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MRS. G. C. CASEY IS DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Death has come to Mrs. Cleve Casey after several years of suffering from cancer. Her passing occurred at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in a Dallas hospital where she had been a patient several weeks. Her brother and sister, W. G. Martin and Miss Laura Martin, were at her bedside.

The body was returned to Robert Lee Tuesday night in the Clift funeral coach. Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Robert Lee Methodist Church with the Rev. Travis McNair officiating. Burial in Robert Lee cemetery was under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Rosa Lee Martin was born in Brown County, Texas, Jan. 21, 1880, the daughter of the late Sam and Mary Ellen Lee Martin. She attended the Lometa common school and Bronte High School and obtained a BS degree from Sul Ross College in 1937.

She spent 17½ years in the teaching profession, having taught in Robert Lee and John Reagan elementary school in San Angelo.

She married G. C. Casey Dec. 19, 1937, and the remainder of her life was spent at their ranch home southeast of Robert Lee. Mrs. Casey was a member of the Robert Lee Methodist Church, the Order Eastern Star and took an active part in her church and community as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by her husband, who is ill in Coke County Memorial hospital; four step-children, Irene Maples of Odessa, Roy and Mrs. Ruth Williams of Lee, and Benny Casey of Mountain, Calif.

She has two brothers, George Marvorkland, Wyo., and Wm. G. of Robert Lee, and two sisters, Olive Stinebaugh of Lee and Miss Laura Martin of Lee. Also five step-grandchildren, Leroy Casey, Sherman Casey Williams, and Johnny Casey.

Blair returned Wednesday afternoon after a holiday visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blair. Doris is a student at Arlington State College and stays with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Thomas.

Marion and Ferrell Jean, eldest daughters of County Auditor and Mrs. Weldon Fikes, underwent tonsilectomies Wednesday at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 21—Tom Wiginton admitted. J. E. Self, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard dismissed.

Dec. 22—Mrs. Elmo Bell admitted. Virgil Streng, Mrs. C. A. Dukes, Freddie McDonald dismissed.

Dec. 23—Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr., admitted. Tom Wiginton, Mrs. Richard Day dismissed.

Dec. 24—F. J. Byrd admitted. Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr., Mrs. R. C. Sawyer dismissed.

Dec. 25—Mrs. Frank Hearn, Mrs. H. L. Scott admitted.

Dec. 26—Frank Snyder, Mrs. Dick Skipworth admitted. Mrs. Frank Hearn, Mrs. Elmo Bell dismissed.

Dec. 27—Gary Jackson, Connie and Donald Dukes, Mrs. Charles Arnold admitted.

DEATH OF CHARLIE BROCK

Charlie R. Brock, 44, died last Saturday at his home in Birmingham, Ala., a week after he had been stricken with a heart attack. He was employed the past seven years as a salesman for General Motors. His wife was a Birmingham resident and funeral services and burial occurred there. Charlie grew up at Bronte and served 13 years in the army. Besides his wife, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Dora Brock of Bronte, a sister, Lizzie Brock of Bronte and two brothers, Carl Brock of Robert Lee and Earl Brock of Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey and their son, Cumbie, Jr. and family were Christmas dinner guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Warren in San Angelo. They were happy to have the ladies' father, R. E. Hickman of Bronte, join them for the day. Mr. Hickman is making a good recovery from recent major surgery and expects to soon be dismissed from the hospital.

Don Bell, who is stationed in the Air Force at Amarillo, came home for a Christmas visit with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Elmo Bell.

Wildcat On Pat Havins Strikes Oil

A Strawn lime gas-distillate discovery has been indicated in Coke County with the flowing of gas and the recovery of distillate on a drillstem test at Miami Operating Co., Inc. of Abilene No. 1-A P. H. Havins in 7-Caldwell, six miles south of Robert Lee.

On the two-hour test between 6,143-65 feet, gas surfaced in two minutes and flowed at the daily rate of 1,500,000 cubic feet per day.

Flowing pressure was 295 pounds. 15-minute shut-in pressure, 2,525 pounds.

Operators then drilled to 6,220 feet and a drillstem test Wednesday recovered 400 feet of oil with flowing pressure 125-175 pounds. Drilling will be continued to the Ellenburger.

Top of Strawn lime has not been released. It is reported by Miami's geologist to be running 40 feet structurally high on the same marker to the discovery and lone producer in the Weaver Ranch (Strawn) field, two miles to the south.

The indicated strike is being drilled on a farmout secured from Tennessee Gas Co. Transmission Co. by Jones & Lyons of San Angelo, which turned it to Miami to drill. Jones & Lyons retained an undisclosed interest in the project. The farmout covers all of sub-acreages of subdivision 3, and section division 4, 6, and 7, the east 200 1-DS&E survey, which is approximately 975 acres.



Notes From The Oil Field

Union 1-2 Jim McCutchen, 2 miles east of Robert Lee, drilling at 3,532 feet, lime and shale.

Highland 1 Mendenall, three miles west of the Millican field, drilling at 7,200 feet in sand and shale.

