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Three Indicted By Grand Jury; Trials To Start Monday

Three true bills were returned by the grand jury at conclusion of the opening day in district court here Monday. The indictments were against Royce Berry for rape, Charles R. Brice for burglary and theft, and James Melton, charged with taking an automobile without the owners consent.

Berry is alleged to have committed an assault upon Mrs. Ima Elaine Holliday on the evening of last January 21st. He and the woman's husband were fellow workers in the oil field. Earlier in the day Holliday had been lodged in jail for intoxication, and the woman testified she was persuaded to accompany Berry in his auto on the pretense that they were going to get her husband out of jail.

At a preliminary hearing Berry was bound over to the grand jury and was out on \$7,500 bond. Following his indictment he was returned to jail by Sheriff Paul Good. The court fixed his new bond at \$5,000 and he was released Tuesday night after surety was posted by a group of relatives and friends. His case is set for trial at 10 a. m. next Monday.

Brice, 17 year old Bronte youth, is charged with theft of two watches valued at \$75 from the W. S. Proctor home south of Bronte last November. The young man was apprehended several weeks ago. His bond was set at \$1,500.

Melton, an oil field worker, is alleged to have driven an auto owned by Margaret and K. R. Hardcastle without their consent. He is said to have taken the 1937 Plymouth from the rear of the Club cafe on the night last July 18 and while he had it in his possession the vehicle caught fire and burned.

The man agreed to pay \$400 to the owners, but he left the county instead. Melton's present address is unknown but Sheriff Good has a warrant for his arrest.

District Attorney Ralph Logan was in charge of the grand jury investigations. Serving as grand jurors were Lem Cowley, foreman, Albert Rawlings, D. K. Glenn, O. R. McQueen, Bryan Yarbrough, Howard Eaton, Carroll Russell, Lowell Roane, T. F. Conger, J. B. Leddy, Wilson Bryan and Jack Walker.

Expect Early Hospital O. K.

Progress on the new Coke county hospital is moving along as rapidly as possible according to a delegation of local men who went to Austin the first of the week to get first hand information on the matter.

Authorities at the state capitol said final plans had been approved in the state office, and the plans were now being reviewed by the federal office in Dallas. Complete approval of the new plans is expected soon.

The new hospital will have 12 beds and is to be well equipped. Cost of the project will be \$100,000 with the federal government paying one-third of the amount.

Making the trip to Austin were County Judge Jeff Dean, C. S. Brown and R. C. Russell, members of the hospital board, and County Attorney Frank Dickey.

Sunrise Service

Nearly one hundred worshipers gathered on the mountain side above the Harry Weaver home Easter morning to participate in the first annual community wide sunrise Easter service.

Everyone present expressed appreciation for this way of starting the Easter observance. Many adults said it was the first such service they had ever attended.

The Weavers were delightful hosts, having provided seats in advance, providing transportation for those who did not wish to climb the mountain, and after the service throwing their new home open to the visitors and providing coffee for all.

It is planned to make more thorough preparation for next year's sunrise service, and have a program second to none.

2 More Produces In Bronte Field

A hearing will be held at Austin April 27 on the application of T. W. Murray for a permit to drill in the Bronte townsite. Location is on L. T. Youngblood property east of the Bronte Tractor Co.

Murray has been given a \$15,000 bottom hole guarantee if the hole is dry, most of the amount having been pledged by Bronte residents and a few independent oil operators interested in the town leases.

Hickok & Reynolds and Dan Auld have started drilling No. 3 E. C. Rawlings, their fifth hole west of Bronte. No. 1 Rawlings was the pool opener and final tests have not been made on No. 2. These operators also have the O. R. McQueen producer and rotary is being rigged up to deepen their No. 1. Dr. R. J. Warren, a half mile west of the Bronte limits.

Humble has completed its No. 2 Nannie Ash and is moving a location east for a test on the Lowry estate.

J. K. Wadley No. 1 Sam Gray, wildcat 2 miles north of Bronte, failed to find production in the Palo Pinto and is drilling deeper.

Southern Minerals and Seaboard No. 1 Albert Rawlings, wildcat 7 miles southwest of Bronte, was drilling around 2,000 feet.

The Blair family enjoyed a picnic gathering Easter Sunday at Elm Bend. Present for the affair were John, Bill and Raymond Blair and their families of Sterling City, Curtis Blair and family of Coleman, and Mrs. S. J. Blair and J. B. Robertson and Jeff Blair and family of Robert Lee.

