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Sun Test South Of River Locates Granite at 7924 Ft.

Production from one and possibly both of Sun Oil company's Central National Bank offsets was indicated this week. Both are outposts to the No. 1 J. B. Walker discovery south of the Colorado River in the Jameson field at Silver. No. 1 J. B. Walker is considered one of the strongest natural producers in the area.

No. 1 Central National Bank trustee of the W. C. Blanks estate, drilled through several hundred feet of Ellenburger and finally struck granite at a depth of 7,924 feet. It was plugged back to 6,690 feet and a test this week recovered 450 feet of 60 per cent oil. It was squeezed with cement Tuesday night to shut off water. Location is 1,900 feet southwest of No. 1 J. B. Walker.

No. 2 Central National Bank, a northeast diagonal to No. 1 Walker, was bottomed at 6,501 feet. It was treated with 4,000 gallons and later 8,000 gallons of acid and was swabbing Wednesday.

Sun's No. 3 J. W. Arledge was drilling Wednesday morning at 6,312 feet in shale. It is a south offset to No. 1 Arledge discovery in the new field north and west of Sanoo which flowed 94 barrels from the Marble Falls in its official test. No. 2 Arledge, a northwest offset to No. 1, pumped 4 64 barrels of oil in 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. Wednesday. Production is from the Marble Falls around 6,600 feet.

No. 8 Homer Jameson was drilling at 6,191 feet in shale.

No. 10 Homer Jameson was in shale at 5,115 feet.

No. 2 J. S. Walker, east offset to No. 3 Mathers, was drilling in shale at 4,897 feet.

No. 1 H. L. Bloodworth had reached 5,502 feet in shale on Wednesday.

No. 1 Ellwood Estate on Spade Ranch in Mitchell county was drilling at 7,154 feet in shale, sand and lime. It was expected to reach the Ellenburger formation very soon.

Legion Will Sponsor Memorial Program

Memorial Day, May 30, will be observed in Robert Lee, under sponsorship of the American Legion. Preliminary arrangements for the observance were made at the Legion meeting Tuesday night.

Plans call for a free barbecue supper at the Legion hall Sunday at 6 p. m. to be followed by a program at 8. Commander E. C. Davis, Hugh Lewis, Jr. and Sam Williams were named as a program committee, and an outstanding speaker will be secured.

The entire community is invited to join in the first Memorial Day observance held in Robert Lee.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their sympathy and the many acts of kindness extended during our recent bereavement; also for the beautiful floral tributes—Mrs. Frank Percifull and Will and Frankie.

The Hen's Kittens

The Sam Fowlers at Sanco had a setting hen that quit her nest and started to mother three little kittens. When the weather became cool early last week the hen hovered over the mother cat while the kittens nursed.

Hospital Site Pending

County authorities are finding it difficult to secure a suitable location for the proposed new hospital. Efforts are being made to purchase a site close in at a reasonable price. One party who owns twelve 25-ft. lots in the block east of the court house asked the ridiculous figure of \$10,000. Tax assessors should make note accordingly. We need cooperation of property owners at once in order that the project can get started without further delay.

Singing Convention

Coke County Singing Convention will be held Sunday, May 23, at the Edith Tabernacle. It will be an all-day affair with a basket dinner at noon. Everybody is invited. The event had previously been planned for the Pecan Church.

West Texas Opens Robert Lee Office

West Texas Utilities Co. this week is opening an office in Robert Lee, having leased the first floor of the Masonic building on the corner which housed the post office for many years.

W. D. McAdams of Winters has been transferred to Robert Lee and will look after the company's business here. Mr. McAdams has a wife and son, W. T., 14 years of age. They have leased one of the Delmir Sheppard apartments near the school house.

Robert Lee will continue to be under the supervision of W. A. Springer and the Bronte office. However, all service calls will be handled and bills will be paid at the Robert Lee office.

The Berry Jewelry Store will also share office space with the utility concern and Mr. Berry will vacate his present location north of the Alamo theatre.

Death of Mrs. Vaughn

Funeral services were held Friday at Lubbock for Mrs. Kate Vaughn, 86, former well known Coke county resident. Her death resulted from complications following a broken hip which she suffered some time ago. A long time Bronte resident, she had been living at Lubbock in recent years and visited here considerably with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Cumbie. Attending the funeral were Mrs. Cumbie and her daughters, Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr., Mrs. G. C. Allen and Mrs. H. L. Scott.

Sells \$50 Lamb

A. B. Sheppard and Preston Fitzhugh, who are handling a small herd of registered South-down sheep at the Sheppard Ranch, recently sold a \$50 lamb to Charles Dankworth of Ballinger. A. B. says they have only 12 ewes at present and will save 11 lambs from this spring's crop. The same ewe produced a lamb last year which brought a Runnells county 4-H boy \$190 after it won first in the county show.