Duffy 1 Glenn, six miles north of Bronte, 4,185 feet in shale.

MRS. WALKER, FORMER COKE CITIZEN, DIES

Mrs. J. H. Walker, 71, former Coke County resident, died at 8:50 a.m. Monday at her home, 610 East 26th St., in San Angelo. Her death was caused by heart disease, following an illness of many years.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. at the Robert Lee Methodist Church with the Rev. Edgar Tatum, pastor of San Angelo Baptist Tabernacle, officiating. Burial was in Robert Lee cemetery.

Ada Sawyers was born March 28, 1884, in Burnet. She married J. H. Walker at Llano on May 27, 1900. They moved to Coke County in 1906 and bought a farm southwest of Edith. This continued to be their home until six years ago when they sold the place to Fennell Smith and retired to San Angelo.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Leslie Walker of San Angelo, Leonard Walker of Gatesville and Delmar Walker of Robert Lee; three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Sparks of San Angelo, Mrs. Eula Sparks of Colorado City and Mrs. Willa Plumlee of Snyder; three brothers, Lee and O. T. Sawyers, both of San Angelo, and Rufus Sawyers of Denver, Colo.; three sisters, Mrs. J. J. Walker of Extra, Mo., Mrs. Walter Smith of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Sam Duncan of Robert Lee; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were the following grandsons: Gene Walker, Dwayne Walker, Alton Sparks, Gerald Sparks, Howard Sparks, J. C. Walker, Wilford Sparks and Don Plumlee.

Green Mt. Had Big Jamboree

Persons who failed to attend the Junior Grand Ole Opry at Green Mountain last Friday night, missed the best show of the entire year.

First half hour was in charge of the old standbys, Uncle George Powers, the Cornelius Brothers, Curt Dycess and Bob Brown. Then Eddie Garvin, master of ceremonies, came on stage to announce something special was about to take place and lights were turned off for a brief spell.

First to appear was Big Jack with red striped shirt, funny little cap and old blue jeans. He had a tape measure and brush hanging from his pockets which he used quite often brushing and measuring first one and then another.

Then Moe with his stovepipe hat and funny costume and Ronny with his little derby and a bow tie that would move when he sang. Then came Donny with his glad hat and choker, Sammy with his long crooked nose, red shirt and blue overalls. Then last but not least Richard with all his scratching and fiddlin'.

All the boys were barefoot. They put on a hilarious show with lots of good pickin' and fiddlin'.

Mrs. Fannie Green had as Christmas guests her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John McCord, of New London.

Mrs. V. H. Simpson was made happy over Christmas to have all her children present, except Mrs. Sybil Burch.

Drouth Fails to Stop Coke Progress In '55

NEW YEARS HOLIDAY

With Jan. 1 falling on Sunday, a legal holiday has been proclaimed for Monday, Jan. 2. Banks, the post office and county and city offices will be closed Monday, and most stores will observe the day as a New Year holiday. Robert Lee schools resume classes next Tuesday.

Ben Tubbs And Tom Norfleets Wed 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tubb of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Norfleet of Baldwin Park, Calif., celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries Dec. 20 in the home of the Norfleets' son-in-law and daughter, Marian and Mona Alzugary of Carlsbad, N. Mex.

The couples were married in a double ceremony Dec. 24, 1905, at Silver. L. D. Hooten, Church of Christ preacher, officiated in the S. M. Conner home. Mr. Norfleet is an uncle of Mrs. Tubb. The Norfleets have been in California a number of years, while Mr. and Mrs. Tubb have remained in Coke County and recently retired from their farm to a home in Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Tubb were taken to Carlsbad last week by their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers. Also present for the anniversary were Mrs. Ethel Green and Letha Mathers, Mr. and Mrs. Cleber Stubblefield of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jameson of Fritch and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Savage. About 100 persons were present.

Mrs. Mollie Williams visited among friends here Tuesday. A daughter of the late Jim Allison, she came to Coke County in 1888. She resided in Robert Lee until seven years ago, and is now living in San Angelo. Mrs. Williams made the trip here this week with Mrs. Coke Austin and son, Tommy.

New Officers Named by BCD

At a luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at Varnadore Cafe, the Robert Lee Board of Community Development elected the following officers:

A. J. Kirkpatrick, President.
A. V. Sheppard, Vice-President.
J. L. Tinkler, Secy-Treas.
Rev. Travis McNair, Director.
Victor Wojtek is the retiring president, while Bart Geer served as secretary the past two years. Both have devoted much effort to community service.

The BCD is Robert Lee's only civic organization and its purpose is to promote any and all projects of benefit to the community. It aims to work in conjunction with school, city and county officials and help develop improvements and advancements to make our city and county a better place to live.

A community-wide membership is highly desirable.

Although serious drouth conditions have continued, Coke County fared pretty well during the past year. Spring rains were encouraging but little moisture has been received during the past six months.

There is no winter grazing and the small herds of livestock are having to be fed. Only a small amount of feed was made this year but more cotton was produced than in 1954. About 1200 bales have been ginned in Robert Lee and Bronte.

