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## Miles Giants To Play Robert Lee In Playoff Tilt

Robert Lee and Miles tang'e here next Sunday afternoon in the hottest ball game of the season. It will be the first game of the Shaughnessy playoff series, with the club which wins two of the three-game series meeting the winner of the Bronte-Veribest bracket.

Bronte won the league title at Miles last Sunday by a 15 to 5 score, but Brandy Ray says his Miles club had several key players missing from the lineup. He promises to have his team up to full strength when they appear here.

Robert Lee also is expecting to put its strongest club of the year in the field against Miles. The team has been hitting good, but the boys have had some bad days in the field and have also been getting bad breaks. For instance at Bronte two weeks ago, the Kickapoo Creek outfit was hotter than anything and pulled defensive plays that were next to impossible.

Miles and Robert Lee split even in their regular season games, and it looks like the outcome of this playoff tilt is just about a tossup. A record crowd is expected to be on hand for the game which starts at 3 o'clock sharp.

An added attraction will be the umpiring of King Kong Henley, a dark complected gentleman, who is a showman as well as an arbiter of the first water. Everyone who has seen King Kong officiate, says he's good.

Managers of Miles and Robert Lee have agreed that in case each club wins one game, the third and deciding contest will be held the third Sunday in the town which turns out the biggest crowd for the first two contests. As a rule the home team has an advantage, so Robert Lee fans are urged to attend the game here this Sunday.

The admission price will remain at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children of high school age or under.

### Buys Grocery and Station

Cecil Smith is the new owner of the grocery and station at the east edge of town, having purchased the business last week from Steve Masey. Some fine improvements about the property will be made at once and a new supply of groceries added. Cecil is an enterprising young man and has had considerable experience in this business. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Walker and Edith visited in Ft. Worth last week with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin.

Harvey Chevrolet Co. of Robert Lee reports the sale of a new 2-door styleline Chevrolet to Adam Solé, employee of the Sun Oil Co. at Silver.

J. C. Wallace, Jr. and wife spent the weekend at Mason visiting the Allen Bloodworth family. They also visited the Gilbert Wallaces at Kerrville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Sr. visited last week with her brother, Bert Cole, city manager of Midland. While there they attended the Midland City Barbecue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garvin of Edith and their son, Eddie and wife of Barnhart, visited the Mr. and Mrs. only sister, Mrs. Rash other relative at Eldorado last weekend.



## Martha Smith To Wed Mr. Carl Grubenman, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Francis, to Mr. Carl Grubenman, Jr. The wedding is scheduled for October at the Robert Lee Methodist church.

Miss Smith is a graduate of Robert Lee high school and attended Sul Ross college for two years. She was a member of Sigma Rho Chi sorority, the Sachems literary society and was chosen class favorite during her freshman and sophomore years.

Until recently she has held a position with the Adams Abstract Co. in Robert Lee.

Mr. Grubenman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gruberman, Sr., of Henderson, Texas. He graduated from high school in Beaumont and received a degree of Petroleum Engineer from A & M college in 1945. Later he served an enlistment in the army.

Mr. Grubenman has been employed by Sun Oil Company the past two years and is now on duty as engineer in the area office at Silver.

## New Home Ec Building For Robert Lee School

Work started this week on the construction of a new home economics building for the Robert Lee public schools. The structure will be located just south of the main building.

It will be of frame construction with concrete foundation. The building will have a work room 24 x 36 feet, and a 14 x 20 living room. The work room will include four sinks, four stoves, four new sewing machines and a new refrigerator. It will accommodate a class of eight girls.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin says about 45 high school girls are expected to enroll in the home making course this year.

New school laws allow Robert Lee to add home making without additional teacher expense. Other new subjects will be vocational agriculture and band.

C. W. Bessent is foreman in charge of the new building project.

J. A. Knight was back from California a few days the past week visiting among old time friends and relatives. He was carrying his left hand in a cast, having received a serious sprain from a fall several weeks ago. Mr. Knight was a long time Coke county resident and for the past four years has resided at Madera, Calif., with his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Bridges.

Jesse Ray Wilkins and family of Tyler visited last week with his aunt and cousin, Mrs. Minnie Buchanan and Mrs. P. E. Mahon.

## Silver Gas Plant Ready To Operate

Sun Oil Company's new gas plant at Silver will be in operation by the last of the week, according to Supt. Harvey Evinger, who says testing has been going on for several days.

