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UNION STAKES WILDCAT CLOSE TO ROBERT LEE

Union Oil Co. of California has filed application to drill a 6,500-foot rotary wildcat in Coke County, five miles northeast of Robert Lee and 3 1/4 miles north and slightly west of the McCutchen (Cisco) field. It will be the No. 1 Earl Davidson.

Location, on a 160-acre lease, 660 feet from the south and east lines of 383-1A-H&TC.

The land is owned by Earl Davidson and his sisters, Roxie and Hollie, of Edith. It is known as the former Scott Jackson place, and was bought by the Davidson family from J. O. O'Bannon a few years ago.

Wide interest will be centered in the venture, which if successful would force drilling on T. C. Allen to the east and southeast and M. A. Cox on the south.

The prospector is 4 1/8 miles west of Miami Operating Co. Inc. No. 1 L. C. Robbins, wildcat failed abandoned Jan. 26, at 6,733 feet in the Cambrian, top unreported. The Ellenburger was topped at 6,166 feet, which is 520 feet low to the discovery well of the Rawlings 5300 field (formerly Bronte, North 5300 field), 3/4 miles to the east.

The McCutchen field produces from the Cisco at an average depth of 3,875 feet.

FULLER-COKE OILER

The Fuller-Coke (Strawn) field of Coke County has been extended one location west with completion of W. M. & A. P. Fuller No. 3-C Lou E. Johnson for a daily flowing potential of 284.20 barrels of 42.5 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 750-1. Production was through a 13-inch choke and perforations between 6,802-885 feet in 5 1/2 inch casing cemented at 6,939 feet on total depth of 6,941 feet. Pay section was fractured with 10,000 gallons.

Tubing pressure was 850 pounds; casing pressure, 200 pounds.

Location is in 67-2-H&TC, 14 miles southwest of Silver.

STANOLIND OILER

The Jameson (Strawn) field of Coke County has been extended one location west with completion of Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. No. 8 J. E. Chappell for a daily flowing potential of 203.09 barrels of 45.3 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,568-1.

Mrs. Jim Mauldin was called to Houston Sunday by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Wendell Lammers.

HOSPITAL NEWS

June 23 — Barbara Gray dismissed.
June 24 — Nell Burson dismissed.
June 25 — Mrs. J. D. Harmon admitted.
June 26 — Mrs. J. D. Harmon, Mrs. Roy Ross dismissed.
June 27 — Mrs. Sam Jay admitted.
June 28 — Mrs. J. D. Harmon, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Arvel Childress admitted.
June 29 — Mrs. John Gregston admitted. Mrs. Frank Smith dismissed.
June 30 — Mrs. John Gregston, Marvin Glasgow dismissed.

CONCHO LEAGUE STANDING

	W	L	Pct.
Magnolia	9	1	.900
Robert Lee	8	1	.889
Sonora	7	2	.778
Glenmore	4	7	.364
Goodfellow	4	7	.364
Colorado City	4	7	.364
Miles	3	8	.273
Lowake	2	8	.200

Last week's results:
Miles 13, Glenmore 5.
Next Sunday's games:
Colorado City at Robert Lee.
Sonora vs. Magnolia.
Glenmore at Lowake.

Rains over the weekend cancelled all but one Concho Basin League game. Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters were scheduled at Sonora, and the contest will be postponed until the end of the regular season.

Richard Henry will bring his Colorado City club to Robert Lee next Sunday. The Twisters have had two off Sundays now, but they planned to get in a couple of practice sessions this week.

Petitions Filed For Elections For Road Bonds

Coke County Commissioners Court has called for a special session here Saturday morning to consider petitions asking for road bond elections in Precincts 1 and 3.

More than 100 names were on the petitions circulated in Precinct 1 and it is reported that more than the required 50 signers were secured in Precinct 3. Commissioners are expected to set a date for a hearing on the proposals after which a date for the special bond elections can be set.

A drawing of the proposed new paved highways in the northwestern part of the county, together with estimated costs, have been set out in circulars now available at the County Judge's office.

In renewing her subscription to The Observer Mrs. Quilla (Warren) Bell advises that she has moved from San Francisco to Stockton, Calif. She has been employed by the Internal Revenue department for a number of years. Mrs. Bell sends best wishes to her Robert Lee friends.

Absentee Ballots For July Primary Ready on Monday

County Democratic Chairman R. B. Allen announces that absentee ballots for the Primary Election July 24 will be available next Monday.

Final arrangements for the ballots were made by Mr. Allen and his executive committee Monday, and copy is now in the hands of the printers.

Absentee ballots will be available at the County Clerk's office. Persons who plan to be away on election day may call in person at the court house and cast their ballots, or write to the clerk's office and have a ballot sent to them.