Fred McDonald, Jr., J. C. Strickland and Marcus Turner and their wives attended the West Texas square dance club gathering in Abilene Saturday night.

Mayor Takes Action Against Health Menace

City officials took a hand in enforcing the public health law here Tuesday, when heavy rains flooded the building occupied by the former Buchanan barber shop.

It was found that an old septic tank was overflowing and the drainage was being carried into the business establishments.

Mayor McNeil Wylie promptly called the owner, W. M. Simpson at El Paso and the result was that the health menace was cleaned up and the property owner will pay for the job.

A more strict enforcement of health laws all over the city is to be anticipated.

Sun Completed 3 More Producers In County This Week

Sun Oil Company this week is completing three more producing wells in Coke county, two at Silver and one west of Edith.

No. 6 Jewel Brannan, in the southwestern corner of Sun's Jameson field at Silver, flowed 246 barrels in a 13-hour test ending Thursday morning. The well was completed in Pennsylvanian lime with total depth of 6,273 feet.

Ray-Harris Dilling Co. were the contractors and moved their rotary equipment to No. 8 Brannan where they were rigging up Thursday.

State River Tract No. 1 was completed at a total depth of 6,248 feet, with tubing run to 6,160 feet. Durning a 14-hour test ending Thursday morning the well flowed 206 barrels of high gravity oil. The hole was drilled at an angle under the Colorado River, and the State of Texas will receive 52 per cent of the royalty.

Baker-Taylor's rotary equipment which had the contract is moving a mile north to No. 2 Robert W. Walker.

Sun will install a pumping unit in Central National-State Unit 1 Well No. 1 on the south side of the river. The hole was plugged back to 6,050 feet for completion in the Strawn sand.

Baker-Taylor's rotary which had the contract has been stacked.

No. 1 Billie Hanks, Sun wildcat two miles southeast of its producing field at Silver, found sulphur water after exploring the Ellenburger to a total depth of 6,943 feet. The hole was plugged back to 6,127 feet with hopes of completion in the sand section.

No. 3 Annie Cummings is Sun's third Coke county producer of the week. Topping the lime reef at 5,829 feet, the hole was drilled to a total depth 5,992 feet. During a 5 1-2 hour test the well flowed 54.2 barrels of oil through quarter inch choke.

Crudoil Drilling and Exploration Co., the contractors, have been given a new location on Cummings No. 4, a northwest offset. The Cummings producers are north offsets to the P. W. and C. C. Millican producers in Sun's new field three miles west of Edith.

Janet Dean came out from Weatherford for a visit over Easter in the home of her brother, Judge Jeff Dean.

SMU Theology Dean Preaches Here Sunday

Everyone not attending church elsewhere next Sunday morning is invited to the Methodist Church to hear Dr. E. B. Hawk, dean of the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, who will preach at the 11 o'clock hour.

Dean Hawk was a successful Methodist pastor in Texas before he was appointed to his present position, going from the pastorate of First Methodist Church, Ft. Worth. In addition to his executive duties he taught classes in homiletics and pastoral theology.

Through the granting of scholarships and the guidance he has given students in his department, Dean Hawk has had a hand in the making of many Methodist ministers throughout the Southwest, including the pastor of the local church. He will be a guest in the parsonage Saturday night and Sunday.

Stock Show Meeting

Annual meeting of the Coke County Livestock Ass'n will be held on April 27 in Robert Lee at 7:30 P. M. for the purpose of electing directors for the coming year. Every person who is interested in a better livestock show for Coke county should attend this meeting. Barbecue will be served.

Those whose terms expire are: J. F. McCabe, Louis Bridges, Barton Waldrop, Tom Schooler, Homer Carwile and James Arrott.

Mrs. Ethel Green is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Augustine, and family at Sterling City.

Miss LaVelta Taylor and niece, Nancy Ligon, came down from Odessa for an Easter visit in the Roy Taylor home.

Civil Cases Set For Court Action

April term of 51st district court opened here Monday, with Judge John F. Sutton on the bench. Petit jurors will report for duty next Monday morning, when criminal cases have been set for trial.

Several civil actions are scheduled to follow. Whether or not any of the fifty or more trespass to try suits brought by Mrs. Lou Whiteside will be taken up, is not known at this time. One of the Whiteside cases tried last fall was reversed by the civil court of appeals, and there is a possibility that it may be carried to the Texas supreme court.

