popular base ball team, will hold its first practice session Wednesday of next week, starting at 5 p. m. Captain Lew Heuvel urges all players to be on hand.

The club is hoping to book a game for Sunday, April 4, one week prior to opening of the Concho Basin League. At a meeting Monday night in the Bobbie Hatley barber shop, it was decided that Chilly Tinkler and Heuvel will again direct the Robert Lee club's activities.

Eight teams have been lined up for the league, indicating renewed interest in West Texas semi-pro base ball this season. As usual the Rabbit Twisters are expected to be a strong contender for loop honors.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eddy and three little sons and Mr. Jack Amoe of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rives and children of Odessa visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives over the weekend. Eddy and Gene were buddies in the Naval Air Force on Guam. Mrs. Eddy worked for the government there.

Will Name New BCD Directors

The Robert Lee Board of Community Development is being re-organized. Membership dues have been reduced to \$5 per year from the previous amount of \$1.00 per month and a new board of directors is to be chosen.

H. S. Lewis, Jr. and A. V. Sheppard drew up proposed changes in BCD by-laws which were adopted unanimously. The plan calls for a board of seven directors to serve three-year terms and they are to name their chairman. They will submit a list of 14 names from which members will elect seven directors. Ballots will be mailed in the near future and it is proposed that the new officers will take over at the April meeting.

BCD President Bob Vaughan has pointed out that the duties of the president of the civic organization have been too heavy. In the new set up the six directors other than the chairman will serve as chairmen of a like number of standing committees.

The April meeting will be featured by a barbecue at the American Legion hut.

J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler reported on the soft ball project. He said the committee has \$232 in the bank and pledges of \$150. By a vote of the members present Mr. Tinkler was advised to contract with the West Texas Utilities Co. to install the lights at a cost not to exceed \$600. The soft ball field is to be located west of the high school football gridiron.

A. V. Sheppard, school board president, reported that architects are finishing plans and specifications for the new building, and they should be ready to call for bids very soon. Local labor will be employed if it is available.

Commissioner J. W. Service announced that engineers had completed their survey of the Silver loop, a distance of 6 miles. This week they were to start laying out a proposed new road from the Millican field to run northwest to the new oil field.

W. D. McAdams reported the Boy Scout drive last month raised \$506.

EASTERN STAR INITIATION

Robert Lee Chapter Order of the Eastern Star held initiation ceremonies last Thursday night. Mrs. Bob Stevenson of Big Lake, worthy matron, was in charge and was assisted by her brother-in-law, Steve Stevenson of Big Lake, who served as worthy patron. Visitors were present from Bronte, Maryneal, San Angelo and Big Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress were initiated.

Red Cross Drive Gets Started Here

The annual Red Cross Fund Drive started off here last week and contributions of more than \$200 have been reported thus far.

An effort will be made to raise \$500 in Robert Lee and the west half of Coke County.

Mrs. Leslie Copeland, campaign chairman, announces that new workers include Mesdames Lowell Roane, Buster Fields and Melvin Childress.

ROBBERY AT CAFE

Hazel's Cafe was broken into Sunday night, resulting in a considerable loss. The robbery was discovered early Monday when the proprietor, Mrs. Hazel Chiles, arrived at her place of business. Entrance to the cafe, located on the highway adjacent to the Texaco Station, was gained through a rear window. Mrs. Chiles said several dollars were taken from the music box, but the robbers did not get into the cigarette vending machine. A cooked ham was taken from the refrigerator, also several boxes of gum and candy and a good butcher knife was missing.

John Miller, 32, Oil Field Worker, Dies Suddenly

John L. Miller, 32, D. S. & R. Construction Co. employee, died suddenly about 10 a. m. Tuesday while at work in the oil field several miles southwest of Silver. His death was caused by a heart attack. He was a heavy equipment operator.

The family had been in Robert Lee the past eight months. They resided in a house trailer which is parked at the Vincent Hanna home.

Clift Funeral Home will be in charge of funeral services to be held Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Richland Springs. The Rev. James C. Shipman will officiate. Burial was scheduled to be in Varga Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Miller was born in Brown County on April 27, 1921, and his home was at Richland Springs the most of his life.

Survivors include his wife and three children, Jimmy Lee, age 10, Helen Louise, 9, and Olita Faye, 6 years old.

He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Richland Springs and two sisters, Mrs. W. M. King of Richland Springs and Mrs. John Asher of Windsor, Calif.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

A rent house in the south part of town owned by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay was destroyed by fire early Wednesday night of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hood, occupants of the house, were attending midweek church services when the fire broke out. Origin of the blaze is unknown. The modern 4-room house was valued at \$4,500 and was partially covered by insurance. The Hoods did not have insurance on their belongings estimated to be worth upwards of \$2,000. Friends and neighbors gave the Hoods a gift shower at the Legion hut Monday night. They are residing temporarily with the Roy Hood family.

ENLISTS IN AIR FORCE

Floyd Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard of Robert Lee, has enlisted in the Air Force and left Tuesday to begin his basic training at Lackland AFB near San Antonio. Floyd has been living in San Angelo where he was employed by a soft drink bottling firm. His wife will remain in San Angelo for the present. She is employed by General Telephone Co. of the Southwest.

RAPE CASE TO START MONDAY

Albert Edward Poe, 21 year old Brady youth, will be tried on a rape charge in District Court here starting next Monday.

The alleged crime took place near Water Valley last summer when Poe was working on the Clark Ranch. He was indicted by a grand jury last August and has been free under a \$3,000 bond.

Judge Joe L. Mays of San Angelo will be on the bench. He has ordered a special venire of 72 men to report at 10 a. m. Monday for jury service.

The jury list follows:

Earl F. Glenn, Hadley Richards, S. C. Sayner, R. H. Sims, E. E. Stagner, L. B. White, Sam Spruell, Carl Brock, Chas. C. Boecking, Elbert Davidson, W. H. Capps, W. H. Feil, Curtis Walker, Kenneth Lackey, J. M. Casey, Royce Fancher, J. D. Harmon, Jack Corley.

Joe G. Wilkins, David Lowrance, J. H. Ruth, Jacob B. Morrow, Floyd Fancher, Lewis Bridges, Jess Craig, L. C. Clark, Earl Davidson, D. O. King, Finnell Smith, Bailey Russell, Vernon Copeland, Douglas Gartman, C. A. Bowen, J. B. Jameson, C. J. Robbins, Fred Jameson.