Gas from the more than 50 oil wells over the field has been coming into the plant the past ten days, and until the compressors are started up it is being flared in one large flame. Light from the flare is visible at night for 20 or 30 miles.

John Shimer, plant engineer, says there are always many tests to be made when a new plant is opened. He feels construction of the Silver project has been very satisfactory. On Wednesday the contractor had a standby crew of eight men still on the job, while a dozen or more laborers were busy at cleanup work.

A group of high officials of the Sun company were here this week to supervise final completion of the plant. They included C. E. Webber, assistant manager of the Gas Division, and John Pew III, both of Philadelphia, Melvin Crockett of Delhi, Miss., John Waike and Robert Short of Dallas.

The plant will utilize gas now being flared and will manufacture casing head gasoline, propane and butane. The products will be sold to jobbers who will distribute same to dealers.

The gas department will employ 25 to 30 men at Silver.

### Annual REA Picnic

Coke county was well represented at the annual Concho Valley REA picnic held Wednesday of last week at Veribest Park on the Concho River. Lem Cowley of Robert Lee was re-elected as Coke county's member of the board of directors. It was announced more than 100 miles of additional REA lines will be constructed in Coke county this year.

Ernest Bloodworth and Zella Caraway spent Sunday with the former's parents, Bro. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth, near Lamesa.

Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell and Mrs. H. C. Allen spent Thursday with relatives in Christoval.

Bill Allen spent the weeked at Vernon with his friend, Glen Henderson.

Sylvia Partin of McCamey is here for a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr. and family.

## Expect Approval Of New Road To Edith

Authorization of a project to connect up the paving between Robert Lee and Edith is expected in the near future. County Judge Dean said he had been informed that the Highway Commission had given its approval and more definite word is anticipated within a few days.

A representative of the District Engineer's office was in Robert Lee this week, checking a possible relocation of the new highway into Robert Lee from the west. It is understood a new low water bridge will be constructed over the Colorado River, 3 miles west of here.

Completion of the pavement from the Sterling county line to Edith is expected this week. The \$200,000 outlay, started last October, included grading, basing, surfacing and construction of small structures on a 14-mile stretch. Seven large structures on the project were built by C. Hunter Strain on a \$58,000 contract.

### Summer Clearance Sale

In this issue of The Observer will be found a large advertisement of the Summer Clearance Sale which opens Friday at the Roach Dry Goods Store. All lines of merchandise have been greatly reduced for this big selling event which continues through next week.

### Rev. Johnson To Speak

The Rev. Hubert Johnson, superintendent of the Methodist Home at Waco, Texas, will be the guest preacher at the 11 o'clock hour at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Mr. Johnson has directed the Home, caring for 400 orphaned boys and girls, for a number of years. Everyone is invited to hear him. The Methodist Home is one of the most popular benevolent causes which the Methodist Church supports.

## Notes from the Oil Field



Baker-Taylor last week moved a second rotary rig to Scurry county where they will drill for Pure Oil Co. 7 miles north and one mile west of Snyder. There are six locations on the lease which is in a producing field.

The rig recently completed a wildcat near Wingate which is being completed on pump. Drillers on the rig include Charlie Washington, B. A. Goodman and Bogard Watkins, who have moved their families to Scurry county.

Baker-Taylor has another rig working near Snyder and one is drilling for Sun on the J. B. Walker lease south of Silver.

A. G. Hill has staked a new location on the Harris Ranch and a Penrod rotary rig is expected to move in soon. The new location is said to be toward the river from Hill No. 3 Harris, completed last winter for 115 barrels. Drilling operations have been shut down on the Harris lease the past six months.

Humble No. 3 Ash, southwest of Bronte, was drilling this week below 4,000 feet in lime and shale. Humble No. 2 Odom, south of Blackwell, was below 5,100 feet, and Barnsdall No. 1 Davenport was drilling below 5,300 feet.

Rice Bros. wildcat on the Stephenson lease, four miles south of Bronte, was drilling below 3,300 feet Wednesday.

Pumping 54 barrels of 46.7 gravity oil and 18 barrels of water in 24 hours from the Palo Pinto, Humble No. 1 Brunson, wildcat near the river southwest of Bronte, has been completed.

Production was through casing perforations from 4,375 to 4,396 feet. The hole was plugged back to 4,470 feet after tailing in the Ellenburger.