Considerable oil play has continued, although drilling in proven fields closed down. A number of wildcat tests are being made, with some good shows reported but few new fields developed.

Coke County has had no disasters, and no epidemics. Important improvements have been made. Robert Lee completed a new school house and Bronte is about to finish theirs. Coke's new court house is nearing completion and a fine program of highway building has been under way. Most business firms report a good year.

Highlights of the news of 1955 have been taken from Observer files as follows:

January

No changes were made in the roster of Coke County officials sworn in January 1st.

Miss Diane Mitchell and Curtis Don Bell married.

Four rotary rigs were drilling north of Robert Lee in the new Wojtek field.

Crew of 20 men engaged in building homes for personnel of the new Texas Gasoline Plant southwest of Silver.

Mrs. Emma Baze, 79, former Robert Lee resident dies in San Angelo.

Ten new oil fields designated in Coke County during 1954.

Local business firms lost \$193 on bad checks written by Clyde Turbeville.

Fred McDonald, Jr. named chairman of March of Dimes in West half of county.

Coke County shocked by tragic death of Mrs. Harry (Helen) Weaver.

General Telephone Company asked for more than 100 per cent increase in rates.

J. B. Randle brought in second producer on Wojtek ranch north of Robert Lee.

Rainfall for 1954 reported at 15 inches by Soil Conservation Service.

West Texas Utilities Company constructing new 33,000 volt transmission line to connect Robert Lee and Sterling City.

February

Death claimed V. H. Simpson, 61, well known Robert Lee resident.

A total of 951 poll tax receipts were issued in Coke County.

Suggs Construction Company of Big Spring was awarded a contract to build Coke County's new court house on a bid of \$270,818.

Edith post office closed down after 60 years of service.

Banker G. C. Allen reported 800 producing oil wells in Coke County after recent count.

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1955 Highlights

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Robert Lee received rain fall of 1½ inches.

A womanless wedding at Silver netted \$400 for the March of Dimes.

Six women drawn for jury service in district court here.

Work starts on new Coke County court house.

Coke County funds will be deposited in both Bronte and Robert Lee banks following action taken by Commissioners Court and an agreement with the heads of the two banking institutions.

Coke County raises \$3,608 for the March of Dimes. Contributions amounting to \$1,349 came from Silver.

Contract for construction for the new Colorado River bridge five miles southwest of Silver let for \$22,426.

Union Oil Company completed a third producer in the Wojtek field north of Robert Lee. It had a daily potential flow of 169 barrels.

Open house was held for the new educational building at the Methodist Church.

Three new homes and a duplex under construction in Robert Lee. J. & W. Leathercraft Company added boot and shoe repair department.

Robert Lee's new school building turned over to trustees by the contractor, Houston Hill of Midland.

March

Paul Ashby of Millersview hired as superintendent of Silver public school to succeed H. R. Gassiot, who was not an applicant for reelection.

Raymond Shandley of Odessa appointed clerk in Robert Lee Post Office.

Alamo Theatre installs wide screen.

Fred Campbell, 42, killed in auto wreck 13 miles south of Robert Lee.

James A. (Whistle) Thomason, 31, killed in car accident near Spearman.

Two more new homes started this week. They are being built for Foy Askins and his brother-in-law, Walter McGallion.

Mrs. John Q. McCabe, Coke County early settler, died at the age of 88.

Raymond McCutchen starts construction of \$20,000 home.

Statte Highway department lets contract for construction of 10 miles of new highway leading southwest of Robert Lee toward Water Valley.

S. A. Kiker, 86, former Coke County Commissioner, died at Bronte.

Senior class play "The Robe" wins praises of big audience.

Mrs. Pansy Post and Clayton Bloodworth married.

Coke County Rabbit Twisters open baseball season with 11-8 victory over Angelo Plowboys.

B. A. Austin sold his ranch lease, livestock, and equipment to Bill Allen.

April

Robert Lee's population estimat-

ed to be near 1,600 according to estimates by West Texas Utilities Company and City Water Department.

Gerald C. Allen of Robert Lee reappointed as director of Upper Colorado River Authority.

Carl Brock and family moved into their new \$11,000 home.

Will Percifull and Bert Blaylock elected new trustees of Robert Lee School District.

Cumbie Ivey, Jr., joins father in operation of Ivey Motor Company.

Arnold F. Ball sells Butane Service Company to Robert H. Sims. Construction started on new Methodist Church at Silver.

Wilson Bryan reelected school board president.

Judge Jeff Dean went to Houston for treatment at M. B. Anderson Hospital.

Silver and Robert Lee pupils given first polio shots.

Link Lofton, 50, dies at Roswell, New Mexico.

Humble discovery on Weaver ranch seven miles south of Robert Lee completed for a daily flow of 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas and 159 barrels of oil.

City Commission grants telephone company increased rates. Dial system promised by December 1956.

May

Mrs. R. L. (Mattie Bell) Read died suddenly.