Bobby Hatley, Clark Glenn, Bert Blaylock, George Thomas, D. J. Walker, Jr., A. F. McKinley, Tom Rives, J. B. Walker, Jr., W. S. Evans, Jr., Wesley Watson, D. K. Glenn, Roy Casey, Leonard Fletcher, M. J. Dixon, J. M. Vosburg, R. L. Page, C. E. Hageman, John Brown.

G. A. Braswell, R. C. Patterson, Jesse Parker, A. R. Coalson, James Counts, A. N. Tubbs, Steve Badley, N. C. Pentecost, W. H. Thomas, Joe Ed Scott, J. W. B. Robertson, R. H. Godwin, O. E. Kresta, V. M. Box, Eddie Patterson, R. A. Stroud, Alton Roberts and Fern Havins.

Deadline Is Near For '54 Car Tags

Motor vehicle owners are advised that the deadline for buying 1954 license plates is April 1. Up to Wednesday only 400 passenger car tags had been issued in the office of Paul Good. It is estimated there are 1,300 in the county.

Attention is also directed to the April 15 deadline for having cars and trucks inspected.

HOSPITAL NEWS

March 10—Jimmy Arnold, Alton Kennamur admitted. Mrs. Willis Smith dismissed.

March 11—Mrs. Gale Brown, Mrs. W. P. McDorman admitted. Juanice Yarbrough dismissed.

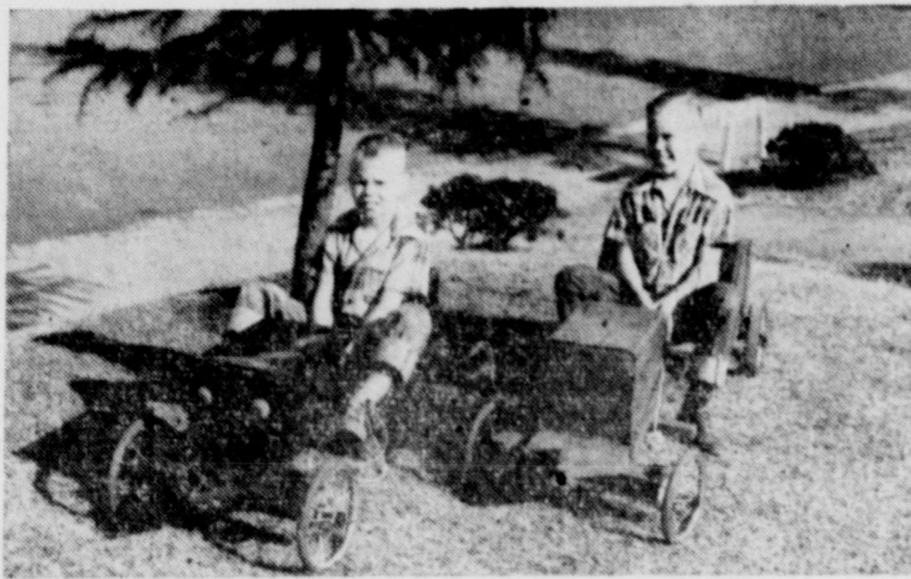
March 12—Mrs. Tom Schooler admitted. Lloyd Johnson, J. I. Murtishaw dismissed.

March 13—Laura Bird, Mrs. Boneita Robertson admitted. Mrs. Tom Schooler, Alton Kennamur dismissed.

March 14—Jimmy Arnold dismissed.

March 15—Mrs. Mitchell Davis admitted. Mrs. Gale Brown dismissed.

March 16—Mrs. C. L. Hallmark, Mrs. Frank Dickey, Sr., Mrs. Frank Dickey, Jr., Dwight Utley, E. C. Davis admitted. Mrs. Dick Skipworth, Laura Bird dismissed.



HATTIE DAY'S GRANDSONS IN JAPAN

Sgt. Merle Day Due Home From Japan Within Few Weeks

The above photo was submitted by Mrs. Hattie Day and shows her grandsons, Frank Edward, 11, and Johnny Mack, 9, sons of M/Sgt. and Mrs. M. E. Day, and their "hot rods."

Sgt. Day has been stationed at Johnson AFB at Tokyo the past 3½ years and his family has been with him two years.

They are scheduled to start back home March 20. Merle's new station will be Sewart AFB, Nashville, Tenn.

M/Sgt. Luther C. Day, Mrs. Hattie Day's youngest son, is an Air Force weather observer at Komaki AFB in Japan. The brothers have been privileged to visit each other occasionally. Komaki is a 20-minute plane trip from Tokyo.

Notes From The Oil Field

Sun has started a wildcat in Concho County, 3 miles east and north of Paint Rock, designated as No. 1 J. A. Waide. It is scheduled to explore the Canyon lime estimated at a depth of 2,600 feet. John Drilling Co. has the contract and moved in rig this week. The operation will be in charge of Jake Higginbotham, Sun area superintendent at Silver.

Central Texas Division of Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co., with headquarters at Abilene, for the second straight year, has won the company's safe driving award. The district's accident driving frequency during the past year was 0.15 accidents per 100,000 miles of driving. It meant company personnel drove a total of 4,548,800 miles with seven accidents. Supt. Tommy Lynch and other Halliburton employees from Silver attended a dinner in Abilene Tuesday night when the safety trophy was presented to Hubert Northcutt, division manager.

A new Jameson Field project will be American Republics Corp. of Houston No. 4 W. I. Tubb, four and one-half miles southwest of Silver. Slated for 7,500 feet, it spots 467 feet from the west and 1,980 feet from the

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south lines of J. M. Norwood Survey, Abstract 1285.

CAMBRIAN WILDCAT
 Humble Oil & Refining Co. will drill a 5,500-foot Cambrian wildcat inside the Bronte multipay field of Coke County, two miles southwest of Bronte. It will be the No. 5 Olive May Keeney.

Drilling, on the 135.75-acre lease, will begin when permit is approved.

Location is 660 feet from the

south and 467 feet from the west lines of 453-1A-H&TC.

Several projects in the field indicated possible production from the Cambrian, but none have been completed in that formation.