Cafe Damaged by Fire

Fire of unknown origin caused serious damage early Monday at Mrs. Hattie Day's cafe. Flames were discovered about 4 a. m. and were soon extinguished by prompt arrival of the fire truck. Damage estimated at \$800 resulted to food stuffs and fixtures. Mrs. Day's loss was covered by insurance and the building owned by Josie Keithly was also insured. Mrs. Day plans to reopen the business.

Leonard Walker and wife of Gatesville and Mrs. S. B. Q. Plumlee of Colorado City were recent guests in the J. H. Walker home at Edith.

Weaver & Tucker Ranch Sells Off 234 Cows

A cattle sale involving \$43,875, one of the largest livestock transactions ever made in Coke county, took place last week when the Weaver & Tucker Ranch south of town sold 234 head of cows and young calves to Jay Taylor of Amarillo at the price of \$187.50 a pair.

While there have been times when larger herds of cattle changed hands, it is doubtful if there has ever been as much cash involved. It also appears that the price was reasonable, since cattle have been going up rapidly the past few weeks, and cows with calves have been bringing more than \$200 in the San Angelo sales.

Mrs. Helen Weaver of Houston, co-owner of the ranch, said they were afraid of the continued drought and felt it was advisable to reduce their herd. She said the cattle were high quality Herefords from 5 to 8 years old.

Mr. Taylor shipped the cattle by rail from San Angelo to his ranch near Amarillo. He has extensive livestock and ranch holdings in that locality. Jay is also a partner in the Baker-Taylor Drilling Co., which has two new rotary drilling rigs operating for Sun in northwestern Coke county.

Folks You Know

Mrs. S. M. Conner returned home Wednesday from a couple of days stay in the hospital at Bronte. Her condition is improved.

The Legion and Auxiliary picnic supper will be Tuesday night of next week, instead of being held this week as stated elsewhere in this issue. Everyone is requested to bring a package of cigarettes for patients at Legion Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Murtishaw of Kingsville spent last week at the parental J. I. Murtishaw home in Robert Lee.

Myrtle and Ada Hurley stopped in Robert Lee Saturday on their way to Ballinger to visit their cousin, Mrs. J. E. Patton, who is seriously ill. Miss Myrtle will complete her school term at Barstow the end of this week and will then return to Robert Lee. She has been designated acting postmaster at Robert Lee to succeed Mrs. Russell, who has resigned.

Sid Criswell of Merkel and Miss Winnie Vantrees of Abilene were married here May 15 by Justice R. S. Crum.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McMillan have moved to one of A. B. Sheppard's apartments. They have had a room at the Emory Davis home.

John Conley and wife honored Farrell (Butch) Ray with a farewell dinner Sunday night. Guests included Martha Smith, Willis Wayne Smith, Wanda Mauldin, Johnny Johnson, Gerald Ivey and Kenneth Lackey. Butch left Tuesday for his home in Dallas and will take summer work at Southern Methodist University. He has been in Coke county the past two months as an employ of the Ray-Harris Drilling company.

The eighth grade pupils of Robert Lee spent Tuesday picnicking and sight seeing in San Angelo. Room mothers who acted as chaperones were Mrs. Coke Austin, Mrs. Wilson Bryan and Mrs. Cole.

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Sul Ross Senior



Jamie Bilbo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo, was one of the six delegates that represented Sul Ross College at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association held at McMurry College in Abilene, recently. Sage, the college magazine of which Jamie is editor, tied for second place in the state competition. A senior at Sul Ross, Jamie will receive her B. A. Degree May 24th. She is planning to enter the field of journalism after graduation. She is treasurer of Schem literary society, and vice president of the Press club.

Seize Beer Shipment Going to C. C. Golfers

Members of the Country Club at Colorado City were minus refreshments for the "19th hole" recently, because a truck shipment of 104 cases of beer were intercepted by Sheriff Paul Good.

The Coke county sheriff, accompanied by County Attorney Arnold and Constable Vic Simpson, were cruising in the Silver locality when they stopped a pickup truck heavily loaded with brew. Since it is illegal to transport beer or liquor through a dry county such as Coke, the truck driver was arrested and the contraband confiscated.

At a hearing before County Judge Bob L. Davis, R. A. James pled guilty to having possession of the beer and was fined \$100 and costs. He is manager of the Colorado City golf club and the shipment was being taken to various members of the club. Each case of beer had a name on it. Jinks Powell, driver of the truck, was acquitted.

More Sears Pigs

Saturday, May 23, is the day when the Sears Foundation will distribute pigs, and the following Coke county boys have been designated to receive pigs: J. Cue Varnadore, James Robertson, Jimmy Killiam, Roy Killiam, Jerry Wilkes, J. W. Caudle, Warren Tomlinson and Dalton Copple. Sears Foundation maintains a rotary pig program in each of its store areas. Each boy agrees to give one pig from his litter to keep the program operating.

Leonard Tibbets, tool pusher for Baker-Taylor Drilling Co., attended the oil show in Tulsa several days last week. He accompanied Van Nelson of the Greenhead Bit Co. Bill Baker came out from Dallas to look after their two rigs while Leonard was gone.