Court matters settled the first of the week included a decree of divorce granted to W. B. Gunn from Willie A. Gunn. In the trespass to try title action of Mrs. Lizzie Corley et al vs Frank Hickman, a judgment was rendered for the plaintiff.

Two suits brought by Louise Saul Overton and other heirs of John Saul vs Sadie G. Harris et al, executors of the Ralph Harris estate, were dismissed on motion of plaintiff. A settlement was reached out of court. Rumor is that the Saul heirs received \$25,000.

The following civil cases were set for pre-trial on Thursday of this week:

Hezel Halbert Smith et al vs J. C. Hale et al. Trespass to try title. Tupper & Tupper, counsel for plaintiff, O'Neal Dandy for defendant.

W. J. Gideon vs Juan Aldret et al. Trespass to try title. Ralph Logan for plaintiff, Frank C. Dickey for defendant.

L. E. Smith vs C. E. Arrott. Trespass to try title. Wilson & Wilson for plaintiff, Kerr, Gayler & Sutton for defendant.

George O. Dickey et al vs A. C. Johnson. Trespass to try title. Runge & Hardeman for plaintiff, Sam J. Dotson for defendant.

Wm. K. Murphy vs. J. W. Anderson. Suit for damages. Wm. C. McDonald for plaintiff, Upton, Upton & Griffis for defendant.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for each expression of sympathy extended to us during the recent illness and death of our loved one, Horace B. Allison. We especially want to thank Brother Blake for the comforting words, those for the beautiful singing and for the nice floral offerings. May God bless each and everyone of you is our prayer.—The Allison Family.

Sam Hughes and family of Texarkana were guests the last of the week in the home of J. L. Reid, Jr. The ladies are sisters. On Sunday they joined other members of the family in a reunion at the T. S. Allred home in San Angelo.

3-Inch Rain Gives Coke County Fine Prospect for Crops

If Coke county ever received a "million dollar rain" they had one the first of this week. Robert Lee gauged a strong 2 1-2 inches, while almost every other section of the county reported 3 inches and more.

The rains started Monday night and continued through Tuesday. Some showers were received Wednesday night and skies were still cloudy on Thursday. In most cases the rains fell slow enough for the moisture to soak in, and only an 8-foot rise was noted in the Colorado River at the Robert Lee bridge.

With the drought situation becoming worse each season since 1941, Coke county has experienced a long period of poor crops. During 1948 the average rainfall for the county was not more than 12 inches. As a result crops were very short and pastures died out. Many ranches were forced to sell off their entire herds of sheep and cattle.

However, farmers and ranchmen were greatly encouraged by 3 inches of moisture which came during January and February, all of it in slow rains that wet down through the sub-soil. Oats planted last fall and then died down for lack of rain, came out in fine shape. Oat fields have furnished excellent grazing and a grain crop is almost assured now.

Farmers have put in large acreages of early feed and sudan, but they were beginning to worry before the big rains came this week. Now additional crops will be planted as soon as the ground dries enough, and more cotton will be planted than for many years.

Last year Coke county had no more than 1,500 acres in cotton and the crop was very light. Fred McDonald, Jr., Robert Lee gin operator, couldn't afford to start up for the light run last fall. However, Mr. McDonald says his gin will operate this year. He estimates at least 3,000 acres of cotton will be planted in Coke this year.

Robert Lee Plays Sonora To Open Concho League

The Concho Basin base ball league opens this week with the schedule arranged so that each of the six clubs will play home and home contests, making ten games.

Opening games April 24 include Robert Lee at Sonora, San Angelo Nathan's Jewelers in Veribest and Miles at Bronte.

On May 1, Bronte plays in Robert Lee, Nathan's in Miles, and Veribest at Sonora.

Robert Lee has been slow organizing this season, but Clarence Tinkler sent in the \$50 forfeit this week, and they will be ready by Sunday. The club is again built around the Tinkler brothers, as well as a number of stalwarts who have been on the roster in past years.

R. D. Bowman will again be in the line-up, but right now the team needs an experienced catcher and efforts are being made to sign a player for this important position.

Bon Spoons reports the Bronte club should be better this year than last. They have two or three new players signed up.