TENNYSON WILDCAT
 Gore Drilling Co., Albany, has filed application to drill a 6,009-foot rotary wildcat, its 1 Fred Conger, in southeastern Coke County, approximately ½-mile west of Tennyson.

Drilling, on the 160 acre lease, will begin at once.

Location is 467 from the north and 2,690 from the most easterly east lines of 1-J. W. Johnson survey.

The prospector is 1 7/8-miles northeast of Union 1 Webb, a dry hole, plugged and abandoned at 6,050 feet, June 6, 1953. The Caddo was topped at 5,305 feet and the Wilburns at 6,020 feet, on elevation of 1,958 feet.

Lieut. and Mrs. Judge Sandusky were Robert Lee visitors Monday and were supper guests in the home of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Franky Percifull. Lt. Sandusky is a weather observer in the Air Force and is stationed at Goodfellow Field at San Angelo.

HAYRICK HD CLUB

The Hayrick Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday night, March 10, in the home of Gladys Waldrop.

Four members and two visitors were present for the regular meeting.

Mrs. J. W. Labenske, president, conducted the business meeting. The 1954 Recommendation for Council were approved.

Mrs. Labenske gave a demonstration on "Sewing Machine Attachments."

The next meeting will be Thursday night, March 18, at the school building.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican are now living at Olney, Texas.

LEAVES FORT KNOX

Ft. Knox, Ky. — Pvt. L. Wood Snyder, whose mother, R. L. Page, resides west of Lee, Texas, has completed more Track Vehicle Maintenance Course No. 10 at the School here.

This specialized course is student in maintenance of and wheeled vehicles. It consists of conferences, demonstrations, practical work, performance and written examinations.

Pvt. Snyder has returned to permanent station at Cameron, Ala.

Wanda Sue Walker spent weekend at Silver with Arnold.

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Dallas, Texas. A. Ritter, superintendent of Operating Dept. of Oil Company's division, retired to office of Sun service. M. Gladney is manager.

A. S. Rhea has been engineer and president, Opera F. G. (Gus) Mr. Rhea's former title of division manager. He has chief petroleum Mr. Ritter has the American tute since its member of 1950 a certificate of his distinguished constructive le P. I. Since chairman of the Training of C Division of Pr Earlier he was chairman of the A. ern district in became a member of the District in he has been Division of Pr Committee.

Born in 1887 he attended school graduated from the University of Colorado Bachelor of Engineer.

He joined S. M. B. Sweet's Division, in 1919 the field almost a number of years and Mr. Sweet in 1941.

Mr. Ritter is First President of Dallas, a life member of the Dallas Club and he and Mrs. R. Lorraine, Dallas. A. S. Rhea chemist at Dallas he was made engineer for division in May he duties and general superintendent upon Petroleum Engineering (now department) in East Texas from time in 1941. He is superintendent Texas Salt Water; at Corpus petroleum superintendent he Jackson, engineering development field, La. He is assistant petroleum engineer.

Mr. Rhea is an engineer in charge in the Uni 927. He is American Institute of Metallurgy the American.

Mr. Prutzman Dallas Office petroleum engineer from Jackson had been dis since 1900. He first job, after graduation from M. College

Rhea Succeeds John Ritter In Sun Office At Dallas

Dallas, Texas, March 15—John A. Ritter, superintendent of the Operating Department for Sun Oil Company's Southwest Division, retired today after 31 years of Sun service, announces Sam M. Gladney, Southwest Division manager.

A. S. Rhea succeeds him. Mr. Rhea has been chief petroleum engineer and assistant superintendent, Operating Department.

F. G. (Gus) Prutzman assumes Mr. Ritter's former duties and the title of division petroleum engineer. He has been assistant chief petroleum engineer.

Mr. Ritter has been active in the American Petroleum Institute since its inception. In November of 1950 he was presented a certificate of appreciation for his distinguished service and constructive leadership by the A. P. I. Since 1942, he has been chairman of the A. P. I.'s Central Committee on Vocational Training of Oil Field Workers, Division of Production.

Earlier he was secretary-treasurer of the A. P. I.'s Southwestern district in 1931 and 1932, and chairman in 1933 and 1934. He became a member of the Advisory Committee of the Southwestern District in 1935. Since 1946 he has been a member of the Division of Production's General Committee.

Born in 1887 in Denver, Colo., he attended school there and later graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree of Bachelor of Science—Electrical Engineer.

He joined Sun as assistant of M. B. Sweeney, superintendent of Production for the Southwest Division, in 1923. He was out in the field almost constantly for a number of years, then succeeded Mr. Sweeney, who died in 1941.

Mr. Ritter is a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, a life member in the Blue Lodge (Masonic), and a member of the Dallas Country Club, Rotary Club and Petroleum Club. He and Mrs. Ritter reside at 4400 Lorraine, Dallas.

A. S. Rhea joined Sun as a chemist at Dallas June 9, 1927. He was made chief petroleum engineer for the Southwest Division in May, 1947, and added the duties and title of assistant general superintendent of Production upon consolidation of the Petroleum Engineering Department (now called Operating Department) in July, 1948.

In the meantime, he served in East Texas from 1931 to 1943 as petroleum engineer and also for some time in 1942 'on loan' as general superintendent of the East Texas Salt Water Disposal Company; at Corpus Christi, Texas, as petroleum engineer, and as superintendent of Production for the Jackson, Miss., District during development of the Delhi field, La. He moved to the Dallas office March 16, 1946, as assistant petroleum and production engineer.

Mr. Rhea is a native of Loring, Kans., and received his B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the University of Texas in 1927. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the American Petroleum Institute.

Mr. Prutzman moved into the Dallas Office as a senior petroleum engineer in July of 1948 from Jackson, Miss., where he had been district petroleum engineer since the fall of 1946.

He first joined Sun at Kilgore, Texas, in June of 1937, just after graduation from Texas A. & M. College with a B. S. degree

in petroleum engineering. He served in East Texas as a roustabout and then as production engineer; at Delhi Field, La., in the early stages of the field's development; and then at Jackson.

He was in the Army from 1941 to September of 1945, emerging as a lieutenant colonel after two years in Europe. He also received the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit for his distinguished service.

Mr. Prutzman is a native of

Beaumont, Texas. At Texas A. & M. he was a major of the Band Company in the cadet corps. He is a member of the American Petroleum Institute, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and the Dallas Petroleum Engineering Club.