Editor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick are grandparents again, a 6 1-2 pound son having been born May 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Dausch of 343 46 St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Dausch and little son, Peter, made an extended visit with her parents in Robert Lee the past winter.

Shamrock Strikes Oil on Wendland Ranch Near Here

Shamrock's No. 1 Herman Wendland, 8 miles southeast of Robert Lee, found a good showing in the Ellenburger this week, being the second wildcat in that locality to strike oil recently.

Two week's ago Seaboard-Southern Mineral's No. 1 M. G. Reed, 10 1-2 miles southeast of Robert Lee, found pay in the Ellenburger from 6,184 to 6,200 feet. Operators drilled ten feet deeper and struck salt water.

The well was plugged back above water and Tuesday of this week was flowing about 30 barrels of oil per hour. Since then water has seeped in and yesterday the flow was 70 per cent water and 30 per cent oil.

The Shamrock test entered the Ellenburger 82 feet lower than No. 1 Reed. Twenty feet of pay section was drilled when a drillstem test was made Wednesday. Recovery was 60 feet of clean oil, and 130 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud. There was no water.

Gas pressure was low, but it is thought the well may be completed without being deepened.

The wildcat 1 1-2 miles west of Bronte has resumed drilling after shutting off sulphur water and had reached a depth of 3,500 feet.

Al Hunt's No. 1 Ralph Harris Estate, across the river south of Silver and joining Sun's block on the east, was drilling Thursday at 4,370 feet in shale and lime. Delaney Drilling Co. has had considerable work in repairing their rotary rig.

Alford's No. 1 Jack Lassiter, 2 1-2 miles northwest of Sanco was drilling yesterday at 6,105 feet. Location is four miles southwest of Sun's Arledge field which found production in the Marble Falls at 6,600 feet.

The Ellenburger is due to be explored in two wildcats on the Bob Mims ranch in southwestern Coke county. J. W. Sorrels of Fort Worth will deepen the wildcat he drilled to 7,003 feet in the Pennsylvania early in 1946, and Clarence Norsworthy of Dallas will drill the other test.

Sorrels No. 1 Mims is in the southeast corner of Section 300, 12 miles north of Water Valley and across the Coke county divide.

Norsworthy leased 9,000 from Mims.

Plenty Water In New City Well

Indications that the city's water supply this summer will be quite ample, were apparent this week with the drilling of a new well on city property two miles east of town.

Mayor McNeil Wylie said Thursday the new well seems to be capable of producing from 85 to 100 gallons per minute. Location for the well was spotted Saturday by a series of seismograph tests along the southeast line of city owned property.

The well was drilled by B. M. Mundell. The 10-inch hole struck water sand at 18 feet and penetrated a 10-ft. vein before finding clay.

Don Brown of McAllen is a new assistant petroleum engineer for Sun Oil Co. in the Jameson field at Silver. He will be assistant to W. J. Turner. Messrs. Brown and Turner are attending the oil show at Tulsa this week.

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Warning Issued Against Polio

Austin, Texas, May 20.—Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, has issued the following statements and suggestions concerning the control and prevention of poliomyelitis which is now occurring in some sections of the state.

Strict sanitary measures should be observed in all communities. Eliminate rats, mosquitoes, and houseflies, and destroy their breeding places. Every effort should be made to secure approved garbage collection systems and safe water supplies. Where adequate municipal sewage disposal systems are not in operation, it is vitally important to maintain sanitary septic tanks and outdoor privies.

All swimming pools should maintain standards approved by the State Department of Health, which includes maintenance of proper chlorine level.

Only approved milk should be used, and protected from flies, filth, and insects. All food handling establishments should adhere strictly to the state law concerning the sterilization of dishes and utensils. Those restaurants with insufficient personnel to maintain approved sanitation should close one or two hours a day so that employees can assist in maintaining cleanliness.

Over-exertion in children should be avoided, and they should not visit in homes where there is illness. It is advisable to reduce to a minimum all human contacts, especially in children during an outbreak of this disease. It is not advocated that schools, churches, and theaters be closed.

Early symptoms of infantile paralysis are headache, fever, vomiting, drowsiness, followed by stiffness in the neck and back. When suspicious symptoms appear, a physician should be called immediately.

Silver HD Club

Mrs. A. E. Ross was hostess to the Silver Home Demonstration club on Monday, May 11. Mrs. R. B. Allen presided and Mrs. Vic McCabe, secretary pro tem, called the roll. Mrs. G. B. Gebhart read an article on the Essentials of Good Grooming.

Mrs. Rose read the recommendations of the council committee. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. J. L. Legg were elected as recreational leaders.

Cookies and punch were served to Mesdames Allen, Fred Asher, Will Carr, Gebhart, Legg, McCabe Rose, one new member, Mrs. M. D. Miller, and Larry and Terry Gebhart.