Patty Taylor submitted to a tonsillectomy last Thursday at Shannon hospital. She spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, and returned the first of the week to her studies at San Angelo junior college.

Edith Echoes

By Mrs. J. T. Thetford

C. C. Millican and family motored to Abilene Saturday.

Visiting in the Ralph Garvin home is her mother, Mrs. J. W. Cathey, of Wingate.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Peays of Lubbock and Rip Green and wife of Borger spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Peays.

Finis Harmon and wife were Sunday guests in the Joe Field home.

R. C. Patterson and wife visited Sunday in the Crowley Harmon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Sundown, Texas, have a new heir at their home, a 7 pound, 10 ounce boy, named Thomas Harry, Jr. The baby was born April 13. Mrs. Anderson is the former Gwendolyn King, daughter of the D. O. Kings of Edith.

Edmond Garvin and Miss Donna Hendry were married Saturday afternoon. The bride is the daughter of the Authur Hendrys of Blackwell and Edmond is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garvin of Edith. He is employed on highway work here. The young couple have a trailer house at the highway camp so he will be near his work. We wish them all the happiness in the world.

Edith is glad to report over an inch of rain Monday night with considerably more falling Tuesday. We were beginning to need the moisture.

J. D. Jones and family of Bethany, Okla., spent the Easter weekend with relatives in Robert Lee and San Angelo.

Hugh Lewis, Jr. and family motored to McCamey for an Easter weekend visit with the parents of Mrs. Lewis.

Garden Club Luncheon

The art room of the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo was the scene of El Valle Garden club's luncheon on Wednesday of last week. The table was beautifully decorated with irises, pansies and bridal wreath.

Following the luncheon a piano selection was played by Mrs. R. C. Russel, and Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell presented the club prophesy. Mrs. J. F. McCabe, Jr., presided over the brief business session.

The group then visited several points of floral interest in San Angelo, with the tour ending at the S. E. Adams home. After an inspection of the lovely home which is newly furnished throughout, Mrs. Adams served refreshments.

Members attending were Mesdames J. F. McCabe, Jr., J. N. Adams, H. C. Allen, G. C. Allen, B. A. Austin, Cumbie Ivey, A. J. Kirkpatrick, Palmer Leeper, H. S. Lewis, R. C. Russell, J. C. Strickland, Fred D. Blake and W. J. Cumbie. Guests were Mesdames Paul Good, Otis Campbell, S. E. Adams, Fred Roe, Hugh Lewis, Jr. and Marvin Simpson.

Funeral Rites Held For Horace Allison

Services for Horace B. Allison were held at the Silver Church of Christ at 4 p. m. Saturday, with the Rev. Blake officiating. He was laid to rest in the McKenzieville cemetery with the following nephews serving as pallbearers: Thad Walls, Jr., Clifford Thorn, Marvin Clipper and Garland, Carlton and R. L. Emfinger.

His passing occurred at 11 p. m. April 13 at a Galveston hospital. He had been ill the past year with a heart ailment and was recently removed to Galveston for treatment.

Mr. Allison was 55 years of age. He was born and reared on a ranch

in the Silver locality. His wife Una Mae Gallagher, was also a resident of that community. He was engaged in farming and ranching most of his life, and sustained an injury in oil field work a year ago from which he never fully recovered. At the time of his recent illness Mr. Allison was foreman of a ranch at Muleshoe. After leaving Silver he and his family re-ided at Colorado City and Big Spring.

Surviving are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Letha Carroll and Mrs. Lela Whitehead, both of Big Spring, and five grandchildren. He also leaves six sisters, Mrs. Susie Clipper of Colorado City, Mrs. Nettie Ellis of Coleman, Mrs. Pearl Mathers of Sierra Blanca, Mrs. Artie Walls of Silver, and Mrs. Pallie Phelan and Mrs. Bessie Walker of Robert Lee.

Wallace Clift, a student at the University of Texas, enjoyed an Easter visit in the parental W. B. Clift home.