Large crowd attends dedication of Robert Lee's new \$295,000 school house.

Nineteen seniors receive high school diplomas.

Rainfall of 2½ inches received in Robert Lee and Bronte areas.

Owen Cosgrove resigns as preacher of Robert Lee Church of Christ.

Estate of the late Helen Harris Weaver estimated to be worth \$399,000.

June

Mrs. R. E. Hickman dies at Bronte.

Contract let to Hunter Strain for constructing 6.75 miles of new paved highway in Precinct No. 1 on a bid of \$100,314.

Curtis Dukes named president of new square dance club.

Annelle Simpson weds Bill Vick in San Angelo.

Rev. Ray Lee, 68, dies suddenly in San Angelo.

First services held in new Silver Methodist Church.

Donna Jean Jameson and Joe R. Ash married at Silver.

Laura Mae Eubanks married Leon Baker of Bronte.

Mrs. Thelma Blair installed as new Worthy Matron of OES.

Carolyn McDaniel and Marvin Simpson, Jr., married.

Donald Hamilton completes four years service in U. S. Navy.

July

Robert Lee and Bronte banks begin Saturday afternoon closing.

UCRA studies dam site on Yellow Wolf above Robert Lee.

Annual financial report of Coke County published in Bronte and Robert Lee newspapers.

Rabbit Twisters win Concho Ba-

sin league championship with 10-5 victory over Sonora.

L. E. Heuvel installed as Master of Masonic Lodge.

Rites held for J. R. Smith, Coke pioneer.

Robert Tubb, 74, drowns near Blackwell.

Ivey Motor Company appointed distributors for Mercury.

Robert Lee and Silver first and second graders get second polio shots.

Billy Burt Duncan and Cecil Coffey married.

Rev. Shipman resigns as pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church to accept charge at Bangs.

West Texas Construction Company of Borger awarded contract for new bridge over Colorado River at Robert Lee and other work on highway 208 on a bid of \$281,000 at a highway department letting in Austin.

August

Weaver 16,000 acre ranch south of Robert Lee leased to Lea Aldwell.

Martha (Dixie) Taylor weds Coy Jones of Brownfield.

New homes being built by Eddie Good, Gene Hinnard and Kenneth Lackey.

Stanolind closed down drilling operations northwest of Silver after completing 59 producers on Elwood estate.

Laverne Darter resigns as commercial department teacher at Robert Lee High School after eight years.

UCRA makes spillway repairs on Mountain Creek dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Garvin observe Golden Wedding anniversary.

Annual Sun Oil Company picnic held at Silver.

Usual crowd attends Edith homecoming.

James Mancill quits as high school coach.

Twisters lose final playoff game to Magnolia, 11-8.

Otho Long marries Melba Austin.

Approval given for construction of rail spur from Maryneal to Silver.

September

C. D. Manire hired as football coach.

Earl Roberts sells grocery store to Krall brothers.

Calvin Wallace buys Krall Market.

Bailey Russell weds Ruby Strickland of San Angelo.

Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr., buys flower and gift shop.

Kenneth Lackey and Kay Reeder marry.

Silver Methodist Church dedicated.

Robert Lee public school opens with enrollment of 355, an increase of 25 over last year.

Death came to Mrs. Mable Williams, 73, after a long illness.

Steers lose football opener to Lueders, 41-19.

Rev. Bennie Smith of Miles comes to Robert Lee as pastor of Baptist Church.

Road bonds of \$62,000 approved in Precinct 3 by vote of 57-26.

Mrs. Tom Whitt, 69, former Silver resident, died suddenly at Cisco.

Billie Earl Hester weds J. W. Wallace.

October

Billy Glen Carwile and Milburn Wink awarded the American Farmer degrees at the national FFA convention in Kansas City.

Donnie Duncan marries Wanda Tomlinson of Bronte.

Texas Natural Gasoline Corporation's multi-million dollar gasoline plant 10 miles southwest of Silver went into operation.

Perkins-Prothro shut down drilling operations southwest of Silver after completing 121 producing wells and no dry holes.

New oil discovery on Fred McCabe seven miles southwest of Robert Lee finalized for a daily pumping potential of 72 barrels.

Rev. Warren Ellis accepts ap-

pointment to First Methodist Church in Junction.

Weldon Fikes appointed county auditor. J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler takes over as county clerk.

County taxes show big gain because of assessed valuation increase of 4½ million dollars.

O. B. Jacobs appointed deputy sheriff.

Eugenia Hurley marries Jimmy Rymer.

Travis McNair of Brady comes here as new Methodist minister.

Robert Lee Steers upset dope and win first victory of the season in 38-21 game at Hermleigh.

Burt Blaylock new president of Coke County Game Management Association.

Death claims Mrs. C. M. Byrd, 68.

November

Long illness fatal to Mrs. M. M. Sparks, 84.

Varnadores open new cafe building.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb observe 56th wedding anniversary.

Steers smack Trent by a score of 26-6 for a second loop victory.

C. T. Madden appointed admin-

istrator of Coke County Memorial Hospital.