M. E. Petross and family visited Robert Lee friends the last of the week. A former Robert Lee teacher, he is teaching high school mathematics in Fort Worth.

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HD COUNCIL MEETING

Monthly session of the H. D. Council was held Friday. Mrs. C. E. Arrott, council chairman, called the meeting to order. The Hayrick club gave the club prayer. Roll call was answered by four clubs, Bronte, Friendship, Hayrick and Green Mountain.

The recommendations were adopted with some changes.

Mrs. O. B. Jacobs is in charge of the scrap book for '54.

There will be a reporters meeting April 2, 2 p. m. in the agents office.

Council meeting second Tuesday in April.

Hayrick Lodge



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Coke County Chapter

Silver Cub Scouts To Benefit From Observer Sales

SILVER, March 17 — Cub Scouts have planned a subscription drive for The Robert Lee Observer, and Saturday, Mar. 20, has been set for the opening of the campaign. The Cubs will receive a commission on all subscription money which they collect.

E. E. Lindsey, Sun Oil Co. pumper, is the Cub Scoutmaster and den mothers are Mrs. John Shimer and Mrs. Cecil Palmer. About 15 Cubs have been enrolled. Boys from 8 to 11 years are eligible.

The Observer carries Silver news each week and also keeps up to date on oil operations in the county. The subscription rate is \$2.00 per year, and \$2.50 for subscriptions sent outside of Coke and adjoining counties.

Garland (Copey) Davis of Robert Lee has purchased half interest in the Sun Grocery here from his older brother, Vaughan. Both gained their experience in the Earl Roberts Store in Robert Lee and both have military service. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Davis of Robert Lee. The store building which they occupy here is owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson.

The Andersons are now erecting a new building designed for a barber and beauty shop. C. W. Bessent and Carl Brock are in charge of the work.

TEACHER RESIGNS

Miss Loretta Gullette, music teacher in the Silver schools the past two years, has resigned her

Want Ads

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.

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position and Mrs. O. W. Newell has been named to fill the vacancy.

Miss Gullette plans to be married next month to Lieut. William Talmadge. The ceremony is set for 4 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 18, at the bride's home in Joplin, Mo. She left Friday to visit a sister, Mary Lou, who is a student at H-SU in Abilene.

A shower for the bride-elect was given Monday of last week at Sun recreation hall, with fifty ladies attending. Mrs. Wayne Reed made the announcement of the forthcoming wedding. Lieut. Talmadge expects to be sent overseas in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. Gassiot's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hardy, in San Angelo. They attended the ground breaking exercises for the new College Hill Baptist Church in the afternoon. Mr. Hardy, who is district manager of South Texas Lumber Co., is chairman of the church building committee.

Pres Pew spent several days here this week in connection with a training program for gasoline plant employees. Mr. Pew, former superintendent of Sun's gas plant here, is now located in Dallas and works out of the southwestern division office there. He reports that Mrs. Pew and the children are well and that they wished to be remembered to their Silver friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carr have purchased a nice modern home in San Angelo and plan to move there within a few weeks. Their many Silver friends regret to learn that they will leave the community where they have resided for many years.

J. P. and Ramey Jameson and two friends from Colorado City were expected home Wednesday from a fishing trip to Lake Travis.

Mrs. Jack Mowbray is receiving medical treatment in Clinic Hospital at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brasuell (Pat Preston) are parents of a daughter, Janet Lou, born March 12 in Clinic Hospital at San Angelo. They have a son, Mike, two years old. Mr. Brasuell is a Sun Oil Co. roustabout. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston of Silver.

Elmo Hargis has returned to his home here after being treated for two weeks in the Colorado City hospital. He received second degree burns recently when an oil line blew out in the generator building at Sun's gasoline plant.

Ed Pace and family and C. V. Aldridge visited over the weekend with the former's parents in McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ledbetter of Abilene were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican.

The girls of the Silver 4-H Club met Wednesday, March 10. We were given demonstrations on good grooming. Jonell Black gave us the demonstrations.— Hattie Kaye McKinnon.

FEED PROGRAM ENDS

J. E. Quisenberry received a telegram this week announcing that the government will cease its livestock feed program March 22. Considerable corn has been shipped into Coke County this winter, being sold to stockmen at \$1.00 per bushel, about half the market price. It has been a great help to ranchmen in wintering their cattle and sheep.

Johnny Hickman and family visited over night last Friday with relatives here. They were enroute from Lufkin to Leveland where Johnny has been hired as the new high school athletic coach.

J. L. Robertson Weds Mrs. Whirley Of Big Spring

(Reprinted from March 14 edition of Big Spring Herald.)

In an informal single ring ceremony Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Edith Reynolds Whirley became the bride of J. L. Robertson of Robert Lee. Rites were read in the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Robertson.

Mrs. Whirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reynolds of Kansas City, Kan., where she has lived most of her life. Mr. Robertson is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robertson of Robert Lee. He is the uncle of R. L. Robertson.

The Rev. Mr. E. L. Doris read the ceremony. The bride wore a grey suit with blue accessories and a white corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson attended the couple. Mrs. Robertson wore a grey and yellow knit suit and her accessories were brown. Immediately after the ceremony, a wedding reception was held. Mrs. B. J. Weatherly, a daughter of the bride served the cake which was in five tiers and topped with a small bride and groom. Mrs. R. L. Robertson was at the register.

The couple left after the reception for Robert Lee where the groom is a rancher. Out-of-town

guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Plumlee, Jr., of Snyder.

Pictures were taken of the group when Mrs. Edith Whirley was honored Friday with a bridal shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Weatherly.

Mrs. Weatherly presided at the register. Mrs. Claude Robertson served punch from a bowl centering a table which was decorated in green and yellow. Eighteen guests called.

Mrs. Jeff Dean as received good reports from her husband, who is undergoing treatment in a hospital at Rochester, Minn. He was hospitalized there recently after being examined at the Mayo Clinic.