The club will meet in the home of Mrs. Gebhart with Mrs. Powell as co-hostess on May 25. There being no further business the club adjourned with love to all.—Edith Gebhart, Reporter.

Fire Destroys House

An old dwelling house owned by J. H. Escue was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. Flames were discovered soon after midnight but the fire department had no chance to save the building. The property is located across the street west of Judge G. S. Arnold's home. It was unoccupied and origin of the fire is unknown.

The E. J. Thomasons have moved to Sterling City where E. J. has accepted a position in the parts department of the Ford agency.

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For State Representative
W. H. RAMPY

For County Judge and School Supt.:
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JEFF DEAN

For County Treasurer:
RUBY L. PETTIT

For District and County Clerk:
WILLIS SMITH

For Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor:
PAUL GOOD

For County Attorney
FRANK C. DICKEY

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
H. C. VARNADORE
J. C. STRICKLAND
J. W. SERVICE

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
OTIS SMITH

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
T. R. HARMON
RALPH GARVIN

Sixth Graders Take In Sights at San Angelo

(From Standard-Times)

Sixth graders from Robert Lee took in the San Angelo sights Thursday with trips through Central Fire Station, three business houses, and a visit to the Fort Concho Museum.

With Miss Eunice McLure, sixth grade teacher, in charge, the 23 students, three room-mothers, and a bus driver visited the fire station, the Coca-Cola bottling plant, and Gandy's Creamery before lunching in the City Park, then toured the Standard-Times and the museum before boarding their school bus for home.

Parents accompanying the pupils were Mrs. A. J. Bilbo, Mrs. Steve Massey, and Mrs. Floyd Harmon. L. Higgins was bus driver.

Among the students were Peggy Bilbo, Billy Wayne Casey, Tommy Cole, Halley Merle Cowan, Dorene Harmon, Melva Dean Gartman, Louis Jack Gartman, Clea Wojtek Sammie Jo Fowler, Martha Sue Richardson, Viva Mae Hurley.

Also LaVerne Squyres, Roxie Wilson, Lavon Reid, Robert Louis Jay, Dale Renner, Dale Massey, Bobbie Johnson, Shirley Steward, and Thomas Lee, Mary Maude Hannaford, Floy Rives, and Carrol Ray Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson left Thursday morning on a two weeks' trip to points in Iowa and Illinois where they will attend several auction sales and look over some of the top Aberdeen Angus herds.

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Robert Lee Takes Maverick, 8 to 7

Last week's results:

Robert Lee 8, Maverick 7.
Bronte 5, Lowake 3.
Sonora 6, Veribest 4.
Ozona 31, Miles 0.

Next week's games:

Bronte at Robert Lee.
Ozona at Sonora.
Maverick at Lowake.
Miles at Veribest.

Robert Lee came from behind Sunday to nose out Maverick 8 to 7 on the latter's diamond. The Oilers thus kept their record clean in the Concho Basin loop and are tied for first place with Ozona, each having three victories and no defeats.

Maverick went ahead 4 to 2 in the third inning and by the end of the fifth their margin was stretched 7-3. Robert Lee counted twice in the seventh and scored three more runs in the ninth to win, while Maverick was being held scoreless during the last four frames.

A young fellow named Cope started on the mound for the Oilers, but he didn't last long. He hit the first man, and the second batter

singled. Marshall was given a base on balls and the bases were loaded and nobody out. Manager Otis Campbell pulled Cope and Clarence Tinkler took over the hurling job. He did right smart, too, and worked out of a very bad hole with only one run coming in. Davenport scored from third on Agnew's long sacrifice fly to center. Martin also flied to Conley and Harold struck out.

The Runnels county club got to Clarence for three singles in the third stanza, and two errors helped in the manufacture of three tallies. About the same thing happened in the fifth, but from then on the "Colonel" was invincible. He allowed one lone single and a walk during the last four innings.

Robert Lee scored a run in the first, third and fifth frames. They gathered two more in the seventh when John Conley poled a home run to score Higgins ahead of him. Trailing 5 to 7, the Oilers opened the ninth with Higgins flying out to right. Conley drew a walk and Johnson fanned for the second out.

It looked bad for the Lees, but Chilly Tinkler came through with his third successive hit and Conley scored. Davenport then muffed Clarence Tinkler's grounder and Chilly came home. Green was safe when Scroggins bobbled his roller

| ROBT LEE(8) | AB | R | H | PO | A | E |
|-----------------------|----|---|----|----|---|---|
| Conley, cf | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson, 3rd-rf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bond, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| J. L. Tinkler, rf-3rd | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| C. Tinkler, p | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Green, 2nd | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Bowman, ss | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Ivey, 1st | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Ballew, c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Cope, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Higgins, lf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 41 | 8 | 11 | 27 | 7 | 4 |

| MAVERICK(7) | AB | R | H | PO | A | E |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|---|---|
| Davenport, 2nd | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Scroggins, ss | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Marshall, 3rd | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Agnew, 1st | 5 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Martin, lf | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Harold, rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Carlton, cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Slaughter, c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Harris, p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Minzenmeyer, p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 38 | 7 | 8 | 27 | 9 | 7 |

Score by innings:
Robert Lee-----101 010 203-8
Maverick-----103 030 000-7

Summary: Two base hit, Johnson. Home run, Conley. Bases on balls, off Tinkler, 2, off Minzenmeyer 1. Struck out, by Tinkler 6, by Minzenmeyer 2. Double play, Green to Bowman to Ivey. Hit by pitcher, Davenport. Left on bases, Robert Lee 7, Maverick 7.

and Clarence went to third. He scored the winning run when a wild pitch bounced over the backstop. Bowman was thrown out at first to retire the side.