Steers defeat Loraine, 46-6. Small crowd attends Robert Lee ex-students homecoming.

Work begins on Santa Fe rail spur from Maryneal to Silver. Bronte Longhorns defeat Steers by score of 38-6.

Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman observe Golden Wedding Anniversary.

December

Sammie Baugh speaks at football banquet.

Rankin defeats Steers, 40-21, in bi-district playoff.

Death came to Mrs. B. W. Shropshire, 84.

Walter McGallion, 28, killed in oil rig explosion.

Drastic order halts flaring of gas in Jameson field.

Contract for construction of 3½ miles of new paving in Precinct No. 3 awarded on a law bid of \$50,347 to F. A. Seidel & Sons of Ballinger.

Mrs. Gertrude Gray, county treasurer, named local chairman of March of Dimes.

Jannele McGilvray and Lynn Davidson marry.

MAY WE SUGGEST—

We are not "minding your business," but here's a New Year's resolution we could all adopt WITH PROFIT — Let's give the home town merchants a chance. How do you know you can "buy it cheaper in Angelo" if you don't even investigate? We have adjustable TV Tables with ball-bearing rotating tops at \$9.98. Robert Lee folks are paying \$14.45 for them in San Angelo. What kind of a bargain is that? We sell No. 2 flashlight cells for 12c in lots of 5. They cost you 15c by the case or any other way in the dime stores in Angelo. Where are you buying yours? We're talking sense. Are you thinking straight?

HAPPY NEW YEAR BIRD'S RADIO CLINIC

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PHONE 60

FRED McDONALD, JR., Owner and Manager

DON YARBRO QUILTS SUN

Don Yarbrow has resigned as field clerk in Sun's production department at Silver, after nearly four years of service with the company. He has accepted a position as scout with Crown Central Petroleum Co. with headquarters in Abilene. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Yarbrow of Abilene. His mother is the former Leona Campbell and he is a nephew of Otis Campbell and a great nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe. Don and his family have been living in his mother's ranch house north of Sanco. He has bought a new home in Abilene and his wife's mother, who has made her home in Robert Lee recently, will live with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Leeper and Joe Arledge, Jr. and family were entertained over Christmas in the home of Mrs. Callamae Cargile in Sweetwater.

Three Producers Finaled in Coke

An oiler has been completed in the Jameson-Strawn Field in northwestern Coke County.

It is Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 15 Lou E. Johnson Estate, Section 66, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 246 barrels of 38.6 gravity oil, flowing through a 1-4 inch choke with packer set on the casing and 500 pounds tubing pressure. It is producing from 104 perforations at 6,902-28 feet with the casing set at 6,956 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 983-1.

Jameson (Strawn) Field in northwestern Coke County has gained another new well. It is Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 13 Lou E. Johnson Estate, Section 75, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 219.24 barrels of 44.4 gravity oil, flowing through

a 3/4-inch choke with 1,150 pounds casing and 400 pounds tubing pressures.

Production is from 488 perforations in intervals from 6,746 to 6,880 feet. Casing is set on bottom at 6,931 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,026-1.

JOHNSON CHAPPELL

F. Kirk Johnson of Fort Worth has completed an extension to the Jameson (Strawn) field of Coke County, 10 miles southwest of Silver.

The No. 5-C J. Elwood Chappell, in 4-2-H&TC, one location north of production on the west has been completed for a daily flowing potential of 226.62 barrels of 46.5 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio 700-1.

Production was through a 12-64-inch choke and perforations between 6,672-702 feet.

Pay section was fractured with 15,000 pounds and 12,500 gallons. Tubing pressure was 675 pounds; casing pressure 275 pounds.

GETS SUN POSITION

Billy Carroll Green has received a permanent appointment with Sun Oil Co. and began work Tuesday on a production roustabout crew at Silver. He and his family moved back to Robert Lee last week from Gainesville where he has pushed a crew the past year for Yucca Construction. Bill has had wide experience in oil field work and was employed several years by J. C. Coleman on Coke County projects for Sun.

DEATH OF AUSTIN HILL

Houston Hill of Midland received the sad news on Christmas Day of the passing of his twin brother, Austin Hill, who died of a stroke at his home in San Antonio. Houston Hill, brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, is well known here for his fine work in building Robert Lee's new school house.

Married Here 50 Years Ago

An informal family dinner feted Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Johnson of Madera, Calif., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The recent event was held in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, at 711 Conejo Ave., Modesto. The honored couple were married in Robert Lee, Texas. Twenty guests were present.

Among those attending were Newton Johnson of Shreveport, La., Truman Johnson of Longview, Tex., Frank Johnson and family of Modesti, Mrs. Leonard Scott and family of San Jose, Mrs. Maudie Schooler and daughter, Annie Lee, of Fresno.

Mrs. Georgia Bue is the eldest daughter of the Johnsons. Unable to be present was another daughter, Mrs. Lola VanCleave of San Antonio, Texas.