ANGUS BULLS SOLD
Marvin B. Simpson of Robert Lee recently sold four Aberdeen-Angus bulls to Maddox, Maryneal, Texas, bull to L. G. Thuet, Jr. of

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TO

Motor Vehicle Owners

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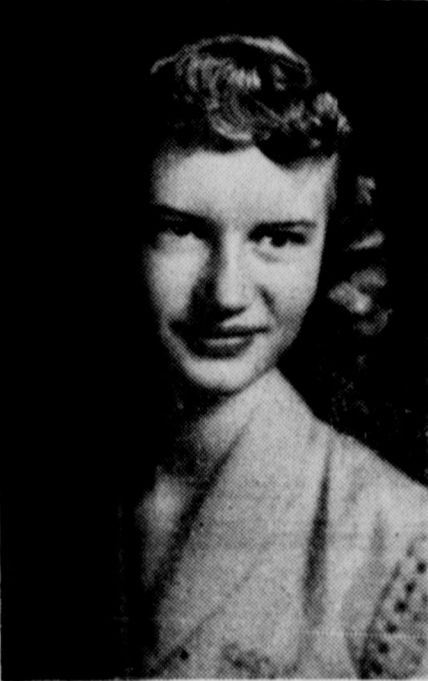
Inspection Deadline April 15

Your attention is also directed to another important law which provides that Motor Vehicles must have a mechanical inspection prior to April 15. You are advised to have an inspection sticker before that date.

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MARTHA SUE RICHARDSON

What Can I Do About Soil Conservation

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Years ago when our country was founded, there seemed to be little need for conserving our natural resources. There was plenty of land and few people. When the resources were used up, the people had to move westward to new land. Now the last frontier has been reached, and our natural resources are no longer plentiful. With these changes, the great need of conserving our soil has arisen. In order to do this we must also conserve our water, our land, forests and animals. Rain is a great blessing. Yet uncontrolled rain is a threat to our civilization. Falling on our pastures and farms, the rain begins its long journey to the rivers, leaving miniature gorges and gullies. Our precious topsoil goes with it. Thousands and thousands of tons of this soil are carried into the oceans every year. This must be stopped, or the nation will find itself without enough food for its people. Much has been done for conservation, but there is much more that we need to do. Fertilizing can return many vital elements to the soil. Plant materials can be plowed under. Hill-

sides can be used for pastures rather than for crops. Dry land can be made useful by irrigation. The organic matter of soils can be increased by cover crops. Contour farming, crop rotation, strip cropping and terracing are also helpful.

Individually, I can help in soil conservation by keeping myself informed on new methods of conservation. When I meet someone who is indifferent, I can try to make him realize its importance. As a member of various organizations, I can encourage the study of conservation. It is important to let the Congressmen know about the interest in the program and of the willingness to support it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neill and daughter, Doris, came down from Sunray to attend the Richmond Stroud funeral last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckle Sparks spent the weekend with friends at Wichita Falls.

PERSONALS

T. B. Hicks finished the income tax returns Monday and left Tuesday for New Mexico. He took about 200 turkeys back with him to get his program under way. Hicks plans to be back next year to help the people in Coke County again with their returns.

Merritt Smith of San Antonio and Chester Smith of Corpus Christi came to Robert Lee last week to attend the funeral of their uncle, Richmond Stroud. They are brothers of Mrs. Mitchell Davis.

Jack Mouton of Midland is in Robert Lee making new maps of Coke County through the Adams Abstract Office. Mr. Mouton is from the Midland Map Company and is staying in the Bruce Clift home until he completes his work here.

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M/Sgt. and Mrs. Floyd S. Casey are parents of a son born Feb. 3, 1954. He weighed 8 pounds, 9½ ounces and has been named Terance. They have three other children, Ellen, Lorreta, and Jerry. Sgt. Casey is with the Armed Forces in Austria. His family is also in Austria.

Mrs. Ike Billings and little son, James Ike, Jr., was a guest the last of the week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harwell. Mr. Billings, who is serving in the armed forces, has been sent to an eastern camp. Mrs. Billings and the baby will reside in Sanderson where she has an office position. She is the former Barbara Harwell.

Mrs. Carol Trimble and children of Sweetwater visited last week in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Faris.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDonald Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bogart Watkins of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McDonald.

Freddie Hickman and family came in from Sanderson for a visit the last of the week with relatives and friends. He is coaching at Sanderson and school was let out a couple of days for a district teachers convention at El Paso.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Mr. J. F. Hamilton, wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends for their many deeds of kindness and the beautiful floral offerings. Your loving kindness lightened our burden and shall always be remembered. We would also like to thank Dr. McDaniel and the hospital staff. — Mrs. J. F. Hamilton and Family.



As spring plowing gets underway on farms across the nation, none of the more than 4 million farm tractors in use will resemble this one. Henry Ford's first farm tractor, built in 1907, long since has been retired to a place of honor in the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich. The 24-horsepower vehicle, which Mr. Ford called his "Automobile Plow," sports an engine with copper water jackets. Its rear wheels were taken from a binder. Despite its early vintage, it still runs.

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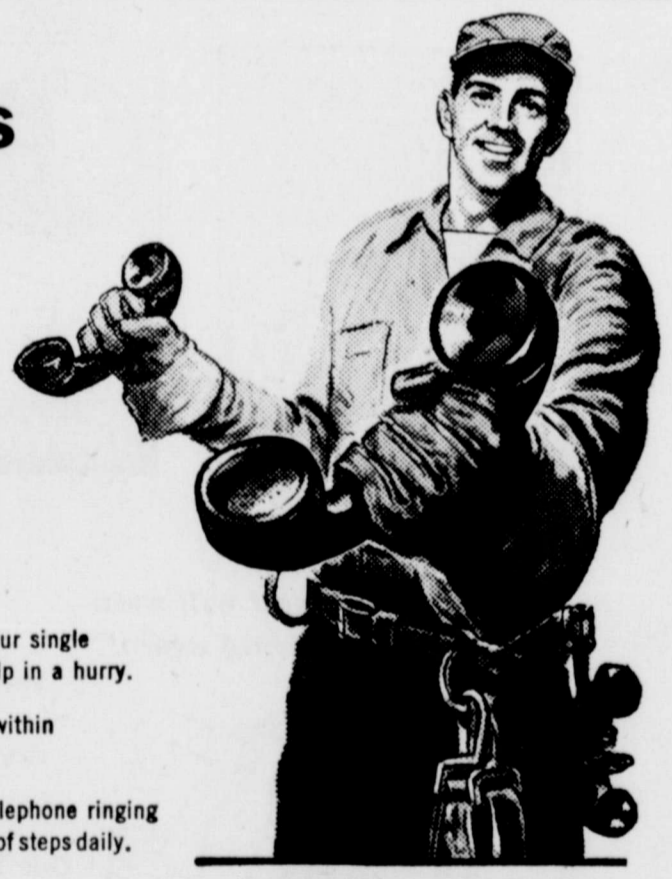
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Mrs. Frances Carter is Assistant Professor of Journalism at San Angelo College and is in charge of Carr Hall, the dormitory for women.