Contests for local offices are few this year, with only commissioner jobs being contested. In Precinct 1, Commissioner J. W. Service is opposed by Fern Havins.

Claude Ditmore, commissioner in Precinct 4, has two opponents. They are Chester Derrick and Elbert Carper.

SHORTER BALLOT

It will not take too long to cast your ballot in the Democratic Primary July 24.

There are only six contested races, as certified by the State Executive Committee, making up one of the party's shortest ballots.

GOVERNOR'S RACE

Governor Allan Shivers and his opponent Ralph Yarbrough are touring the state and throwing punches.

Shivers calls Yarbrough the "hand-picked candidate" of the CIO political action committee.

Yarbrough accuses Shivers of running an anti-labor campaign.

Yarbrough criticizes Shivers for seeking a third term and pictures him as a Democrat-Republican.

The tempo will increase with the temperature as July 24 approaches.

Dave Hoots of Bronte stopped in this week to renew his subscription. He has been a constant reader of The Observer since May, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall of Lubbock were recent weekend guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave King.

JULY 5 HOLIDAY

Next Monday, July 5, will be observed as a holiday and all stores, city and county offices and the post office will be closed. Fishing and picnicking will be the order of the day in these parts.

GOOD FISHING HERE

Good fishing has been reported the past few weeks in Mountain Creek Lake at the edge of Robert Lee. Steve Parker recently landed an 8 1/2 pound blue catfish, and a number of other good sized ones. J. C. Snead, Jr. hooked a 4 1/2 pound bass over the weekend and reports other excellent catches. Jerry Tinkler landed a 3 pound bass Tuesday evening.

SOFT BALL GAMES

A big crowd was on hand at the soft ball diamond Tuesday night and witnessed a couple of good games. It pays to be married, according to a team of young married men, who defeated a team composed of single men. A pickup team bested the Volunteer Firemen. Last Friday night, the Firemen lost to a young pickup team by the score of 19 to 15. Melvin Bahlman hurled for the Firemen.

The Bobby Baker family is enjoying a vacation visit at Weatherford with Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Claude Dean.

BIRTHS

MAULDIN — Pfc. and Mrs. Donald Mauldin are parents of their first child, a son, born at 4:49 a. m. June 25 at El Paso. The baby weighed 7 pounds, one ounce and has been named Donald Gene. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mauldin and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives of Robert Lee. The Mauldins are residing in El Paso while Donald is stationed in the armed forces at Ft. Bliss.

BROCK—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brock (Floy Rives) are parents of their first child, a daughter, born June 21 at Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and has been named Anita Dale. The father, who is stationed in the Navy at Virginia Beach, Va., is now home on a 14-days leave. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rives of Robert Lee, Mrs. Beulah Tubb of Bronte and Joe Brock of San Angelo.

SPILLWAY TO BE REPAIRED AT \$16,490 COST

A contract for repairs on the Mountain Creek Lake spillway was awarded here Tuesday at a special meeting of directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority.

Fern Havins of Robert Lee and his associate, Cecil Gilbert of San Angelo, were the successful bidders. Their price was \$16,490. F. A. Seidel & Sons of Ballinger were the only other bidders, their figure being \$18,595.

The contract to be completed in 30 working days, includes the following items:

1. 3,000 yards of earth fill, \$1,500.
2. 440 cubic yards of re-enforced spillway slab and cutoff wall, \$12,100.
3. 16,000 pounds of re-enforcing steel, \$2,240.
4. 130 yards of rock riprap, \$650.

The spillway has been badly damaged from flood waters during the past year, and engineers advised construction of a concrete apron to prevent further washing.

Mr. Havins is a well known earth moving contractor, and Mr. Gilbert is experienced in the concrete business. They plan to build the apron in sections to escape extensive damage if floods should come during the period of construction. At present the lake is practically full.

S. C. Cooper representing the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper of Lubbock, is in charge of the project for the UCRA.

The Tuesday meeting held in the Robert Lee State Bank, was attended by UCRA President L. T. Youngblood of Bronte, Secretary G. C. Allen of Robert Lee and Directors Cumbie Ivey, Frank Cannon, Rufus W. Foster and H. C. Ragsdale.

Mr. Havins advised The Observer yesterday that he expects to begin work on the project immediately.

Cost of the spillway repairs will be paid from UCRA funds, but will be assessed to the City of Robert Lee and added on to the original cost of the Mountain Creek municipal water project. The city is repaying the UCRA at the rate of \$350 per month.