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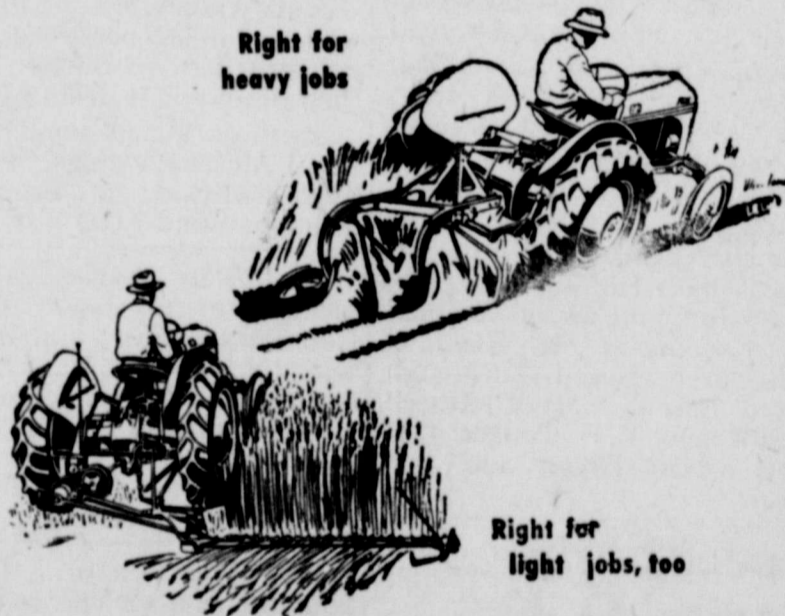
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SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Oh, boy, it's done it. Yes, it rained at Sanco, a big one for us. One and a half inches or more.

J. S. Carwile, Sr. was sick in bed Monday. It was he that was ill last week instead of J. L. Carwile, Jr.

A nice group was present for Sunday School at the Baptist church. Next Sunday there will be preaching at the Baptist church and everyone is invited.

Mrs. J. L. Reid and Mrs. Paul Killam made a brief call on Mrs. Sam Fowler and Jan's Elgene Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Fowler and Mrs. Sam Fowler and children were San Angelo shoppers Saturday afternoon.

Easter guests at the W. H. Wyatts were the Roy Wyatt and

Sam Fowler families, Charles and Eva Fowler and Elgene Wyatt of San Angelo.

The prayer group and the Young Peoples group of the Sanco Evangelical Methodist Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Killam Wednesday night. The Young Peoples group sang choruses and Mrs. C. E. Adkins brought the devotional message. Following the prayer meeting, Edna Lea Killam was honored with a party, celebrating her ninth birthday. Mrs. C. E. Adkins and Mrs. Killam directed the games. Following the opening of the gifts, refreshments of cake and punch were served. Those present besides the hosts and Edna Lea were Mrs. T. A. Gartman, Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Killam, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adkins, Mrs. Ira M. Bird, Mrs. A. F. McKinley, Mr. I. A. Bird, Miss Myrtle Killam, Louie Jack, Jane, Nettie May, Robert and Bonnie Gartman, Lvon Reid, Melva Dean Gartman, Billie Dove Allen, Ray, Faye, Julia Nell and Jimmy Killam, Joy Adkins, June McKinley, Laura Bird, Barbara Bowen of Robert Lee, and Patricia Fowler.

Mr. W. W. Killam returned to his home at Lufkin recently after visiting several days in the homes of his sons, Paul and Fred Killam. He will stop off in Abilene to see another son, Ralph Killam. Mr. and Mrs. Killam lived in Coke county several years. Miss Myrtle Killman, sister of Paul and Fred Killam, also dropped in for a three-day visit. She is now on her way to Ft. Worth to spend two weeks with her niece, Mrs. Elroy Lowrance, whom her friends here will remember as Miss Marie Killam.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McKinley and June entertained the Sanco young folks with an Easter egg hunt at their home Sunday afternoon. Guests for the hunt were Billie Dove Allen, Lvon, Marilyn and Ronnie Reid, Louie Jack, Nettie Mae, Jane, Bonnie, and Robert Gartman, Joy Adkins, Laura Bird, James Bird Penticost, Ray, Faye and Edna Lea Killam, and Tommy Walker, and parents and friends present were Mrs. Robert

Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid, Mrs. Ira M. Bird, Mrs. Nolan Penticost, Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer S. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Killam, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bird, Mrs. Julia E. Bird, and Mrs. T. A. Gartman. Louie Jack Gartman found the prize egg and was appropriately rewarded.

Refreshments of punch, cookies and cake were enjoyed after the hunt.

A good crowd came out to hear Rev. Ulmer Bird bring an Easter message at the Evangelical Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Notice To Taxpayers

Of Robert Lee Independent School District:

Wildcat taxpayers are due to render school taxes at the School Tax Office next door to the post office.