She earned the B. A. degree at Rice Institute. While attending Rice she was awarded the Estelle Sharp Scholarship in philanthropy and civics. At Rice Institute Mrs. Carter edited the yearbook and the school paper, and served as assistant librarian.

Mrs. Carter obtained her M. A. degree in adolescent sociology, journalism and English at the University of Texas.

Mrs. Carter is a member of the Episcopal Church and has served as state officer of the Business and Professional Women's Club, the State P. T. A., and the A. A. U. W.

Vocational Tests Given Senior Class

Supt. B. C. Goodwin has announced that the Robert Lee high school graduates for 1954 have been given the Kuder Vocational Preference Tests provided by San Angelo College without cost to the local students or the local high school. The test was given Thursday, March 11.

This test is one of the guidance services for high school graduates of this area which San Angelo College has been giving for the past six years.

As a follow-up to this test, the College sent a team of its expert counsellors, Mrs. Frances Carter and Joe Gabriel to the Robert Lee High School to explain the results of the test with specific interpretation to each boy and girl and at the same time point out use the student can make of the information whether he goes on to College or



Joe R. Gabriel, Director of Retail Institute and Distributive Education was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He attended both elementary and High School there. He received the Bachelor of Science Degree at Southwest Missouri State College and the Masters of Education Degree at the University of Missouri. Mr. Gabriel was coordinator of Distributive Education at Paris Junior College before coming to San Angelo.

Gabriel is married and has one son, Rodney Franklin, he is a member of the Methodist church, Lions Club, Masons, and the Advertising Club. He is interested in all sports and his hobbies are golf, hunting, and fishing.

While in College Mr. Gabriel was a member of the National Honor Fraternity in Math, and was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

enters business.

The San Angelo College Counsellors were here Tuesday, March 16.

This Kuder Test is not an intelligence or an aptitude test. It simply indicates the students' preference in nine different types of vocations. This information is of vital importance to each boy and girl in planning future studies or activities.

VISITOR FROM MEXICO

Mrs. Jewell Mitchell of Chihuahua, Mexico, is a guest here this week of her cousins, the H. C. and G. C. Allens. Former residents of San Angelo, the Mitchells have been in Chihuahua many years, Mr. Mitchell being engaged in the mercantile business there. Mrs. Mitchell will be honored with a coffee Friday morning at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen. One hundred invitations have been sent out for the event.

Helping Our Fellow Men

Every day we hear of the distress, need, or adversity of one of our fellow citizens. Sometimes the need is close at home, sometimes it is at a far distant point. No matter where, each of us has an impulse to help—an impulse as old as the human heart.

But as individuals we frequently can do little. No one of us can afford to make a sizable contribution to every person whose trouble or plight appeals to us. All of us banded together, however, each giving what he can afford, will save lives, restore health, or bring comfort and happiness to many in distress.

Through the American Red Cross each of us may make his contribution easily and efficiently.

By joining the Red Cross we are there to restore the shattered home of a disaster victim; to give emergency help to the family of a serviceman; to provide lifesaving and health restoring blood for the ill and injured; to brighten the weary hours of a hospital patient; to help save and revive a drowning child.

Chartered by Congress and charged with important and specific responsibilities, the Red Cross has been meeting the need

of thousands of stricken or troubled men and women and children each day for more than 70 years.

Only the participation of all of us makes that neighborly service possible. Answer the call of your Red Cross—join and serve your fellow men.

Jim Mauldin visited here several days last week. He has been transferred to Snyder where he is operating his dump trucks for a construction firm. Mr. Mauldin will reside at the Canary Courts in Snyder.

You Are Invited To Services at The CHURCH OF CHRIST In Robert Lee

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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

Drouths (Continued)

Coke County's bumper crop of 1906 was followed by a complete failure in 1907, as a result of the devastating drouth of that year. Many farmers who produced a ton of cotton to the acre on their farms in 1906 did not "drag a plank" in the same fields in 1907. Some farmers along the Colorado bought and installed pumps in an effort to save their crops, but the river went dry, and the money for the pumping equipment only added to their woes. Among those who installed irrigating systems along the river were Robert Lee, W. P. Hilling, J. C. Newton, Gus Joplin, A. J. Russell and probably several others.

The drouth of 1916-17-18 resulted in an exodus of men and women from Coke County. Some men and their older sons went to the long-staple cotton fields of Arizona and picked cotton to supplement the family incomes, while the women, girls, and smaller boys remained at home, taking care of their cats and teams, and plowing the land in preparation for the seed of another crop.

Other Coke Countians who would use a saw and hammer went to the army camps and worked as carpenters, while others worked in mines in New Mexico.

While this drouth was probably as long and severe as was that of 1885-87, the results were so disastrous. The difference (1) that wells supplied plenty of water for livestock, and that because of the Great War work was plentiful, the men forced out by the drouth could find employment elsewhere.

While 1921 and 1928-29-30 are periods of drouth in Coke County, other nearby counties, the drouths in those years were not wide-spread as the drouth of 1907, which brought the terrible storms and gave rise to the "st-bowl" era, chronicled in newspapers and in such books as "The Grapes of Wrath."

Today (1953) Coke County, along with all of West Texas and several other Mid-Western states are under the grip of one of the worst drouths in its history.

The average rainfall (Coke County) for the past ten years has been 13.2 inches. In 1951 we received 13.6 inches, and in 1952 received 9.3 inches with 3.3 inches falling after the growing season. Of the 6.0 inches of rain that was received during the growing season, 4.0 inches fell in ineffectual showers of 4 inches or less. About 50% of the district has received less than 5 inches all year, including 1.5 inches rain that fell in November.