DAMAGED SPILLWAY—The Robert Lee Mountain Creek dam spillway is pictured here in its damaged condition. A flood last summer washed away considerable earth and damaged concrete stringers. Engineers and UCRA officials failed to agree on how to construct a permanent spillway until recently, when a concrete apron

was decided upon. The spillway top originally was level with the top of the concrete stringer, now forming a bridge, on which the man is standing. A contract to rebuild the spillway was let this week to Fern Havins and Cecil Gilbert at a cost of \$16,490. Above photo was taken recently by a representative of the Standard-Times.

JEFFIE HARMON BECAME BRIDE OF BOBBY ROBERTS ON JUNE 18

In a candlelight service in the ranch home of the bridegroom's parents, Miss Jeffie Inez Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon, became the bride of Bobby Ferrel Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts of the Valley View community south of Robert Lee at 5:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon, June 18.

The Rev. James C. Shipman, pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist Church, read the double-ring ceremony before an improvised altar formed by cathedral tapers in tall branched candelabra and floor baskets of pink gladioli and greenery.

Candle lighters were Jerry Harmon, brother of the bride, and Jerrel Clint Harmon, cousin of the bride.

Music for the occasion consisted of recordings of appropriate classical and traditional wedding selections.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street-length dress of pink cotton sheer, fashioned with a stand-up collar, short sleeves with full turned-up cuffs trimmed with white bows, and a full-flaring skirt which featured three set-in cords. She carried a bouquet of pink roses sprinkled with white carnations on a white Bible.

Miss Shirley Jean Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart of Robert Lee, attended the bride as maid of honor. She wore a street-length dress of pink sheer. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Norman Dean Roberts served his cousin as best man.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held. The lace-covered table was centered by a large bouquet of pink carnations and ferns, flanked by white cathedral tapers. Mrs. Lois Williams, aunt of the bridegroom, poured frosted punch. Mrs. Cortez Harmon, aunt of the bride, presided at the bride's book.

Following the reception, the bridal couple left for a brief wedding trip to Shreveport, La., and to points in East Texas. For traveling the bride wore a dress of gray cotton with white accessories.

Mrs. Roberts plans to continue her studies at Robert Lee High School, where she will be a senior next term.

The bridegroom graduated from Robert Lee High School with the class of 1953. He is employed by the Carl Short Drilling Company.

Guests at the wedding included the immediate families of the couple and Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley Harmon, Mrs. Elton Millican and Marshal Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. James Thomason, Craig and Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Lenn Roberts of Robert Lee, and Miss Kieta Jones of Irving, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will make their home at the residence of Mrs. Lois Williams on the Williams farm west of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs and son, John, and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane plan to leave Monday on a vacation outing at Buchanan Lake.



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts

Mr. and Mrs. Chism Brown left Wednesday on a vacation trip to Durango, Colo., and other mountain resort spots. They were accompanied by Mrs. Brown's brother, Kendall Young, and wife of Ralls.

Mrs. Sam Jay, city secretary, crushed her right foot Wednesday of last week when a heavy clothes chest fell on it. The injury later caused a serious inflammation of her limb and she was hospitalized Sunday. Reports yesterday indicate that Mrs. Jay's condition is improving.

Grain Storage A Big Problem

By JACK B. WAIDE
County Agent

Recent rains in Texas have made a tremendous change in our crop outlook. We are all grateful for this; however, we are now confronted by another very serious problem. With average or better yields a strong possibility, we can expect a shortage of storage space for grain sorghums. In fact, the latest report we have from commodity credit says there is no longer any commercial storage available.

I am sure all of you realize the seriousness of this situation. Your grain sorghum will be eligible for the government loan only if it is in approved storage. Coke County has not as yet been approved for on the farm storage; however, your county committee has requested approval and we have no reason to suspect that it will not be granted.

At this time it appears that you will have the choice of selling your grain sorghum at going prices, or storing it on the farm. We heard here in the office that milo was selling for \$1.15 per hundred below support price in South Texas and the prediction is that the only demand we will have in another month will be the local demand. This makes farm storage almost a must.

It might be wise to get in touch with your local P. M. A. office or the County Agent's office and see what structures will be approved for on farm storage. Specifications are not too severe, but they are a little too detailed to list in his article. This should be done right away. You might need to put a new handle in the hammer and sharpen the old saw.

Facility loans are available for construction of grain storage structures through your local P. M. A. Office. Loans for 80% of the cost of approved structures can be obtained. Loans are made for five years at 4% interest. If conditions at harvest time are as bad as it looks like they may be you might pay for a good barn in one year.

Royce Smith and Elton Millican On Homeward Trip

Two popular Robert Lee young men, who have been overseas the past 1½ year, are on their way home according to word received by their families.