Maverick tried hard in their last turn at bat, but they were unable to hit safely. Marshall flied out to Conley, while Agnew and Martin followed with popups to Bowman.

John Conley had himself a big day. He scored four runs, got a single and a home run, a base on balls and was safe once on an error. He also handled four put outs in centerfield. Chilly Tinkler, who is too valuable to warm the bench, got himself three hits in a row after getting into the lineup in the fourth inning. Johnson poled a two-bagger and a single, and Clarence Tinkler hit safely twice.

Lefty Harris hurled five innings for Maverick. Robert Lee looked bad in spots. Some of the boys run bases like mad, that is they made everybody mad the way they got picked off. No excuse for that kind of monkey business and it's time they cut it out. The infield pulled a nice double play in the sixth and Chilly Tinkler ran far out to pull down a foul fly for the fielding gem of the day.

Last Call For BABY CHICKS

Hamilin Hatchery will make their last delivery run for this season on Monday, May 31. If you need chicks put your order in now. Most any breed available during the remainder of this month.

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One lot Ladies Dresses, silks, crepes, sheer-jerseys, worth \$12.75, choice for **5.29**

One lot Men's Leather Work Gloves, at .98c to 1.29

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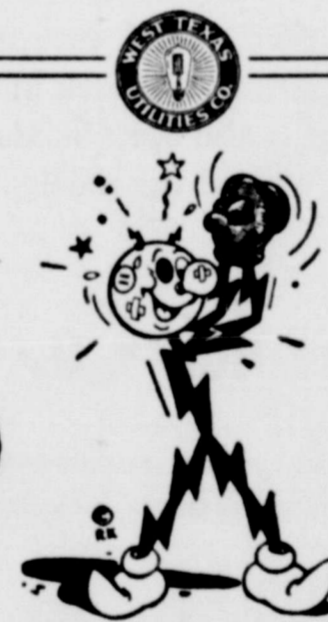
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Plans Completed For Poppy Day May 29

"A poppy on every coat—remembrance in every heart," will be the goal of the American Legion Auxiliary for the annual observance of Poppy Day here, May 29, the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Complete plans for Poppy Day were announced today by Mrs. Pearl Rutherford, the Auxiliary's Poppy chairman, following a meeting of her committee at the Legion Home yesterday. Poppies will be offered through the county all day so that everyone will have opportunity to honor the war dead by wearing the memorial flower.

Teams of volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and cooperating organizations will be assigned to different parts of the county, each working under a team captain.

All Poppy Day workers will give their time without pay, Mrs. Rutherford explained. Contributions made for the poppies will go to the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of the Legion and Auxiliary, to be used for the benefit of disabled war veterans and needy children of veterans during the coming year. These contributions form a large part of the money expended by the Legion and Auxiliary in their vast rehabilitation and welfare work.

Mr and Mrs. Roy Taylor were happy to have several of their children and their families home for Mother's Day. Those present were the L. B. Mahons and Patty and Dixie of Robert Lee, Mrs. Jack Martin of Big Spring, Ruth Ann Taylor of Austin, LaVelta Taylor of Lamesa, the A. W. Kennemers of Shreveport, La., and the Jack Goldsmiths of Akron, Ohio.

Friendship HD Club

Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr. was hostess to the Friendship WHD club Friday, May 14, in all day meeting.

Mrs. Frank Bryan, Sr. talked on Beauty in the Garden. She advised in cutting grass to always leave the grass clippings on the lawn as this furnished additional plant food. Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr. spoke on Care and Storage of Woolen Blankets.

Aluminum and copper trays were worked on and one was completed for Mrs. Willis Smith. A turkey dinner was served to six visitors and six members.

Visitors included Mrs. J. W. Labenske, Miss Gladys Waldrop and Mrs. J. A. Waldrop of Hayrick, Mrs. Glenn Waldrop of Sterling City, Mrs. J. C. Jackson of Robert Lee and Miss Mary Walker of Friendship. Members present were Mesdames A. D. Fields, G. E. Kresta, Wilson Bryan, Sr., Willis Smith and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Smith on May 27, at 2 p. m.

New Bicycle Rack

Bicycle riders now have a place to park their vehicles. A new bike rack has been installed in Mrs. Buchanan's vacant lot north of The Observer building. Cecil Schooley donated his time in building the rack and the material was given by public spirited citizens.

Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good spent Sunday in Ozona and attended church where their daughter, Mrs. Fred Parker, presided at the console of the new \$10,000 pipe organ. The instrument was presented to the church by Mrs. A. C. Hoover.

Alvin G. Christian and wife of Abilene spent the weekend with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stayton.

Attend District Legion Convention

J. C. Strickland, Marcus Turner and Walter Mathews and their wives attended the 21st District Convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary over the weekend in Bandera.

Highlights included an interesting talk by Attorney General Price Daniel, Dept. Commander Berry spoke on post activities and the guest speaker was Nat'l Rehabilitation Chairman Bladgett of Denver, Colo. Dr. Livingston of Legion Hospital stressed the need for pulmonary T-B precaution.

The Auxiliary speakers included Miss Billy Murry, department secretary, who stressed the importance of child welfare work, and Mrs. Guiske of Amarillo, Fifth Division president.

The Robert Lee Auxiliary unit was given a public citation for the box of gifts which it sent to Legion Hospital.

Legion and Auxiliary members enjoyed a covered dish supper Tuesday night. Each person took a package of cigarettes to be sent to men in Legion Hospital.

Major Smith Here

Major and Mrs. Walter M. Smith have been visiting Mrs. Smith's sisters, Mrs. J. H. Walker and Mrs. Sam Duncan, and families at Edith. They have recently returned from Berlin, Germany. While in Europe they visited Austria, France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland. Major Smith has been assigned to the Western Chemical Center at Tooele, Utah. Their daughter, Barbara Ann, since returning from Europe has been attending college in Washington, D. C., and will join them shortly in Utah.

Mrs. Melvin Childress was hostess at a party Tuesday night for members of the Intermediate department of the Baptist Training Union. Games and singing were enjoyed and there were special musical numbers by Annelle Simpson and Patricia Lewis. Cake and punch were served to more than 20 guests.

Mrs. Betty Crum and Mrs. C. P. Thompson of Bertram, Texas, visited the past week in the home of their son and brother, R. S. Crum, and wife, Mrs. Betty Crum is 89 years of age and enjoys very good health.

T. B. Hicks and El Hatley and wife were in charge of a turkey steak demonstration dinner at Menard Friday night. About 50 ranchers and their wives attended the affair.

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SILVER NEWS

By Juanice Jameson

No Rain but look!

Vacation Bible School. Boys and girls every where love Vacation Bible School and parents are always glad for them to attend. We are happy to be able this year to offer the boys and girls of Silver and surrounding communities the opportunity of attending a Vacation Bible School.

We will have two young ladies from Hardin Simmons University who have had special training in this work and are qualified and efficient to lead in the activities of the school.

There will be periods of Bible study, songs, games of base ball, handwork for girls and coping saw carpentry for boys as well as refreshments each day. The pupils will have no studying to do and yet will learn a lot and have a good time together. We hope that all the boys and girls here will make plans to attend this five day Vacation Bible School.

Plans are under way for some means of transportation around the "loop" both to and from the school.

For: Boys and Girls 4 thru 16 years of age.

What: Vacation Bible School.

Where: Silver Baptist Church.

When: Monday May 31 thru Friday June 4.

Time: 8:30 A. M. --- 11:30 A. M. Lets Go!

Sun camp streets are being paved also the street in front of the camp. If you haven't seen the village of Silver then you've missed watching geography in the making.

The new Post Office building has been moved in and is just east of Sun camp. The building will house the Post Office also living quarters for the Bob Odoms.

Work on the Church of Christ is progressing. Piles of gravel and stacks of cement tile. The building is to be ready for service in July.

Friday night brought the Silver School to a close and the following program presented to a full house.

Introduction, Mrs. Evelyn McKinley; Music recital introduction, Eva Belle McCutchen; Birds in the Tree Tops, Mary Beth Stagner; The Black bird Song, Nelda Garner; Wee Folks March, Julia Nell Killiam; The Chip Munks, Ethel Lee Killiam; Hush-a-bye Dolly, Fay Killiam; Blowing Bubbles, Ray Killiam; Nimble Fingers June McKinley; The Spinning Song, Anita Roe.

Welcome, Dan Ella McClothlin, Ervin Ray Bussey, Wilma Moore, Dwayne McFerrin, Vicki McCabe, Carolyn Caswell.

The Three Bears, Narrator, June Mc.

Kinley; Goldie Locks, Mary Ellen Moore; Goldies mother, Wilma Moore; Mother Bear, Joy Walls; Father Bear, Jerry Lynn Moore; Baby Bear, Terrel Roe.

Play, Achievement, Sharon Flud, Wayne Smith, Vicki McCabe, Charlotte McCabe, Helen Moore, Ervin Ray Bussey, Carolyn Caswell, Wayne McFerrin. Doll Play, Troy Walls, Curtis Wayne Walker, Carl James Vaughn, Dwayne McFerrin, Tommy Wilks, Wayne McFerrin, Freddie Lee Jones.