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THE HOT ONE'S EVEN HOTTER



VAUGHAN CHEVROLET COMPANY

SILVER NEWS

COALSON-BUSSEY

Cecil Coalson and Miss Charlotte Bussey were married Thursday of last week in Colorado City. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bussey, who moved to Silver a year ago from California. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coalson. He is engaged in stock farming with his father and also does oil field work.

A. P. Gilbert of Shreveport, La., was a Christmas guest in the home of his son, Paul Gilbert, Sun production department chief clerk.

Bill Broocks and family, who spent Christmas with relatives in Dallas, have been detained there by the illness of Mr. Broocks' mother.

Charles Kennedy and family visited over Christmas at Gilmer with Mrs. Kennedy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cosby.

W. W. Paul and family went to Jourdan for a visit in the home of the former's sister. Other members of the family also were present for a holiday get together.

Monte Wilkes departed Tuesday for the West Coast to resume his naval duties after a two weeks' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilkes, Sr. Monte is a member of the crew of the USS Yarnall, a destroyer, and has a rating of Radarman 3rd Class. He has served three years of a 4-year enlistment in the Navy.

Cecil Landes and family of Eunice, N. Mex., visited Silver friends over Christmas. He was formerly employed as a welder by Ernest Clendennen.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and children joined kinfolks of Mrs. Allen at a Christmas dinner at Tennyson. The group then came to Silver where the festivities continued over Monday in the Allen ranch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican entertained families of the Church of Christ at a Christmas party Friday night. Gifts were exchanged and games and refreshments were enjoyed. On Tuesday night of last week the group went to the home of their preacher, Foy L. Moore, at Bronte where a similar party was held.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Walker included their families, Mrs. Wilton Robertson and Mrs. J. D. Eaton of Lubbock and their families.

Garland Flowers and family have returned from a two weeks' vacation. They visited his kinfolks at Kermit and also made a trip to Dallas. Mr. Flowers is employed at Jameson gasoline

plant.

O. L. Snyder is taking a week's vacation from his position at Sun's gas plant. He and his family spent a few days over Christmas with kinfolks at Eastland.

Roy Overturf and family spent Christmas with relatives in Dallas. He is taking a week's vacation from his duties as field clerk in Jameson gasoline plant.

Leslie Farr has resigned after seven years employment with Sun Pipeline Co. and will engage in the automobile business with his brother at Newton, Texas. The family was given a farewell party Monday night.

Buster Jones and family spent Christmas with kinfolks in East Texas.

Bobby Hayes of Beaumont visited here over the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hayes. Coming from Fannett for a Christmas visit were the parents of Mrs. Hays.

Mrs. W. L. Ashmore and daughter, Lynda, and Mrs. J. T. Hayes left Tuesday to visit the former's mother at Johnson City.

C. C. McClusky has been advised that his mother is resting comfortably at a Beaumont hospital after sufferin ga heart attack last Thursday.

Mrs. J. D. Jett and family have been entertaining two of her sisters who came from Silsbee for the Christmas holidays.

Ole S. Johnson and family attended a family Christmas gathering last Wednesday at Nederlnd.

Bob Coffman and wife spent Christmas with his mother in Woodville. They are now occupying one of the Sun houses in Jameson Camp.

John Walker and family spent Christmas with his parents at Arp. He is a Sun Pipeline Co. employee.

O. H. Ramsey and family spent Christmas with relatives in East Texas. He is a Sun production field clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Martin, Sr., of McComb, Miss., have been holiday guests in the home of their son, E. B. Martin, Jr., Sun Engineer. Also joining the family group was another son, Hardy Martin, of California.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Sheppard of near Jacksboro have been holiday guests here in the home of their son, A. V. Sheppard, and family.

Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Smith and children left early Monday for a few days' visit with the former's parents at Temple, Okla.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: R. P. Humphrey, Eliza Humphrey wife of said R. P. Humphrey, C. R. Kinchen, Ollie V. Davis, Mr. Davis, husband of the said Ollie V. Davis; the unknown heirs of R. P. Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Eliza Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Ollie V. Davis, deceased; the unknown heirs of Mr. Davis, deceased, husband of Ollie V. Davis; the unknown heirs of C. R. Kinchen, deceased.

GREETING

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Coke County at the Courthouse thereof, in Robert Lee, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23 day of January A. D., 1956, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court, on the 10 day of December, A. D., 1955, in this cause, numbered 2056 on the docket of said court.

The names of the parties are: Marcus Turner, as Plaintiff; and R. P. Humphrey, Eliza Humphrey wife of R. P. Humphrey, C. R. Kinchen, Ollie V. Davis and husband Mr. Davis; the unknown heirs of R. P. Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Eliza Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Ollie V. Davis, deceased; the unknown heirs of Mr. Davis deceased husband of Ollie V. Davis; and the unknown heirs of C. R. Kinchen, deceased; as defendants;

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: For the title and possession of All of Lots 2, 3, and 5 in Block 35 of the Austin & Northern Land & Cattle Company Addition to the Town of Robert Lee in Coke County, Texas; plaintiff claiming title by regular chain of title from the sovereignty of the soil and in addition under the 5 year and 25 year statutes of limitations.