All other taxpayers of the district should come in at once and make their renditions, if they have not already done so.

Will appreciate very much your prompt attention to this matter.

Your prompt attention to this matter will greatly assist us in


making an early assemblage of the invoices and checking them for accuracy before preparing the tax roll.

Respectfully, J. L. Ross, Assessor

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Douthit of Lubbock were Easter guests in the parental John H. Brown home.

Saturday afternoon members of the primary class of the Methodist church enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the F. C. Clark home. Miss Martha Smith is their teacher.

Fred Campbell and wife spent the Easter weekend with her parents, the W. D. Jamesons, near O'Donnell.



Almanac

Who pays beforehand is served behindhand.

APRIL

- 23—William Shakespeare died, 1616.
- 24—Spain declared war on U. S., 1898.
- 25—First telephone conversation around the world, 1934.
- 26—Henry M. Stanley completes African expedition, 1890.
- 27—Soil Erosion Act passed, 1935.
- 28—"Forget-me-not" made official flower of Alaska, 1917.
- 29—Union flag flies over New Orleans, 1862.

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CHATEL MORTGAGES

By OCIE SPEER

A contract lien on a chattel or personal property as distinguished from real property or land, is a chattel mortgage. It is usually in writing but it may be created orally. It is to secure a debt—then existing or to come into existence. It is not accompanied by a delivery of the property to the holder of the debt—that would constitute a pledge. It has no prescribed form. It may be in form a bill of sale reciting the purpose to secure a debt. If such purpose is not recited it may yet be proved the instrument is a mortgage and not a sale.

The mortgage must describe the property mortgaged so that it may be identified. This is true even of property yet to come into existence. Thus, one may give a mortgage on a crop to be planted, a colt to be foaled, provided it is sufficiently described. The mortgage will become effective upon the property's coming into existence. One cannot, however, make a blanket mortgage upon everything to be acquired by him. One cannot mortgage his future.

A chattel mortgage, either oral or in writing is valid and enforceable between the parties, but is void as to innocent purchasers if it is not duly registered in the county where the same is situated, or to which it is removed with the knowledge of the mortgagee. A removal of the property by the mortgagor out of the county where it was located when mortgaged, or a sale of disposition thereof, without the mortgagee's consent and with the intent to defraud him is an offense.

One may generally mortgage anything he may sell, but if the owner be a married man he may not mortgage the household and kitchen furniture to a loan broker without the consent of his wife executed and acknowledged as in a conveyance of the homestead. Merchandise daily exposed to sale may not be mortgaged.



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H. R. Gassiot.....	2.00
John Walker.....	5.00
Bill Rogers.....	.15
Total.....	\$99.57

Personals

Maurice Cole and family came up from Corsicana for a visit over the Easter weekend with Robert Lee relatives and friends. Maurice sold his drive-in theatre there last winter and is looking for another location.

Nineteen girls visited Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. D. P. Key. An Easter egg hunt, outdoor games, stories and songs furnished entertainment for the occasion. A number of girls were out of town for the weekend and couldn't be present.

Travis Allen and wife of Andrews were Easter weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace.

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Freeman of Edith left this week for Whitney, Texas, where the former has a contract to construct two concrete brick dwelling houses.

C. R. Smith, well known Bronte merchant, was in Robert Lee on business Saturday and stopped by to order a year's subscription to The Observer. Mr. Smith says the oil development has helped business in Bronte and his sales are running 10 per cent above last year.

County Clerk Willis Smith returned Sunday from a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Smith, at Augusta.

Ray Preslar of Vale, Oregon, was here the past week visiting in the home of his uncle, V. P. Byrne, and other relatives. Ray was born in the Sanco community and this is his first trip back in 20 years. He is in the real estate business in eastern Oregon.

Mrs. J. C. Cobb and grandson, Allen Sparks, motored to Hobbs, New Mex., for a weekend visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Green of Borger and Buford Peays and wife of Lubbock spent the Easter weekend at the parental Tom Peays home near Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Scott and daughter, Sherry, of Del Rio came up for a weekend visit in the H. L. Scott home.

Homer F. Ivey and family were here for an Easter visit in the parental H. E. Ivey home. Homer is a student at A & M college.