The Circus, Gene Adams, Dick Asher, Joan Adams, Jerry Wilks, Trilba Jane Moore, Everett Bussey, Walter McFerrin.

Play, Trilba Jane Moore, Wanda Walker, Nelda Garner, Cecil Coffey, Eva Bell Killiam, Edna Lee Killiam.

Play, John Kenneth Moore, Donnie Stagner, Wanda Walker, Fay Killiam, Anita Roe, Edna Lee Killiam, Julia Nell Killiam.

Song by Girls, Reading, Billy Preston.

Eighth Grade Graduation, Salutatorian Roger Bussey; Class Poem, J. Weldon Phillips; Class Will, Fred Sam Snowden; Valedictorian, Don Asher.

Diplomas were presented to these and Elmer Stagner by Mrs. Evelyn McKinley.

Award certificates were presented for having been neither absent nor tardy, Curtis Wayne Walker, Carl James Vaughn, Ervin Ray Bussey, Mary Beth Stagner.

Mary Beth Stagner, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stagner received her fifth award. She has not been absent or tardy since beginning school five years ago.

Mrs. V. T. McCabe and children left after the program to join V. T. in San Angelo where they attended the horse show.

Visiting with Mrs. Elvie Stagner is her sister and children, Mrs. L. D. Lusty of Lincoln, Calif.

Mr. Elvie Stagner returned Saturday from Abilene. He had been there for medical treatment.

Mrs. Bill Archer and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen.

Mrs. Jack Wimberly and Billy Jack of San Angelo spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

The Rass Moore baby is home from a San Angelo hospital and is doing much better.

Mrs. Dave Millican was a Bronte hospital patient recently. She is able to be up and about now.

Pearls Cafe is now running under new management. Mr. and Mrs. James Turnbow of Loraine are the new managers. Moving here from Loraine also are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Turnbow and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turnbow and baby.

Mrs. Mary Moore and Jerry Lynn are visiting with Mrs. Moore's son, Mrs.

Moore plans to come home this weekend but Jerry Lynn will stay for a longer visit. Visiting the Ed Snowdens last weekend was his mother, Mrs. A. J. Hooks from Colorado City.

Mrs. Fred Asher and Dick went to Odessa Saturday to be with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Potts, who underwent surgery Friday. Mrs. Bradford, her mother, went Friday night.

Mrs. J. W. Maxwell and children are at home. They have been visiting in Glade-water.

Bro. and Mrs. Tommy Moring of Abilene were guests of the A. E. Rose and G. B. Gebharts.

Bro. Moring preached at the Baptist church Sunday. S. S. attendance was 45. Seventy five is still a goal. So help be one of that 75 next Sunday.

Mrs. G. N. Gentry and Jerry Nick of San Angelo visited with the J. Jamesons Monday night.

Mrs. George Pennington and Dennis George spent Monday night with the C. E. Mathers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Vanzandt of San Angelo are the parents of a son born May 13 at Shannon hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and has been named David Allen. The mother was formerly Sarah Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Moore, formerly of Robert Lee.

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Hunt's Tomato Juice, No. 2 can 13c

Hunt's Peaches, large 2 1/2 can 31c

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Spinach, Little Mill 2 No. 2 cans 25c

FIESTA RICE 1 lb. box 23c

Succotash, White Corn and Lima Beans 2 cans 25c

Mackeral, Van Camps tall can 27c

Black Bing Cherries Monarch tall can 29c

Nectarines, Monarch Halves tall can 29c

Kimbell's Pork & Beans 2 cans 25c

RAISINS 4 lb. bag 49c

CORN Trellis 2 cans 29c

SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Bro. Wright preached at the Sanco Bible Church Sunday morning to a nice crowd.

Bro. and Mrs. O. D. Wallace of San Angelo, lay evangelist of the Evangelical Methodist conference, was over to spend the day with the Wrights. Bro. Wallace brought a stirring message in the afternoon.

Homer Carwile and family visited Sunday with the J. L. Carwile's Sr. Other guests in the Carwile home included the Bill McCutchens, J. W. Service and family, Clariece Cole, Eva Bell and Glyniece McCutchen, and Mrs. Bill Carwile and Sue and Don.

The Roy Wyatt family visited Sunday with the Truitt Arbuckles and Sam Fowlers.

Effie Carwile visited Sunday at Bronte with Mrs. Kate Good. She returned Monday to her work in Sterling City.

Bill Carwile joined the army last week and left Friday for Abilene to take his physical and will be sent to California. His family will remain in Sanco for a while.

Joy Adkins is ill with the measles this week.

Mrs. Ira M. Bird has been enjoying a visit from her brother, Carl, the last two weeks.

R. J. Dubinsky and wife of Odessa were Sunday evening guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bond.

Mrs. O. V. Looney entertained her children and their families at dinner Sunday. Guests included the Fred Mc Donalds, Jr., Jack Looney and family of San Angelo and Matthew Caperton and wife.