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

Issued this the 10 day of December, 1955.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this 10 day of Decem-

ber, 1955.

J. L. Tinkler, Clerk of the District Court of Coke County, Texas.

By Winnie Waldrop, Deputy. (SEAL)

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Capt. and Mrs. Frank D. Bryan and son, Pat, left Wednesday for their home at Phoenixville, Pa., after a Christmas visit with home folks in Robert Lee.
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Hosts at Clock-Winding Ceremony Dec. 27

Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Russell observed their thirty-third wedding anniversary with their seventh annual clock-winding ceremonial and party at three o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27, at their home in Robert Lee.

Guests present for the occasion included relatives and friends from Ballinger, San Angelo, Austin, Houston, Bronte, and Robert Lee. Approximately fifty persons signed the permanent register, which was in charge of Mrs. Allan Davis of Ballinger. Mrs. Bruce Clift and Mrs. Marvin Simpson assisted the couple in greeting guests as they arrived.

When all were assembled, Mrs. Russell, in her usual gracious manner, expressed a welcome to the group and gave a brief resumé of the six previous ceremonials. William "Bill" Simpson, nephew of Mrs. Russell, wound the antique 400-day clock. The Rev. Travis McNair, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist Church, gave the prayer. Mrs. Otto Wojtek and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, who have presented vocal duets at each of the annual parties, sang "Wedding Prayer" by Dunlap and "Whither Thou Goest" by Guy Singer, after which all present joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie."

The second phase of the entertainment was "The Christmas Story," depicted by seven shadow pictures of "The Nativity," which were hand-made by Mrs. Russell and were shown by Mrs. Melrose Russell in a miniature stage setting. Mrs. Jack Waide, Mrs. Wojtek, and Mrs. Yarbrough sang as the pictures were being shown. The story in song included four traditional Christmas carols and an old English carol of the 15th century titled "Cradle Song," presented in trios; "Room in My Heart" or "No Room at the Inn," a solo by Mrs. Wojtek; and a French Noel, "Through the Shadows of the Night," a solo by Mrs. Waide. They were accompanied by Mrs. Russell at the piano and Mrs. Mary Carter at the organ.

Refreshments consisting of numerous varieties of Christmas confections with nuts, mints, punch and coffee were served from the dining table, which was laid with cut-work linen cloth. A large bouquet of deep-red carnations, arranged in a two-tiered crystal bowl and flanked by dark-green candles in crystal candelabra, filled one side of the table, forming a background for the confections and carrying out the Christmas theme, which characterized the decorations in all the rooms. Mrs. Wallace Clift of Houston was at the coffee service; while Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Jr., poured punch. Others in the house party included Misses Patricia, Rebecca, and Kathleen Davis of Ballinger, and Miss Carolyn Simpson.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy C. Sparks and sons, Dick and Johnson, of Dickinson, Texas, spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Madden. Mrs. Sparks is a daughter of the Maddens. The visit was a real happy Christmas surprise as they were not expected. Mr. Sparks is head of the polyethylene division of Carbide & Carbon Chemical Corp. of Texas City. The Maddens wish to thank Mrs. Scott for use of her apartment and Mr. McAdams and Mrs. Jay for their courtesies. They also want to thank all the good people of Robert Lee for their kindness and welcome to strangers.

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this opportunity to say thank you to the many friends and neighbors for their kind deeds and words of sympathy at a time when these expressions are worth so much to us.—J. H. Walker and Family.

Christmas guests in the Joe Garvin home west of Edith included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schaefer and Henry Garvin of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Zelachoski and Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Wallace and children, Carroll Don and Gary of Cleburne and Eddie and Donna Garvin.

Attorney and Mrs. Frank Dickey, Sr., are spending some time on a business and pleasure trip in Mexico City, making the trip in there several weeks ago in their auto. They plan to return home soon after the first of the year.

Silver News

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Haigood and daughter, Debra, of Freer spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Haigood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Herford and Ernie spent Christmas at Littlefield with Mrs. Herford's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Turner. Coming here for a holiday visit with the Herfords were her sister, Mrs. Freddy Rankin, and family of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stout and Linda of White Sands, N. Mex., recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stout. Ora Marie Stout returned home with her brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moore spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. F. Moore, at Clovis, N. Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Wadkins and family of Wewoka, Okla., arrived last Thursday night for a few days' visit with Mrs. Wadkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore and son, Mickey, left this week for Jefferson, Tex., where he has been transferred as a pumper for Crescent Oil Co. The family came to Silver 18 months ago from Bristow, Okla., when he became a pumper for Deep Rock, whose interests here were later sold to Crescent. Mickey has been a sophomore in Colorado City high school.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Leeper motored to Austin for a visit before Christmas with their son, Townner Leeper, and family. Townner has a BA degree from the University of Texas, with a major in business administration. He is a certified public accountant and will receive a law degree at the university the middle of January. He passed the state bar examinations recently.