### Garbage Hauling

A party from Sterling City is making weekly trips to Robert Lee to pickup garbage. He is charging \$1.50 per month for the service from residences, and anyone interested should call No. 111. The cleanup service is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Jasper Gaines arrived Saturday on a 30-day leave from the Navy. He is stationed at San Francisco, Calif.

Freeman Clark and wife spent Sunday with the Bill Craddocks in Colorado City. Robbie Ann Craddock returned with her grandparents for a weeks visit.

## Cummings No. 5 Flows 176 Barrels In 15 Hour Test

Sun Oil Company brought in its seventh producing well this week in the Millican field, northwest of Edith, when No. 5 Annie Cummings flowed 176 barrels of oil in 15 hours.

The hole was bottomed at 6,039 feet after topping the lime reef at 5,880 feet. Tubing pressure was gauged at 550 pounds, with 1,160 pounds casing pressure. Gas-oil ratio was 1,000-1. An official 24-hour test will be logged later in the week.

Meanwhile the Paul F. Rutledge rotary rig is being moved to No. 1 G. W. Davidson. Location is 467 feet from the south and west lines of Section 158 Angie Good Survey. Section 158 lies north of Section 187 where Sun has completed five Cummings producers in a diagonal line from the southeast to northwest. No. 6 Cummings has also been staked as a south offset to No. 5 and west of No. 4.

If production is found in No. 1 Davidson it will give a forced offset on Foster S. Price in Section 159 to the west.

In Sun's Jameson field south of Silver No. 6 J. B. Walker was drilling Wednesday at 5,025 feet in sand and shale. No. 6 Walker is a south offset to No. 5 in Section 527 south of the Colorado River.

Sun No. 9 Jewell Brannan was drilling in shale at 3,027 feet.

### Employees Transferred

W. J. Turner, area engineer at Silver the past two years, was transferred this week to Premont, Sun's area office 60 miles from Corpus Christi. Carl Grubenman has been promoted to be area engineer at Silver.

Jack Maxwell, chief clerk at Silver since November 1947, is being sent to the Odessa area office next week. The transfer brings Geo. C. Lefler of Odessa to Silver.

## Sun Plans Connection With Atlantic Pipeline

Sun Oil Company has announced plans to lay a pipeline from Silver to the Atlantic Pipeline company's pumping station near Tennyson.

Easements are now being secured from landowners for the right of way, and a price of 50 cents per rod is being offered. The pipeline will begin at the present Scurlock gathering plant in the Jameson field at Silver and take a southeasterly direction, passing north of Robert Lee and south of Bronte.

The line will enable Sun to market its Coke county crude oil to a much greater advantage. At present all the oil produced in the western part of the county is being pumped by pipeline to Colorado City, where it is loaded into T & P tank cars.

### Arrott Boys Win

A sheep shearing contest held in connection with the Rambouillet show and sale in San Angelo Tuesday was won by LeDrew Arrott of Bronte, while his cousin Wayne Arrott was a close second and J. B. Arrott finished third. LeDrew competed in the national 4-H shearing contest in Chicago last December.

Edna Mae and Mildred Wallace are visiting Tiny Hurley at Junction this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Las Cruces, New Mex., visited here last week with his sister, Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell.



## Worthless Checks Are Too Numerous

Notwithstanding the severe penalties provided in the present "Bad Check Law", an unusually large number of worthless checks are being issued in Coke County.

It is hoped that some loss may be prevented by suggesting that people in business and those dealing with the public do not accept from strangers checks signed: "John Doe By: Bob Jones"; checks with the name of the bank scratched out and another written in and, particularly when the location is not shown directly under the name of the bank which is written in; checks made payable to a trades-name unless such name is registered with the county clerk; checks which are post-dated, checks which are requested to be held; and checks which have been endorsed by other persons.

While prosecuting attorneys are now prohibited by law from collecting checks or other debts growing out of criminal offenses, it is the policy of your County Attorney to take into account the defendant's attitude toward restitution and payment when considering the amount of fine or other punishment to recommend in case of conviction. A complainant also is now enjoined under heavy fine from seeking a dismissal of a prosecution which he has instigated.