Villages and towns of the drouth have faced critical water shortages. So critical has been the situation that for weeks Associated Press dispatches have chronicled the story of the drouth. Newspapers have featured many drouth stories on their pages with two and three-column spreads. Typical of the headlines are: "Flying Congress-Check Drouth Faces;" "Common Tour Rain-Starved;" "President Promises Help Southwestern Drouth Area;" "Over, Coke and surrounding areas have built many ter-

aces and spreader dams, have practiced contour farming and other moisture conserving methods, and thus, in spite of the deficient rainfall, have produced some crops each year.

Plant Life

While Coke County certainly could not classify as a wooded area, it does have a variety of timber along the water courses and in some areas away from the streams.

There are a number of elm groves along the Colorado and on some of the larger creeks, while several pecan motts dot the county. There are post oak thickets and some very large live oaks in the northeastern part of the county in the Fort Chadbourne community, and along Oak and Yellow Wolf Creeks. Oak timber is also found on the Edwards Plateau areas of southern Coke County. Other timber found along streams and in low-lying areas include: walnut, pecan, willow, hackberry, chinaberry, sycamore, cottonwood, and "chittum-gum" trees.

Redbud, sumac, "buckeye," and sotol dot the sloping canyon walls and the low, cedar-and-shinnery-covered hills, while the higher hills have very little veg-

etation other than shinnery and coarse grasses.

Wild plums are found along some creeks and in some canyons, while in the early days the abundance of wild grapes along some creeks resulted in their being named Grape Creeks. Yellow Wolf Creek was once named Grape Creek, and a creek on the south side of the county still bears that name. However, few grapes are found today (1953).

Practically every variety of timber found in the county grows in some of the deeper canyons.

Much of the vegetation in Coke County is thorny, reflecting the arid condition of the climate. There are many varieties of cacti, much beargrass, an occasional century plant, a few "Spanish daggers" (yucca), many "algarita berry" bushes (agrita or berberis or "West-Texas holly"), cat-claw, and chaparral bushes, and possibly others.

The mesquite, the "breadtree" of West Texas cattle ranges, and the prickly pear are found in all areas of the county where they have not been eradicated by farmers and ranchers. The mesquite and prickly pear, despised when rainfall is normal, become "lifesavers" for cattle and sheep in drouthy periods. The mesquite furnishes shade, and its bean is a very nourishing food for livestock. Coke County farmers have been known to fill their barns with these beans when the feed crops failed. With its thorns burned off, the prickly pear becomes a succulent and sustaining livestock food, and many a stockman has helped to carry his cattle or sheep through the winter by "burning pear."

In normal years, Coke County has a profusion of wild flowers of practically every variety known to West Texas. They produce a riot of color in the spring, and beautify the countryside in all areas of the County.

Former Resident Composes Poem

The following poem was written by Mrs. Pauline Coalson Reed, a native born Coke County girl. She was mistress of ceremonies at the Edith Homecoming last year, and will be again this year.

The poem was printed in a recent issue of The Advance, official organ of the First Baptist Church of Abilene.

MY CHURCH

My church to me is a resting place
To think, to sing, to pray
To meditate upon my Lord
And worship in my own way.
This earthy temple was built, I know,
With steel and clay alone,

But somehow, Christ supports my soul

Right from the corner stone.
My friends are there and loved ones, too;

I feel their presence near.
Our fellowship in Christian love

Expels my doubt and fear.
Sometimes I hear The Still Small Voice

That prompts to some kind deed
Reminding me there's work to do:

Young Christian lambs to feed.
The angels seem to play on harps

From out the choir above,
Singing anthems pure and sweet
Of God's redeeming love.

A cross is raised in front of me
My pastor stands behind,
An eternal image of God's great plan

To save and keep mankind.
May we not miss this holy place,

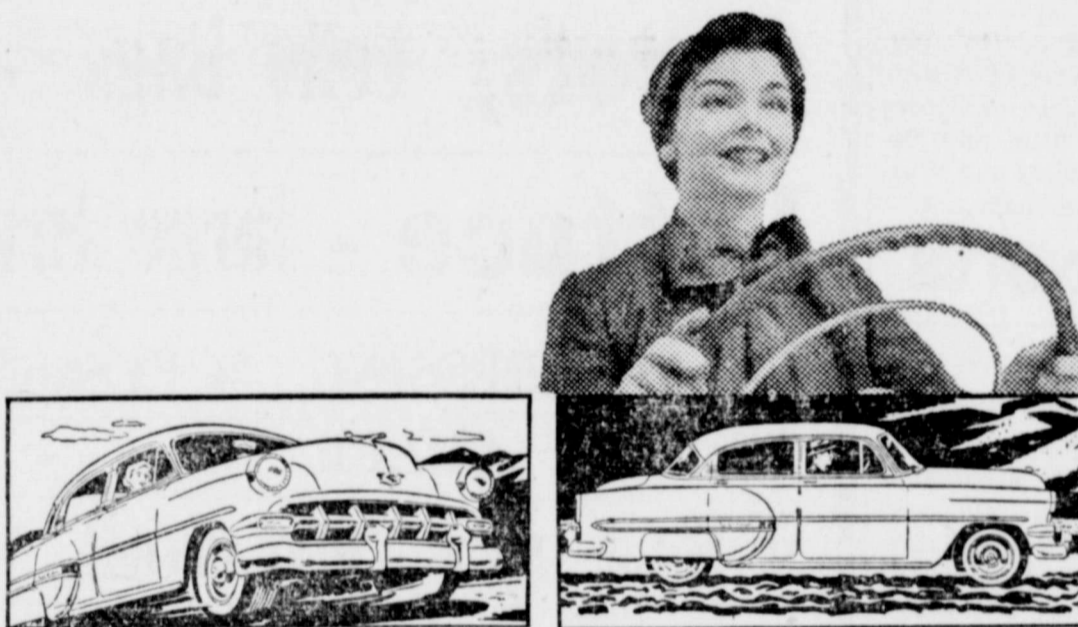
With pardon for each mistake.
And ne'er upon the Lord's own day

The assembling of ourselves forsake.
—Pauline Reed Coalson

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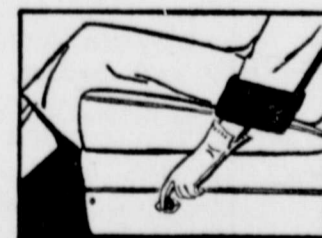
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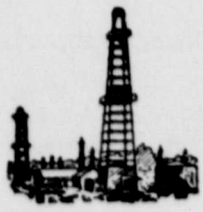


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Notes
From The
Oil Field

Sun Oil Stakes
Wildcat Test
Near Blackwell

Sun Oil Co. has staked a wildcat three miles northwest of Blackwell in Nolan County. It is Sun No. 1 Oward Everett and is projected to drill 5,700 feet. Morris-Hamilton has the drilling contract and will move in rotary at once from Silver.