F. J. Byrd was admitted to Coke Memorial Hospital last Saturday for medical treatment and his condition is reported as critical. His wife is a primary teacher in the Robert Lee schools.

Want Ads

HOUSE FOR RENT — Two bedroom modern home near school, new butane water heater. Phone the owner 95574 San Angelo or see Genie Baker.

FOR SALE — Broiler plant equipment which includes five 4-section units with a capacity of 500 chickens. Anyone interested in buying this equipment is requested to contact Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, phone 23.

FOR RENT — 3-room house, bath and butane, 2 blocks from post office, \$25 per month. See S. R. Young or J. C. Strickland, phone 213063 San Angelo. 32tf

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Mrs. E. W. Smith, 69, long time resident of Friendship community northwest of Robert Lee, died at 8:30 p. m. Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. P. T. Smith of 729 E. 42nd St. in San Angelo. She had been critical since suffering a stroke the previous Monday.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Saturday at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with M. R. Phillips, minister of Fairgrounds Road Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Smith was born Feb. 22, 1886, in Arkansas and moved to Coke County from San Saba in 1909. The family retired from the farm eight years ago and had since resided at 506 E. 38th St. in San Angelo.

Survivors include her husband, E. W. Smith of San Angelo; the daughter, Mrs. Smith; four sons, Boyd Smith of San Angelo; R. T. Smith of Midland, Bert Smith of Santa Anna and Dee Smith of Robert Lee; two brothers, Guy Weaver of Sarah, Okla., and Dee Weaver of Clovis, N. M.; six sisters, Mrs. Geneica Savel of Houston, Mrs. Dyke Gossett of San Angelo; Mrs. Henry Grady of Brownwood; Mrs. Ralph Zook of Farmington, N. M.; Mrs. D. G. Boyd and Mrs. B. B. Boyd, both of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver had all their children home for Christmas except a son, Allen, who is serving as a government agricultural specialist in Thailand. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Waymond Robertson and J. C. Wallace, Jr. and family of Robert Lee, Willie R. Price and family of Crane, Raymond Bloodworth and family of Silver, Clayton Bloodworth and wife of Ft. Worth and Ernest Bloodworth of Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Sturges visited over Christmas with relatives and friends in Ft. Worth and Dallas. Mr. Sturges is superintendent of construction on the new court house.



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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dalby arrived Tuesday to join their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clift, who were holiday guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift. The Dalbys were returning from a Christmas visit with relatives in Wichita Falls. They reside in Austin where Mr. Dalby is employed in the State Comptroller's office.

Mrs. E. Scott is convalescing at Coke County Memorial Hospital where she has been treated for a throat ailment and fatigue.

Sloan Boone and family and Mrs. May Boone spent Christmas with Richard Boone and family in Odessa.

Christmas dinner guests in the Curtis Walker home included his brother, Roy Walker, and family of Silver.

Many Attend Muston Family Reunion Here

A happy family gathering took place Saturday, Dec. 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. (Jack) Muston, west of Edith. For the first time since 1941 all of their ten children were together, also 34 grand children, four step-grandchildren, and two step great-grandchildren. Only one grandson, Charles Alberti of Bryan, Tex., was not present.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blair and six children of Robert Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Muston and five children of Watertown, So. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Fennell Smith and daughter of Robert Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sizemore and daughter of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Muston and six children of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Muston and three children of Hockley; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baker and three children of Abilene.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Lee Muston and four children of Rockdale; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall and three children and two step-sons of Whitharral; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Stephens and two sons of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blair of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Ray White of Big Lake and George McCaleb of Robert Lee.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wanker and little sons of Hill City, Kans., are spending the week with Robert Lee relatives. Mrs. Wanker is the former Bertie Mae Gaines. They were accompanied to Robert Lee by Mrs. R. Gaines, who spent three months in the Wanker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clift came from Houston for a visit over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift. The Allan Davis family of Ballinger were also present for the family gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock and children of Medina were among a family group of 19 at a Christmas gathering in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. (Buster) Farris went to Dallas for a Christmas visit with their son, Larry. A freshman at North Texas State College, Larry is spending the holidays in Dallas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dodson held their annual Christmas Eve party and tree with all their children and their families present. Mr. Dodson, who has been hospitalized for some time, was happy to join the group for a short period. He was transported to his home in the Clift ambulance.

Mr. and Mrs. George King of Stanley, N. Mex., visited over Christmas with relatives and friends in Coke County.

Marvin Glasgow and family left early last week for California to visit the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hall of San Angelo came over Wednesday to

visit their uncle, Frank D. Bryan, Wednesday for Mrs. Henry Chilleville, Pa., a sprained back with home moving furniture in her

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ivry and children spent Christmas. Mrs. Lewis' father, Lonnie at Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bessent visited in Lubbock over Christmas with their son, Charles, and his family. They also visited Mrs. Bessent's sister, Mrs. R. L. McGuire and husband.

Coming from Premont for a Christmas visit with their parents in Robert Lee and Bronte were Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard Brown.

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