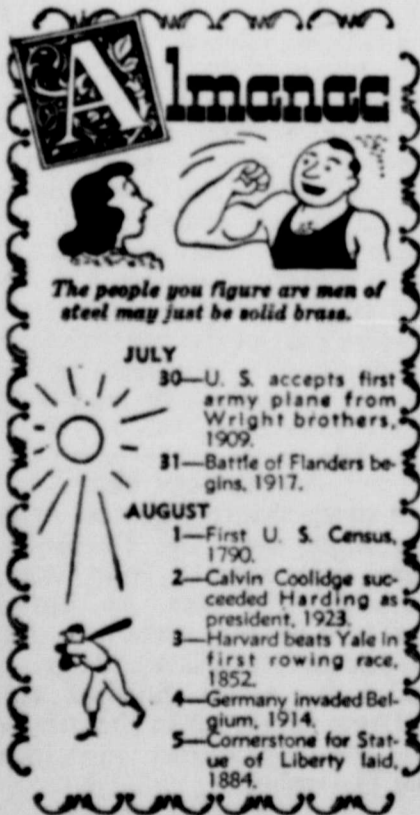
Our laws do not authorize the payment of some of the necessary expenses of our peace officers in tracking down and apprehending violators of the Bad Check Law. Our sheriff and his deputies are doing a lot better than could be reasonably expected of them under the circumstances.

It is not the purpose of this writing to discourage complaints. Prosecution is the only hope of remedying the evil. Complaints will be accepted when tendered in every case where a conviction can be reasonably expected.—Frank C. Dickey, County Attorney.

### Parsonage Addition

Work on the 12x30 foot sun porch on the Methodist parsonage will reach the finishing stages this week. Volunteer workers have assisted in the construction. The concrete floor will be covered with asphalt tile and closet space and a shower will be provided. Lofton, McDorman & Roach are in charge of the project. R. W. Kannady is doing the wiring and plumbing.

Henry Boyd and wife of Brownwood visited here the last of the week with their aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Davis.



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## Folks You Know

Floyd Sheppard came down from Lubbock for a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard. He was accompanied by Dick Holmes and family of Spur. Mr. Holmes was employed here two years ago by the Stanlind geophysical crew.

Palmer Leeper of Robert Lee was a close personal friend of the late Gov. Beauford Jester. They were members of the first Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs in 1917 and their friendship continued through the years.

J. J. Cole and wife returned recently from a three weeks visit with relatives in the central and southern part of the state. They visited her brother, Bob Goss, at Hamilton and then went to Corsicana for a few days stay with their son, Maurice Cole, and family. At San Marcos the Coles visited their daughters, Mrs. Bernice Roe and Mrs. Nellie Longwood, and were entertained by the George Coles at Boerne.

Rebecca and Kathleen Davis of Ballinger spent week before last in Robert Lee with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift, while their parents and Patricia visited at Corpus Christi.

Mrs. D. R. Wells and son, Roy, came from Quanah for a weekend visit with the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith.

## Soil Conservation District News

Lee Parks and a group of his neighbors met at Park's farm last Wednesday to discuss treatment of land in keeping with the Board of Supervisors program for the development of their individual plans. The discussion was divided into treatment of cropland and rangeland. After the discussion, Parks insisted that all land owners schedule planning dates.

C. M. Anderson, who farms and ranches in the Valley View conservation group, finished a complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan last week. The plan included controlling outside water, seeding of cover crops, protecting crop stubble, farming on contour, construction of level broad base terraces, range improvement, and construction of a stock pond. A. V. Sheppard with the Soil Conservation Service assisted Anderson with the development of his plan.

After looking at two spots where water had been applied, one on bare ground and one on ground with a good grass cover, Royce Fancher made the following statement: I can see now why a good grass cover is so important in getting the water in the ground when it rains. I would not have believed the grass cover could have made so much difference, Fancher went on. Here are two range sites and water has been applied to each site the same length of time.

The water wet the bare ground about six inches, and the good grass cover caused the water to penetrate a good twenty-four inches. If we could get all of our range land covered with good range grasses, our erosion would not be near as great and our rivers and creeks would not flood as often, Fancher commented.

B. D. Gartman, who farms and ranches two miles south of Sanco, started the construction of two miles of terraces last week. The terraces construction is a part of his complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan.

## Wilfrey C. Caudle, 48, Dies In California

Wilfrey C. Caudle, an old time Coke county resident, died July 15 at his home in Corona, Calif., from a heart attack. He was 48 years of age. He was a son-in-law of Mrs. M. H. Havins of Robert Lee.

Mr. Caudle was a native of the Valley View community and his parents lived near the Havins family. He married Bessie Havins. They moved to California 18 years ago, and Wilfrey had been employed by a fruit cannery.