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County Ag Agents News Column

The second annual Wool Preparation School at Robert Lee was accorded a great success. A large group of 4-H boys gathered Thursday and Friday, April 14-15, for instructions in sheep shearing and packing of wool for market. J. A. Gray, extension wool specialist, was in charge, while E. A. Warner of the Sunbeam Corporation, Chicago, Ill., was instructor in sheep shearing. The flat pack system of bags of wool was demonstrated by Le Drew Arrott. Also shown was the selection of fleeces for exhibit at wool shows.

Counties represented and county agents present were: Tom Green, Marion Badger, agent, Garland Hoffman, ass't agent; Mitchell, Joe Cowan, agent; Callahan, O. F. Werst, agent; Sterling, B. Frierson, agent, and Coke, T. B. Hicks, the host. Also attending were W. I. Marshall, district agent, Si Phillips from West Texas Utilities from San Angelo and Mrs. E. A. Warner. J. T. Henry brought his vocational agricultural class Thursday, while R. T. Caperton's veterans vocational class came Friday.

A barbecue lunch was served both days by the Coke County 4-H club boys. Uncle Harve Wallace was official cook, the others helping out where needed. Seventy-five sheep were furnished by C. E. Arrott for the shearing instructions.

More interest is being shown each year in the preparation of wool for market. It seems that all this fine breeding, special selection, and much feeding goes for naught when at shearing time the rancher allows his wool to be torn up and cut up in shearing, trash and dirt thrown in with the fleeces. There's not much use in producing a quality product unless it can be marketed as such.

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Large scale fires and conflagrations are most likely to occur in the spring because of dry vegetation, dry wood, shingles, roofs and high winds.

Farm families of Coke county are urged by the county home demonstration agent to cooperate with the National Fire Protection Association by carrying out the following fire safety measures and preventing loss of property and lives which might be your property or your life.

Destroy old papers, feed bags, discarded furniture and bedding, broken boxes and any other material which could catch fire easily.

Electrical equipment should be kept repaired. Cobwebs and dust should be kept away from fuse boxes and motors. Frayed cords on electrical equipment should be replaced.

Lightning rod connections should be tightened for ice loosens them during the winter.

Worn wood shingles should be replaced with fire resistant roofing. Water leaking into a barn and dripping on hay can result in fire by spontaneous ignition.

To prevent field fires, cut down dead vegetation and rake leaves away from buildings and fences.

Brooder stoves other stoves, lamps and lanterns must be kept clean.

Never smoke in bed or in barns or stack lots. Keep plenty of ash trays around the house. Do not store gasoline or kerosene in a barn.

Do not stack old newspapers or magazines in a closet.

The slogan of the annual spring clean up campaign is "Clean Up Or Be Cleaned Out," so every farm family of this county should follow the N.F.P.A. recommendations to prevent loss of property and lives by fire.

Folks You Know

Johnny Hickman and family of New Orleans, La., and Freddie Hickman of San Angelo were guests over Easter in the parental Ed Hickman home near Edith. Johnny is a student at Tulane University, while Fred attends San Angelo junior college.

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield and Linda and Jarvis Littlefield and wife spent Sunday in Bronte with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bernard. Also present were L. G. Bernard and son of Ft. Worth, Ted Bernard and family of Dallas, and Walter Bernard and wife of Rosenberg.

Byron S. Griffith and son, Byron, Jr., of Galveston, and D. W. Parrish, wife and son, Dan, Jr., and Billie Jo Parrish of Abilene were Easter guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith.

Personals

(Crowded out last week)

Mrs. John Kizer, 89, died a week ago at her home in Brady. She was a sister of the late Joe Gartman and had visited in Coke county on several occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mauldin and their grand sons, Ronnie and Dickie Snoddy, recently visited Mrs. Mauldin's parents, the J. C. McDonalds, at Jonesboro.

T. M. Wylie, Jr. and H. S. Lewis, Jr. spent the weekend fishing at Leday. During their absence the ladies and children visited Mrs. Wylie's parents, the J. S. Cradocks, at Colorado City.

Mrs. Annie King of Wingate is spending the week with her daughter Mrs. K. H. Watkins, in Robert Lee.

Miss Georgia Lee Blanton, who has been employed at the Club cafe, spent a few days in Catarina the first of last week visiting Shorty Bolt and other friends.