Sgt. Royce Smith was scheduled to leave Korea June 20, and Pfc. Elton Millican embarked from Japan the following day. They are coming by boat. Royce has been with an Infantry regiment in Japan, while Elton was stationed in Japan with a Cavalry unit.

Both were drafted in July, 1952, and went to the far East last year. It will be a happy homecoming for all concerned.

Royce is the son of Mrs. Willis Smith and his wife is the former Lynn Doris Varnadore, daughter

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of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore. They have a son born a few weeks after Royce left for overseas duty.

Elton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Millican. His wife is the former Lawana Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon. They, too, have a son born while Elton was here on his final leave.

Mrs. J. D. (Mary Jo) Harmon has resigned as a clerk in the PMA office because of illness. She is being treated in Coke County Hospital this week and is reported to be improving.

Mrs. W. D. May and two little sons of Victoria arrived Tuesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Bob Vaughan, and family. She was accompanied by her nieces, Eileen and Mary Vaughan, who had visited a few days in Victoria.

Methodist Church Notes

The new pastor, the Rev. Warren Ellis, and his family were honored with a reception and picnic dinner on the church lawn Wednesday night. The happy affair was featured by a "pounding" for the new minister and his family.

The Men's Bible Class has purchased and installed a public address system for the church auditorium. Bob Godwin is president of the class.

Mary Francis Wylie and Sam Goodwin will attend the Methodist Intermediate Camp at Kerrville next week.

John McDaniel of Robert Lee and Claudie Walker of Silver in San Diego, Calif., taking two weeks of boot training in the Naval Reserve.

JULY

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SILVER NEWS

Higginbotham and family last Friday on a three weeks' vacation. They planned to spend the week in the Colorado mountains and later visit kinfolks in Texas. Mr. Higginbotham is superintendent at Silver Sun Oil Co. operating department. During his absence the position is being handled by Ed Kownslar of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy and their little daughter returned from a two weeks' vacation from Washington, D. C.; where they visited many places of interest. Mr. Kennedy is a Sun employee and his wife is a teacher at the Silver public school.

Mr. B. Walker, Jr. and family returned this week for Artesia, New Mexico where they will make their home. They take with them the wishes of a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fleming of Dallas visited a couple of days last week with Mrs. Fleming's mother, Mrs. W. W. Paul, and family. They also were over for guests of another daughter, Mrs. J. L. Tinkler, and family in Robert Lee.

Mr. W. A. Prestons have gone on a vacation trip to Detroit and Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Preston is a Sun pumper.

Other Sun employees on vacation include C. G. Walker and J. Bradham.

Mr. Claude Walker, Jr. left by plane the last of the week for San Diego, Calif., where he is on two weeks' boot training as a naval reservist. He is a former roustabout for Sun, as was Mr. Hos. Dixon, who is spending the week at Fort Hood with the Colorado national guard unit.

Donald K. Rutherford of Dallas and Curwyn M. Grantham of Mississippi are new roustabouts at the Sun production department.

Mr. E. (Ted) Stone, Sun operating department field clerk, has returned with his family from a two weeks' vacation visit in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. Susan, 10 year old daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes, left Tuesday by plane to visit her grandparents in Houston. Her father is a Sun operating foreman.

Silver Little Leaguers were scheduled to play Colorado City on the local field Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen plan to attend the annual Gaston family reunion this weekend at Buffalo Gap State Park near Abilene.

The Wayne McCabes visited over the weekend in Ruidoso, New Mex., and attended a race meet. Wayne says it rained the three days they were there.

Mrs. Jahew Jameson and daughters returned last week from a vacation trip to New Mexico and points in far West Texas.

A teenagers party Monday night at Sun Recreation Hall honored the birthday of Fredine Theis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Theis.

Home for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilkes are their sons, Monte, who is stationed in the Navy in Hawaii, and Glenn, who has a leave from the Naval air base at Kingsville.

Perry Post, engine operator 1st class in the Jameson gasoline plant, will be compressor station operator at Sun's South Lake Trammel recovery plant in Nolan county. Mr. Post and his family have just returned from their vacation in Louisiana and moved to Sweetwater this week to be near his new position.

Mrs. Wayne Reed is recovering satisfactorily from surgery which she underwent last week in a Shreveport hospital. The Reed family has been vacationing in that locality.

Twila Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards, is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edwards, in Ozona.

Carolyn Shimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shimer, is visiting relatives in Alice. She recently enjoyed a week at the Girls Scout camp on Lake Sweetwater. Jay Shimer recently attended a Y camp at Dallas and Dick visited in Alice.

Word has been received that Harry Schilling is recovering from a recent attack of polio, and no permanent disability is anticipated. A former chemist at the Jameson plant here, Mr. Schilling is now stationed at Delmita. His wife was a former nurse at Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee.