He was getting ready to go to work on the night shift when he was stricken about 8 o'clock in the evening and passed away suddenly. His wife had been in Robert Lee for a visit, and had only returned home a few days prior to his death.

Besides his widow he is survived by a married daughter, Betty.

Mrs. Ross Welch was hostess Monday afternoon to the WSCS of the Methodist church. A feature of the program led by Mrs. Marvin Simpson was a solo sung by Mrs. Patrick Armstrong of Austin who was a guest in the Welch home.

## Want Ads

For Rent—3 room house, bath and butane. Vacant Aug. 1. Inquire of J. C. Strickland. 1c

For Sale—Piano, nice upright model, priced reasonable. Inquire of Mrs. Clyde Stayton. p

# NOTICE

## To Subscribers

All Observer subscriptions past due will be dropped from the list on

### August 1st

Subscribers will find the expiration date plainly stamped on their papers.

# THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

<b>PARD DOG FOOD</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>SOLID PACK TOMATOES</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	<b>27c</b>
<b>WHOLE KERNEL</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	<b>29c</b>
<b>PICT SWEET PEAS</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	<b>33c</b>

**Sliced  
Bacon**

Pound  
**49¢**

**CHEESE  
Full Cream**

Pound  
**39¢**

**Ballard  
Biscuits**

2 For  
**25¢**

**Light Crust Flour 25 lb. bag 1.69**

**VINEGAR Qt. 13c**

**Kraut No. 2 1-2 can 15c**

**Blue Bonnet Salad Dressing pt. 15c**

We will be closed Sunday, July 31

# BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.



## SILVER NEWS

Fred Sam Snowden underwent an emergency appendectomy last week at the Root Memorial hospital in Colorado City. At this writing he is recovering. His aunt, Mrs. Curtis Owens and other relatives of Imperial visited him while he was in the hospital. Mrs. Owens also visited her cousin, Mrs. Sherman Anderson, here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jameson entertained with a shower and 42 party last Thursday night in the H. H. Jameson home honoring Miss Jacqueline Sole who will be married soon. Cookies and pop were served to fifty guests.

Willie I. Tubb returned home Monday from a few days stay in the Bronte Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bunch and twin daughters, June and Joan, of Premont, are here this week for a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Mowbray, and husband.

Lurene Allen of Vancourt spent last week with the Bob Odum's and worked in the drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Bassett have returned from a vacation trip to East Texas and Arkansas. They visited a cousin, Lake Bassett and wife in Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Saunders Jr. of Magnolia, Ark., a sister of Mrs. Bassett.

Mrs. H. O. Evinger served a buffet fried chicken dinner to the bunk house boys in Tubb Camp one night last week.

Mrs. O. L. Snyder and girls spent a few days last week in Gorman with the former's mother, Mrs. A. E. Mahan, who is ill.

Mrs. Ada Cowan of Monahans



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other relatives

has returned home after a 10 day visit in the E. E. Bussey home. She came to be with her sister, Mrs. Minnie Johnson of San Marcus, Calif., who is here for an extended visit with her daughter, Mr. E. E. Bussey and family.

Mrs. H. W. Keener's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duff, and sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Presley Hardin and boys, of Brownwood spent Sunday in the Keener home. Barbara returned with them and will go on to Grape-land for a visit with friends there.

W. L. Carr and daughter, Mrs. S. V. Fant, returned Monday from a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo. where they spent a week with other members of the family who are vacationing there.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jameson and girls were here a few days last week with the former's parents, the Allen Jamesons.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ramsey returned last week from Terrell where they were called by the illness of J. H. Hazelwood, father of Mrs. Ramsey. He is reported to be improving.

The James E. Paynes entertained a group of their friends in Tubb Camp Saturday evening with a barbecue and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and Esther, R. D. Allen, Lurene and Travis, accompanied by the H. W. Gastons of Moran, left early Monday morning for a trip to New Mexico and Colorado.

Others leaving this week on vacation trips were Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, the J. B. Walker, Jr. family and the Myrtle Jameson family.

## SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

A group of Sanco young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Killam Sunday afternoon, for a watermelon feed. Adults who co-operated in disposing of the melons were Mr. and Mrs. Uimer Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Killam, Mr. Ira Bird and Mrs. Aubrey McKinley. Two cameras were tried out on the young folks and seemed to have survived the strain. Supper was served to the group cafeteria style.