Sun B-6 Central National Bank, southwest of Silver flowed 157 barrels of load oil and 52 barrels of production, during a 17-hour test ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday. Pressures were 900 pounds on the tubing and 1,000 pounds on the casing. Gas-oil ratio 483-1.

Sun 1 J. A. Waide, wildcat near Paint Rock, drilling Wednesday at 2,300 feet in shale. Operators will start coring.

Twenty miles northwest of Robert Lee, operator was drilling below 6,087 feet at Miami Operating Co., Inc., of Abilene No. 1 I. L. Ellwood, Section 21, Block 15, SP Survey. There have been no shows.

S. B. Adams of San Angelo staked No. 3 Pallie Phelan as a Jameson Strawn Field Project two and one half miles southwest of Silver.

Drillsite is 850 feet from the southwest and 1,720 feet from the southeast lines of Snyder and Von Rosenberg Survey 6. Proposed depth is 6,300 feet with rotary.

Group Oil Co. of Houston has filed application to drill a 6,000 foot Cambrian wildcat one location northeast of production in the Bronte multipay field of Coke County, one mile south of Bronte. It will be No. 1 G. W. Gideon.

Location, on a 92.9 acre lease, is 1,650 feet from the northwest lines of 2,204.8 feet from the northeast lines of 331-N. East-land survey.

CARD OF HANKS

We wish to thank each and everyone for your kindness and generosity in our misfortune. Very gratefully, Keith Hood and Family.

Harold Large is withdrawing from the fourth grade and is moving to California.

Political
Announcements

The Observer is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices indicated, subject to action of the Democratic Primaries.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE—
Jeff Dean

FOR SHERIFF AND TAX
ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR—
Paul Good

FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT
CLERK—
Weldon Fikes

FOR COUNTY TREASURER—
Gertrude Gray

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY—
Frank C. Dickey, Jr.

FOR COMMISSIONER,
Precinct No. 1—
Fern Havins
J. W. Service

FOR COMMISSIONER,
Precinct No. 3—
Ed Hickman

Rites Held For
J. F. Hamilton,
Who Died Mar. 10

Services for J. F. Hamilton, 69, long time resident of Coke County, were held Friday at 3 p. m. at the Baptist Church in charge of the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Shipman, assisted by the Rev. Ray Lee, Methodist minister.

Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery under direction of the Clift Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Francis Seltz, Dennis Markham, Tom Wiginton, Edgar Bagwell, Will Fikes and Paul Good.

Mr. Hamilton died at 4 p. m. Wednesday, March 10, at Coke County Memorial Hospital. He had been ill the past year with a heart ailment.

John Franklin Hamilton was born in Bell County, Texas, in 1885, and came to Coke County when he was a small boy. He married Miss Bertha Wilson in 1911. He was a stock farmer the greater part of his life, but in recent years had worked at the carpenter trade.

Mr. Hamilton was a good friend and neighbor and was loved and admired by everyone who knew him. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, five daughters and four sons. The children are: Mrs. Jessie Mae Hurley of Robert Lee, Mrs. Lois Adams and Mrs. Doris Shandley of Odessa, Mrs. Louise Gaddy of Roswell, New Mex., and Mrs. Fay Eubanks of McCamey; Claude Hamilton of Roswell, New Mex., J. F. Jr. Hamilton of Odessa, Melvin Hamilton of Midland and Donald Hamilton, who is serving in the Navy. All were present for the funeral except Donald, who is aboard ship in the far Pacific.

He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mae West of Ackery and Mr. Gene Baker of Clyde; and three brother, Tom and Ollie Hamilton of Winters and Walter Hamilton of Comanche.

SCHOOL NOTES

The band students have been working on solos for Interscholastic league. The soloists are:

Jo Alice McDonald, accompanied by Mary Vaughn, she will play IDYL; Ronnie Snoddy, playing ECSTASY, accompanied by June McKinnley; June McKinnley, playing ARIOSO, accompanied by Ronnie Snoddy; Mary Francis Wylie, playing MELODY IN F, accompanied by Jerry Dale Sparks; Carrol Geer, playing NORCISSUS, accompanied by June McKinnley, Mary Schooler, NORCISSUS, accompanied by June McKinnley, and Jerry Dean playing BEAUTIFUL COLORADO, accompanied by Jane Austin. The rest will be a clarinet quartet, brass sextet, clarinet trio, Sax quartet, woodwin quartet, and a woodwin trio.

The Home Ec girls are working with aluminum now making some very pretty trays.

The fifth graders have now added a new word to their diets, "cow salt", quite a few of them were sick Monday from eating it and decided it should not be eaten by itself.

The first of the week the first graders had one canary, "Twittie" but Tuesday they had two. Tony Dean brought his canary "Twitter" to school to visit with "Twittie."

The sixth grade has been going over some of the great spanish explorers in history. We had an accident this morning. Terry Frank Bryan was hurt pretty bad when he fell and was almost knocked unconscious. He hasn't completely recovered yet.

MISS HALLMARK HONORED

Miss Donna Hallmark was honored with a Gift Tea March 13, at the American Legion Hut. Hostesses were Jo Alice McDonald, Carolyn Simpson, Mary Vaughn and Carrolyn Lee Box. The table was decorated with two love birds in the midst of flowers. A ribbon with "Donna and Douglas" engraved in gold letters was draped from them.

Punch, cookies, mints and nuts were served to twenty-seven guests. Mrs. Winnie Tidwell of Bronte was the only out of town guest. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dooce Hallmark, Donna Lea will marry Douglas Glenn Martin on March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and family spent Sunday in Christoval.

Sam Lewis Says—

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Mrs. Tom Schooler underwent minor surgery last Friday at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams turned home Tuesday night after a 10 day visit in Old Mexico.

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SUN., MON., TUES, March 21, 22, 23, Sun. Matinee 1:30 P. M.
John Wayne, Donna Reed, Charles Coburn in
"TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY"

Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 24 & 25
Jennifer Jones in
"THE WILD HEART"

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