Jerry Gallier and family are vacationing with kinfolks in Beaumont and Lake Charles, La. Mr. Gallier is with Sun Pipeline Co.

A. H. Jones and family have returned from a two weeks' vacation in East Texas. Wm. W. Dean and family have gone to East Texas points and Arkansas for two weeks. Both men are employed by Sun Pipeline Co.

Work on Sun Pipeline's new storage tank has been completed and the new crude oil station is expected to be in operation about the middle of July, according to Jesse Duplissey, foreman of the Silver station.

Sun Pipeline officials visiting the local station Tuesday were H. A. Johnson, area superintendent of Snyder; J. T. Butterfield, general superintendent, and J. B. Turner, chief engineer, of Beaumont.

Sun's new North Jameson compressor station on the V. T. McCabe lease north of Silver is nearly completed. The operator will be Milton L. Mills, transferred to Silver from Delmita. The Mills family arrived this week and will reside in Tubb

Camp. They have twin daughters, 6 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Millican of Robert Lee are at Silver while their sons are gone. Frances and Bunyan Millican and their families left on a two weeks' trip to Spokane, Wash., to visit Welder Johnson, a brother of the Millican ladies whom they have not seen in 17 years. They plan to go into Canada and come back through the Black Hills, Colorado and New Mexico, stopping to see Gerald Millican at Farmington, New Mex.

Robert Tubb and daughter-in-law of Blackwell visited the Dave Millicans last week. Robert says his wife is doing fine after spending four weeks in the hospital. Willie I. Tubb of San Angelo was also a visitor. He is fine and is looking forward to a trip to the northwest.

Donna Jean Jameson has gone to San Angelo to be assistant in training to the county home demonstration agent. On Aug. 1 she will become the assistant agent, succeeding Miss Glenda Williams, who is being transferred to Blanco county. The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson of Silver, Donna Jean recently graduated from Texas Tech with a major in home economics and has a fine record of 4-H work back of her.

TRY A WANT AD



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• Our forefathers built this nation firmly upon the solid rock of independence. May the example they set for us of courage, foresight and sound statesmanship always continue to serve us as a guide and an inspiration.

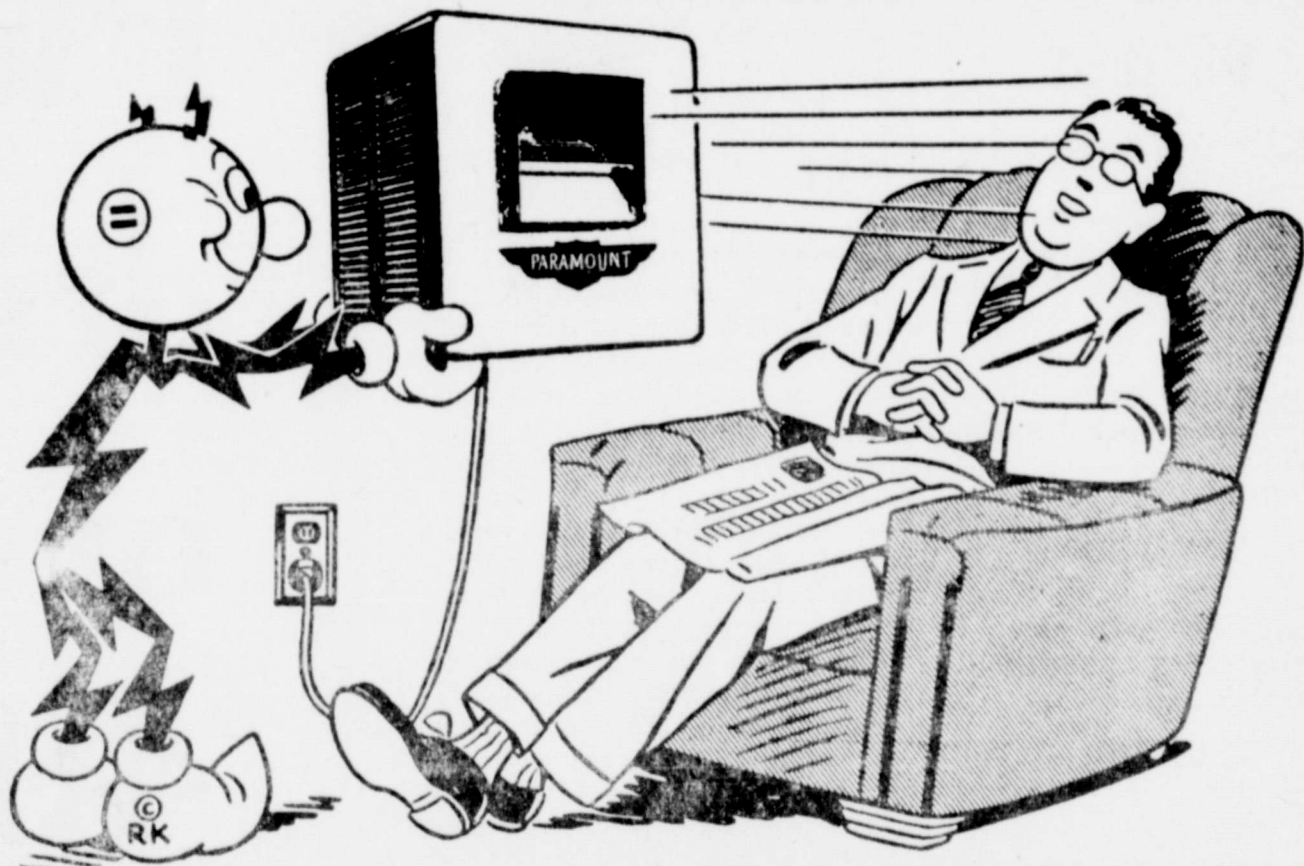
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History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