Mrs. Allie Bilbo and her mother, Mrs. W. H. Bell, will leave Friday for Fort Stockton where they will attend the graduation from high school of their nephew and grandson, Craig Landers. They will continue to Alpine and be present when Jamie Bilbo receives her degree at Sul Ross college commencement Monday. Jamie will return home with them next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goldsmith and daughter departed Wednesday for their home in Akron, Ohio, after a visit of several weeks in the parental Roy Taylor home. Miss LaVelta Taylor of Lamesa, a sister of Mrs. Goldsmith, accompanied them home.

Wanted—Would like to rent a sewing machine. Inquire at Observer office. 1p

Notice of Application to Make Oil and Gas Lease

No. 330

Estate of Lonnell Landers, Minor
In The County Court of Coke County, Texas

Notice Is Hereby Given:

That in Cause No. 330 in regard to Guardianship of Lonnell Landers, Minor, in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, Bonita Landers Robertson, Guardian of the Estate of Lonnell Landers, Minor, did on the 19th day of May 1948 file an application with the County Clerk for an Order of the County Judge authorizing and permitting her, as Guardian, to make an Oil Gas, and Mineral Lease covering the 1-32nd undivided interest in a 1-3rd mineral interest of said Ward in, on and under the following described tract of land situated in Coke County, Texas, to-wit:

"Being a part of L. B. Harris Survey No. 5, Abstract No. 202, and being 293 acres, more or less, described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section No. 410, in Block 1-A, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey;

Thence West 665 varas;
Thence South 30 West 575 varas to the Northwest Corner of River Survey No. 997 in the name of S. A. Maverick;

Thence South 60 E. with the North Line of Survey No. 997, 825 varas to the North east Corner of same;

Thence South 51 East 910 varas a stake made for Northwest Corner of Survey No. 994 in the name of S. A. Maverick;
Thence North 21 1-2 East 1572 varas;
Thence West 910 varas to the place of beginning."

And filed in the papers in said Cause a copy of a proposed Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease to be made and to which reference is here made for all purposes.

Said Application will be heard by the County Judge of Coke County, Texas, at the Court House, Robert Lee, Texas, at ten o'clock A.M. on the 31st day of May, 1948. Bonetia Landers Robertson Guardian of the Estate of Lonnell Landers, Minor.

Notice of Application to Make Oil and Gas Lease

No. 527

Estate of Tomas Edward Walker, a Minor
In the County Court of Coke County, Texas, May, 1948.

To All Persons Interested in the Above Minor or His Estate:

You are notified that I have on the 19th day of May, 1948, filed with the county clerk of Coke county, Texas, an application under oath for authority to make an oil, gas and mineral lease of the following described real estate belonging to said estate situated in Coke County, State of Texas, being an undivided 1-4 (one-fourth) of the following two tracts of land,

First Tract: All of the West one-half (W 1-2) of Survey No. 304 in Block 1A of the N.W. 1-4 being Abstract No. 1735, and the S.W. 1-4 being Abstract No. 1494, located by the H. & T. C. Ry. Co. by virtue of Cert. No. 39-4685, containing 324.8 acres more or less.

Second Tract: All the S 1-2 of Survey No. 305, in Block 1A, originally granted to the H. & T. C. Ry. Co. by virtue of Cert. No. 39-4684, Abstract No. 370, patented to said Railway Company, on Sept. 17, 1884, by Patent No. 490 Vol. 77: that Bob L. Davis, judge of the county court of Coke county, Texas, on the 19th day of May 1948, duly entered his order designating the 31st day of May, 1948, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the county courtroom in the court-house of such county as the time and place when and where such application would be heard and that such application will be heard at such time and place.

Robert Walker
Guardian of the estate of Thomas Edward Walker, a minor.

Mrs. Lucy Hood was honored Cafe. The event was sponsored by with a surprise dinner Saturday her sons Keith and Roy, and their on her 65th birthday at the City wives and Mrs. A. W. Littlefield.

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BEANS, Ranch Style 15 oz can 12c
Vienna Sausage 1/2 tin 15c

Bread M System 1 1/2 lb loaf 19c

Grapefruit Juice, Curtis, it's new 2 46 oz cans 25c
Johnson Glo-Coat, pint, with applicator both for 79c

Candy Bars Popular Brands 3 for 13c

OXYDOL, large pkg 33c

CAMAY, regular bar 9c

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50c Pepsodent Tooth Brush 29c
50c Kolynos Tooth Paste 26c
60c Syrup Black Draught 49c
75c Dry Skin Cream, Woodbury, with 25c Lana Lotion, \$1 value for 49c, plus tax



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RADISHES, home gr. round reds 2 bunches 5c
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Fresh Corn doz 39c
ORANGES, Texas, full of juice pound 6c
POTATOES, Russetts, in mesh bag 10 lbs 59c

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