The young people present were Melva Dean Gartman, Jimmy and Julia Nell Killam, Myrna Fay Smith, June McKinley, Thomas Earl Martin, Joy Adkins and their hosts, Ray, Faye and Edna Lea Killam.

After supper everyone trooped off to Young People's Services at the Evangelical Methodist Church. A group of twenty-three young folks and several grown ups were present for these services after which services at the Baptist church were attended.

The parsonage is being moved away from the creek bank and being put among the trees in readiness for the new pastor and family.

Work is still under way at the Baptist church this week.

J. M. Prine is out on the plains visiting with friends.

Son Prine left for Lubbock Tuesday.

Effie Carwile of Sterling City has been at home visiting for several days. Homer took her back to Sterling Tuesday.

Mr. Carwile hasn't been very well lately. They took him to Angelo Wednesday to see his doctor.

Julia Nell Killam was honored with a party on her 10th birthday Friday afternoon at the usual social hour in the Fred Killam home. Mrs. Killam entertains the young folks every third Friday afternoon just before preaching services. There was a nice group of 19 young folks and five adults and most every one stayed for services after the social. Although the Killams are Nazarenes, they make everyone welcome.

Charles Fowler and wife and Teddy Pitcock and family were Sunday visitors at the Guy Denmans.

Galv. Screen Wire .08c per sq. ft. Plastic Screen Wire .05c per sq. ft. A few 2'-8" x 6'-8" x 3'-4" Galv. Screen doors at \$3.75.—McDonald Lbr. Co.

## Fines Meted Out For Drug Fishing

Pleading guilty to charges of placing drugs in the Colorado River to kill fish, Jack Looney and H. I. Cooper of Robert Lee were each fined \$100 and \$31.40 costs and sentenced to 60 days in jail. The hearing took place last Thursday afternoon before County Judge Jeff Dean. The men were paroled from the jail sentences.

County Attorney Frank Dickey said the law specifies a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$100, and the jail sentence is fixed at from 60 to 90 days. The charge was "catch and take and attempt to catch and take fish from the Colorado River by use of drugs and substances deleterious to fish life."

The offense is said to have occurred three weeks ago when Looney and Cooper used rotonone powder in attempting to get a big catfish out of the Big Rock hole, just below Robert Lee.

No doubt the men did not realize the harmful effects which would result. As a consequence dead fish were found for a distance of four miles down stream.

Game Warden Jim White investigated the case along with Sheriff Paul Good, and the two arrests followed. White said the rotonone powder affected the fish gills and caused them to drown.

J. S. and J. B. Walker and their wives left Saturday on a vacation trip through New Mexico and to various points in Colorado.

# NOTICE

I wish to announce that I have purchased the Grocery and Station at the Millard Meek place, just east of Robert Lee and am now in charge of the business.

I plan to make some improvements at once and will restock with a fresh line of food products.

Gas, oil, tire repairs, etc.

A share of your business will be appreciated.

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And Station

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**Potatoes 10 lbs 49c**

**CELERY large stalk 19c**

**NEW POTATOES 2 pounds 15c**

**PAPER TOWELS Box of 100 10c**

**CRUSTENE SHORTENING 3 pounds 55c**

**CHOPPED OLIVES 4 1/2 oz. bottle 5c**

**White King Toilet Soap reg. bar 5c**

Kraft American or Velveeta  
**CHEESE Half lb. pkg. 29c**

**Mission Coffee lb. 49c**

**FRESH TOMATOES 2 pounds 25c**

**SARDINES 4 ounce tin 2 for 19c**

**GREEN CUT BEANS No 2 can 15c**

**Pressed Ham Lb. 49c**

**SALT PORK Lb. 33c**

**SLICED BACON Lb. 45c**

**Seven Bone Roast Lb. 45c**

# Roberts Grocery



## About The Robertsons & Jim

By Frank C. Dickey

J. S. Robertson, a Confederate Veteran, moved from Jack County to the Carlos Flores Survey, below the mouth of Yellow Wolf on the river above Robert Lee, at the turn of the century. Originally from Mississippi, he came to Texas immediately after the Civil War. His wife, Elizabeth Wharton, whom he married in Brown County, died in 1877, leaving seven children: Alice, John, W. J., S. N. (Tuck), Milley, J. B. (Jim) and Tom.

Jim is the only one of Grandpa (J. S.) Robertson's children now living in Coke County. No doubt, a lot of nice things could be truly said about all this family, particularly about "Grandpa"; however, Jim has a birthday coming up on the 26th of this month and is, therefore, the subject of this writing.