INSTALLMENT NINETEEN

Jack Adkins, who came to the Coke area in 1882, remembered walking up the Yellow Wolf one day in 1884, and meeting Ed Rawlings and Perry Breedlove, riding the OB range.

In 1887, three wagons came up Boozier Creek bringing the Laswell and the Miller Bird families into the Yellow Wolf Valley, where they found land to homestead. By that time settlers were coming thick and fast.

Among the men who arrived in the Coke area before the organization of the county, some of them coming very early, were Jim Stewart, Thomas B. Smith, P. H. Youngblood, Sam Sayner, S. M. Conner, W. B. Harrison, Thomas and Joe Webb, J. S. Dickey, Charlie Roe, Tad Richards, Mr. Russell (Mrs. Charlie Roe's people), and many others, including several already mentioned.

Some homesteaders who arrived about the time of the organization included the families of Joe Gardner, Newt Fields, J. C. Newton, George Peay, I. C. Good, Tom Sparks, A. C. Gardner, and Sam Martin.

The majority of the homesteaders lived in the dugouts or half dugouts at first, with maybe a tent to help out. Some had two dugouts, a brush arbor connecting them. The family cooked and ate in one, while sleeping quarters were in the other.

Some homesteaders had trouble with the cattlemen, as they found it difficult to live on land near the ranches that were still growing by adding claims "lived out" by cowboys.

Political Announcements

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

FOR CONGRESSMAN

21st Congressional District—
Sam Connally
O. C. Fisher

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

However, there was not a great deal of trouble between the homesteaders and the cowmen. Some ranchers would call upon the homesteaders and look them over. Once when Winfield Scott was making such a call, he said to his foreman, "Give these men a day's work when you can, they are honest men."

The men were building a fence. One of them asked, "On what do you base your assumption that we are honest?"

Mr. Scott replied, "You are fencing with mesquite posts from your own land. If you were not honest, you would get cedar posts from the other fellow's land."

The stories of these pioneer home makers could go on at great length, for they are innumerable, but this conclusion will suffice.

Some homesteaders, with no more than two hundred dollars savings undertook to settle on a homestead and live-it-out in the three years required by the homestead law. This meant privation as well as social isolation. Homesteading was not for the weakling. Homesteading was for the strong, the vigorous, and the courageous.

CHAPTER V ORGANIZATION AND SUBSEQUENT POLITICAL HISTORY

Had the development of transportation and communication been a little more prompt, Texas probably would have many fewer counties than her present number—two hundred fifty-four, and Coke County probably never would have existed as a political entity.

The area that is Coke County was originally a part of the Department of Bexar, eventually called Bexar County. At that time Bexar comprised a large part of the Republic of Texas, in fact, about one-half of it. The seat of government of Bexar and the first county seat of the area that is Coke County was San Antonio, more than two hundred miles away. Because of the great distances the people in the far reaches of Bexar found themselves with a legal center, but almost totally lacking in many of the benefits to be derived from such a center. A necessary business trip to San Antonio consumed weeks. Becoming tired of having to go to San Antonio to attend court, to have their deeds recorded, et cetera, men began to talk of the benefits of a county government closer home. To be sure, there was a post office at Fort Concho with James Trainer as postmaster, and there were stage lines, but that was not like having a county seat "at home."

Consequently, the people of the Concho Country met the legal requirements, and on March 13, 1874, the Texas Legislature passed a law providing for the

creation and organization of Tom Green County, which was duly organized with Ben Ficklin as county seat.