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U. S. Bonds and Securities	261,520.64
Cash and Exchange	305,124.35
Total	\$1,028,071.23

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	25,000.00
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SILVER NEWS

Funeral services for Horace Allison, 55, of Big Spring, who died Wednesday, April 13, in a Galveston hospital, were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Church of Christ with the Rev. Fred Blake of Robert Lee officiating. Burial was in the McKenzieville cemetery.

Mr. Allison was a former Silver resident and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Allison. Survivors are the widow, two daughters of Big Spring, and six sisters.

Tommy, Joe and Jerry, sons of the M. H. Martins, spent Easter Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nieddecken of Snyder.

Fern Stroope of Big Spring was a recent visitor of her sister, Mrs. Ray Miles.

Wayne McFerrin is in a Colorado City hospital where he submitted to an emergency appendectomy last week.

Mrs. Jack Wimberly and Billie of San Angelo were holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

Elmo Hargis visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hargis of Pampa.

Here for the Easter holidays were Chester Sole, Sun Oil Co. employee at Pampa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sole; Bill and Davie Gassiot, students at Simmons University and John Tarleton, sons of the H. R. Gassiot; and John Howlett, student in Kilgore Jr. college, son of the H. W. Howletts.

The Boy Scouts met Monday night for their regular meeting and elected Douglas Gilbert patrol leader of the Panther pack, Don Asher leader of the Wolf pack, Bobby Hugh Odom scribe, and Billie Preston, treasurer. There are sixteen boys in the troop. They will meet each Monday night at eight o'clock at the school house.

Weekend visitors in the Wallace Ralston home were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ralston of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Martin attended reburial services Sunday at Sudan for Mr. Martin's cousin, Bill DeLoach, who was killed in Burma in 1944.

Clark Rennels, Sun employee, was recently transferred to Delhi, La. He and Mrs. Rennels left by plane for Dallas last week for a

visit before going on to Delhi.

Mrs. Rennels was honoree at a coffee given by Mrs. H. O. Evinger recently. She was presented with a gift from her friends in Tubb Camp.

Guests were Mes. J. W. Fisher, W. G. Ralston, James E. Payne, J. D. Gilbert, Johnnie Shimer, H. W. Howlett, Willard McDuffie, O. L. Snyder, H. D. Smith, Jimmy Legg, F. C. Asher, W. J. Turner, Jack Mowbray, Sam Coggin and R. K. Beggs.

Ed C. Snowden, Jr. came in Saturday for a short visit with his parents, the Ed Snowdens. He is now stationed at Memphis, Tenn.

The W. J. Turners were in Mission for the holidays with Mrs. Turner's parents, the R. R. Hooks. She and Roger remained for a longer visit.

Silver H D Club

The Silver Home Demonstration club met April 12 in the home of Mrs. Jewell Miller. Miss Freeman gave instructions on covering buckles and making belts.

Delicious refreshments of jello salad, cookies and cold drinks was served to Mrs. Madie Allen, Gebhart, Legg, Miss Freeman the hostess and four children.

The club will meet April 26, at the Church of Christ. Club adjourned with love to all. Edith G.

The Gebhart family were hosts to a group of friends at their annual Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon. Refreshments were served and group pictures taken. (Editor's Note: Space will not permit publishing a list of the guests.)

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Mrs. Fred Parker and son, Fred Bruce, of Ozona and Eddie Paul Good, student at Oklahoma University in Norman, were guests over Easter in the parental home of Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good.

Buck Bond and wife left Tuesday for Shreveport, La., where they will visit the former's sister. They will then continue to points in Oklahoma. Buck is a driller for Baker-Taylor.

Pete Davis returned home last week from a stay in Shannon hospital where he underwent treatment for several weeks. He is improving slowly.

Folks You Know

Mitchell Davis underwent a serious surgical operation on Tuesday of last week at Shannon hospital. He is making a good recovery.

Mrs. J. C. Slaughter is installing new bathroom fixtures at her ranch home northwest of town. Dick Kannady has the contract.

H. C. Lowrance was under treatment a few days recently at the Bronte hospital and is now convalescing at his home in Robert Lee.

Mrs. Keith Hood and Virginia Gavin returned last week from Providence, Rhode Island, where they visited relatives for several weeks.

Janette Lassiter and Lurlyne Pettit spent several days the last of the week with the Bill Lassiters at Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter and son, Douglas, and Mrs. Ruby Pettit spent Easter Sunday there and the group enjoyed a picnic at the Lubbock park. Dale Lofton was also a guest.

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