Jim was young in years when he came here in 1901; yet, he was a veteran in many ways. He had been up the trail with herds to Indian Territory and to Kansas and he was a seasoned bronc-breaker. For two years, he punched cows and broke horses for Harris Brothers and for John and Gene Saul. Part of the time he put in helping his father to get his place fixed up and his family settled. He was tall, slim and dark—pretty good looking, too—with eyes as sharp as an eagle's, (those eyes are still black and sharp.)

Jim married Arizona Cain, a fine local girl, in 1903 and moved to the John W. Lovelady Survey. For forty-six years Jim has lived on the same place, during which time he has had a great part in moulding the pattern of life in Coke County. Arizona died in 1931, leaving ten children. Jim married Boneita (Brown) Landers in 1933, and they have four children. Boneita is also a highly respected and fine woman. His children are good people. The neighbors will tell you so.

Bringing up his family on less than 160 acres of land and providing for them well, which Jim actually did, should distinguish Jim Robertson. However, there is a lot

more to be said about him. (No doubt each of his good wives and his children, as he says, have been a worthy inspiration and a lot of help.) His reputation for kindness and generosity is co-extensive with his acquaintance. He has attended, waited upon and doctored more sick people than have some M. D.'s. He has prepared more bodies for burial than any one in the county, insofar as it known, except professional undertakers. He has doctored more sick stock in his neighborhood than all the veterinarians together. (This writer's first pony died in Jim's yard.)

Let a neighbor suffer illness, death in his family, or some other misfortune, Jim is there, contributing his money, passing the hat, plowing the field, looking after the stock, and doing anything helpful that is to be done.

Jim is a Christian; you might have to ask him to find out to which church he belongs. He has actively supported and, with his family, (he used to bring them in a two-horse wagon) attended most of the Community church services. On the preaching and praying side, Jim is pretty quiet; but he is strong for keeping preaching and Sunday School going along. He will see that there is wood for the Church House stove in the winter and lights for the night services.

Jim probably doesn't know any smutty stories; at least, he never tells one; and he has sufficient command of the English language to express his thoughts without resorting to profanity.

If you want to hear something worth thinking about, get Jim to tell you his views on keeping the rural schools. And, if you want to know what he knows about rural schools, let his neighbors tell you about all of his children attending school regularly and about Jim hauling the wood to keep a fire for them in the winter times. And, in this last connection, you will learn that he has hauled more fire-wood for the school than anyone else. (perhaps it is as he says: he had a lot the most children to keep warm.)

He has been helping to run such schools for forty years. Every pay-less job imaginable has been given to Jim Robertson; road overseer, convention delegate,

cemetery trustee and treasurer, school trustee (twenty-five years of it,) and a number of other such jobs. The amazing part of it is, he always serves, and he does it willingly. The records of our Courts will show that he has done as much jury service, if not more, than any citizen in the county. Jim is not much of a hand to make excuses.

He has never held a political office that paid any money; and he has never been a candidate for election to a paying office.

Such a man is Jim Robertson of Friendship, Coke County, Texas.

## AAA NEWS

### 1950 Wheat Acreage

The Coke county wheat acreage allotment for 1950 crop is 3,727 acres. The county committee will hold back a small percentage of the county allotment for new wheat farms and a small reserve for appeals.

The Coke county wheat acreage allotments for 1950 crop is 75 per cent of the 1945-1948 average acreage.

1950 wheat acreage allotment notices will be sent out to producers in a week or two. The wheat allotments that are to be sent out are for farms that seeded wheat for harvest in any of the years 1946-1949.

1950 farm wheat acreage allotments will be used only for determining eligibility for price support. Any eligible producer shall be any individual, partnership, association, corporation or other legal entity that has an interest as landowner, landlord, tenant, or share cropper in a farm on which the acreage planted to wheat for harvest in 1950 is not in excess of the farm acreage allotment.

### Tile Top Tables

Five members and ten visitors attended a demonstration on Thursday, July 21, at Hayrick in the home of Miss Glayds Waidrop on tile top table making.

The table was constructed from broken and imperfect pieces of tile. These tables are inexpensive and very nice for outdoor use. The table design is placed in the

center and filled in with broken and whole pieces of tile and white cement.

Mrs. Pat Rives and Gladys Waldrop were in charge of the demonstration, with the help of all present.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. W. Labenske on Sept. 1. There will be no meeting in August, except the annual encampment Aug. 3-4.