And so it happened that Ben Ficklin, a little village on the Middle Concho a few miles from San Angelo, became the second county seat of the area which is now Coke County. Here the county seat remained a little more than eight years until the tragic flood of August 25, 1882, washed away Ben Ficklin, taking the lives of about fifty people.

But during those first years noteworthy events had taken place. Because the Legislative act creating Tom Green County failed to mention a northern boundary, the entire section of Texas to the north and west of the present day county was included in and remained a part of Tom Green for nearly two years. In 1876 fifty-four counties were created out of the original Tom Green.

"While it is commonly understood that twelve counties to the west have been carved out of it, yet it is not commonly known that an additional fifty-four counties to the north of the twelve were also originally part of "Jumbo" Tom Green."

Miles Tinkler and family of Mereta were overnight guests Monday in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Mattie Tinkler.

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Clinton Cartwright of Sweetwater has a summer job on the new Robert Lee school building, of which his uncle, Houston Hill,

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DEATH CLAIMS

**E. RIVES, 80,
 SUNDAY NIGHT**

E. Rives, Sr., 80, died at his home in Friendship Community at 4:40 P. M. Sunday. He had been in declining health for several years and was critical the last ten days.

Funeral services were held at the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 4:00 P. M. Monday in the presence of the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Ellis. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Bearers were J. W. B. and Donald Robertson, Melvin Dress, Buster Fields and F. B. Mark of Robert Lee, L. B. Belle of Texon and Fred Roberson and Ed Price of Rotan.

Thomas Edward Rives was born Jan. 18, 1874, in Ellis County, Texas, and came to Fisher in West Texas with his father in 1889. On June 28, 1900, he married Miss Carrie M. Walker of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Rives moved to Rotan 38 years ago and lived in the Friendship Community, northwest of Robert Lee where they raised a family of seven sons and two daughters, all of whom are living.

Mr. Rives was active in community affairs and served many years on the school board. Mr. Rives attended the Methodist Church at Rotan for 24 years and remained faithful throughout his life. He was a devoted citizen, a true friend and a good neighbor.

Surviving are his wife and five children: J. P., Tom E. and John Rives, Mrs. Ed (Daisie) Trimball of Robert Lee, and Mrs. B. (Dora Josie) Owen of Rotan.

There are 13 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren. Mr. Rives also leaves two nephews and two nieces, children of his brother the late J. L. Rives.

Mr. Conley was in Dallas the last part of the week when he attended a family gathering during the birthday of his mother, Mrs. Rosa T. Stebbins.

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EDDIE GOOD, Secretary

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. A. Stroud and daughter, Fatima, returned to Robert Lee last week from Red River, New Mex., where they made their mountain camp ready for opening July 1. Known as the Wagon Wheel Courts, the summer camp is high in the mountains and is a popular hot weather resort. Mrs. Stroud has cabins for public use and invites her Coke County friends to spend their vacations there. Mrs. Stroud and daughter returned to Red River on Monday. Accompanying them for a week's stay were Mrs. B. M. Mundell and son, Bill, Butch Davis and Freddie McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Snow of Benson, Ariz., enjoyed a vacation visit here recently with Mrs. Snow's mother, Mrs. E. A. Burgess, and other relatives. They also visited Mr. Snow's kinfolks in Blackwell. Mrs. Burgess accompanied the Snows on a sightseeing trip to Hot Springs and other points in Arkansas. Mr. Snow is employed by the El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Mrs. Boneita Robertson recently enjoyed a visit in Washington, D. C., making the pleasant motor trip with her son-in-law and daughter, the Winifred Talley, of Coahoma. In Washington they were guests of their daughter and sister, Irma Faye Landers, who is a high rated civil service employee in the Air Force.

Mrs. Paul Isbell and children returned home this week after a visit with kinfolks in Idabel, Okla. Mr. Isbell and his family enjoyed a vacation trip earlier in the month to Colorado Springs and other points in Colorado and then went to St. Louis to witness a couple of ball games between the Cardinals and Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard returned early last week from a honeymoon trip through northern and Rocky Mountain states. They are now at home in Spearman where Mr. Sheppard is employed as a mechanic by Baker & Taylor Drilling Co. Mrs. Sheppard is the former Patty Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. The couple was married here June 12.

Gladys Waldrop is a new employee in the Robert Lee State Bank, succeeding Johnbeth Snead, who resigned. During the present week Mrs. O. B. Jacobs has assisted with bookkeeping at the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vaughan returned Friday to their home in Victoria after a visit here in the home of their son, Bob Vaughan, and family. They were accompanied by their granddaughters, Eileen and Mary Vaughan.

Melvin Bahlman and wife, accompanied by his brother, Leon Bahlman and wife of Sweetwater, enjoyed a weekend trip to Shreveport where they attended the Louisiana Hayride show Saturday night.



**Notes
 From The
 Oil Field**

American Republics Percifull, wildcat 6 miles southeast of Robert Lee, drilling Wednesday at 3,334 feet in lime and shale.

Stanolind No. 1 W. E. Burns, wildcat, southwest of Edith, 5,500 feet, shale.

Jones et al 1 Foster, wildcat, southwest of the Millican field, 4,470 feet, lime and shale.

Fuller & Fuller No. 1 Fred McCabe, re-entered wildcat southwest of Robert Lee in Section 25-Z-DS&E, plugged and abandoned after finding salt water in the Strawn. There were good oil shows, however. Original total depth was 7,355 feet in barren Ellenburger.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davis and children have returned from a vacation in West Texas and Ruidoso, New Mex. Mr. Davis is an engine operator at Sun's compressor station in the Millican field west of Edith.

Want Ads

GARDEN TOOLS including seven different hoes; lawn tools including nine different types of sprinklers. **LEEPER SUPPLY CO.**

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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Location is 660 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of Section 71, H&TC Survey. It is 12 miles southwest of Silver.

SUN DRILLING PROJECT

Sun 1 L. R. Schooler, wildcat southwest of Edith, preparing to core Tuesday in sand and shale at 6,313 feet. No previous tests. It will deepen to the Ellenburger unless production is found at a lesser depth.

Sun 1 D. M. Millican near Silver preparing to core Tuesday in sand at 5,963 feet.

Sun A-4 Central National Bank (Blanks Estate Trustee) drilling at 4,205 feet in shale and sand.

Sun 11 Victor McCabe, north of Silver in Mitchell county, drilling Tuesday at 3,660 feet in shale and lime.

FLOYD SHEPPARD HOME

A/3C Floyd Sheppard and his wife left Friday for Lowry Field, near Denver, Colo., after a ten days leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard. Floyd enlisted in the Air Force March 16. He took most of his basic training at Lackland AFB near San Antonio, but spent two weeks at Lowry Field before getting his leave. He has been assigned to a section handling ordnance placements.

Mayor and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell left Thursday of this week on a two week's vacation. They will accompany friends from Kaufman on a motor trip to New York City and visit places of interest enroute.

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ENJOYED OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Millican motored to Inks Lake June 11 for a few days of fishing. They were joined by three of Ike's sons including Preston of Austin, Alton of San Antonio and Talmon of Hico and their families. Also in the party was Don Millican, Truman's son from Littlefield. The group had nice cabin accommodations back in the hills and enjoyed fishing and boating, as well as resting. It is reported that Sallie and Annie did most of the resting. They had plenty of fish to eat and are hoping to make a similar trip next year.

Methodists May Establish New Church at Silver

All those interested in organizing a Methodist Church in Silver are cordially invited to attend the opening worship service next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Sun Oil Recreational Building. Reverend Warren Ellis of Robert Lee will conduct the service.

At the motion of a group last Friday night, several persons met in the home of John Clifton Sunday to plan for a religious census of the community to determine the feasibility of organizing a Sunday School and later a Church.

The finding of this committee strongly indicate that such action can soon be taken.

Until more definite plans are made, regular worship services will be held each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in the Recreational Building.

This location is made possible through the generous cooperation of the Sun Oil Company local officials.

Frank Davis, Jr. with his wife and two children of Vancouver, Wash., were here recently visiting his mother, Mrs. S. B. Plumlee, and his sister, Mrs. Aaron Summers. Frank grew up in Robert Lee and has been in the northwest the past nine years. Both he and his wife are employed in a paper mill.

Patty and Ginger Taylor of Midland are spending the summer in Robert Lee with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor.

Weavers Back Back Home From West Coast Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver recently returned from a trip to the West Coast in which the former completed his final assignment for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy relating to surveys of Naval bases.

Mr. Weaver, well known architect with wide experience in governmental work, was one of five advisors selected from over the United States to make surveys with reference to Naval expenditures and practicability of costs.

While in the west he visited naval installations at San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Seattle, Bremerton and Portland.

The Weavers flew to the coast in a Navy plane and Mrs. Weaver was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Madding, formerly of San Angelo, who recently moved to San Francisco.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and for sympathy extended in our bereavement. We are especially grateful for the food and many beautiful flowers. Your kindness will never be forgotten. — Mrs. T. E. Rives, Sr. and Family.

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Dr. and Mrs. Edwin McDaniel and three children visited here the past week in the home of the former's brother, Dr. John McDaniel. Dr. Edwin is a medi-

cal missionary and is back States on a year's leave. His family will leave in September to resume their work.

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