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### Robert Lee Sailor Writes From Guam

U. S Naval Air Station  
Guam, July 13, 1949

Dear Mr. Kirk:

After so long a time I better write and tell you how much I've enjoyed reading the paper. In fact, I just got one in the evening mail, July 8 copy. Boy, what a time I have reading about all you good people back home.

I've been on the Rock (Guam) for three months. It's OK for the people who live here but for me I'll take good old Coke county. They are just now getting the island fixed up from war damage. It's a beautiful place and the best fishing there ever was, and swimming is good, too.

They do very little farming here, sun is too hot, but everyone works for the army and navy and are making big money I mean. Everyone of these black boys drives a big fine state side car, big shots they call themselves.

Back to the paper I see where the snakes are getting bigger there at home. What are you feeding them? I am not the only guy that reads the paper. I got ten buddies in the hut here and everyone of them reads the Coke County Texas News, as the guys from the north call it.

I've had many a joke pulled on me and my paper, but they all want to read just the same. I really enjoy it and am happy that you and all the good folks at home make it possible for on old Rabbit Twister like me to read it. So keep up the good work, Mr. Kirk.

Will see you Xmas of 1950.—  
Just a Coke County Hick, Jack Austin

#### Coke Exceeds Quota

Coke County exceeded its quota by 215 per cent in the Opportunity Drive for the sale of Series E Savings Bonds.

Total sales were \$36,562.50, as compared to the county quota of \$17,000, according to T. A. Richardson, county Savings Bonds chairman. He received the final report of the drive today in a letter from Nathan Adams of Dallas, chairman of the Treasury Department's advisory committee for Texas.

#### Folks You Know

Jerry Mac, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Parker of Bronte, spent last week in Robert Lee visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Parker.

Jim Blair and family have gone to Olton where they will be doing farm work the next few months.

Wallace Clift came from Austin for a weekend visit in the parental W. B. Clift home. He will graduate from Texas University in August Mr. Clift will enter Harvard Law other relatives

### BCD To Invite Lady Members

Twenty members of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development were present for the bi-weekly luncheon served Monday noon by the American Legion Auxiliary ladies at the Legion building.

It was voted to invite business and professional ladies to become members of the organization, and

wives of the members and prospective new members will be guests at the next luncheon meeting August 8.

Secretary J. L. Ross gave a financial statement and bills covering printing and advertising for the hospital bond election were approved. Mr. Ross said the treasury would be depleted with payment of these bills, and members were asked to take care of their payment of monthly dues, most of

which were due July 1.

Frank Dickey made an interesting address, and suggested the appointment of a project committee to work out some beneficial things for our community. He said no man is too large for Robert Lee, but everyone here had ample opportunity to expand as far as he was capable of doing.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin endorsed Mr. Dickey's remarks and reported the school is starting a \$5,000 building to house the home economics department. He added that a band instructor has been

engaged and urged the BCD to continue its support of school activities.

Rev. Fred D. Blake, who left this week to accept a pastorate in Brownwood, was given a standing vote of appreciation for the fine community work which he has accomplished during his five years in Robert Lee.

Cumbie Ivey, president of the BCD, was in charge of the meeting. Luncheon arrangements were made by Doo-Dad Davis, who will be assisted next meeting by Dick Kannady and John Ross.

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Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Plaids

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Robert Lee, Texas



## Folks You Know

Judge Jeff Dean and family returned yesterday from Weatherford where they spent several days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dean. It is rumored that Claud had some windmill repairs and other work with which he needed some help.

Zona Mae and Joyce King are enjoying a two weeks visit in the home of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, and son, Tommy, at Sundown. The Andersons spent last weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. King, and Zona Mae and Joyce accompanied them home.

Mrs. J. S. Craddock of Colorado City and her aunt, Mrs. Joe Ramsey, of El Paso were guests here last Friday in the home of Mrs. Lizzie Davis. Mrs. Ramsey's husband was a dentist in Robert Lee a number of years ago.

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A. N. Counts and wife recently visited their son, Dennis, and wife at Monahans. The two couples enjoyed a brief sight seeing trip to the Davis Mountains and other points in that locality.

Robert J. Jones was a business visitor in Robert Lee the first of the week and ordered a years subscription to The Observer. Mr. Jones has a 3,000 acre ranch on the south edge of Coke county.

Mrs. Paul Daffern of Ft. Worth spent the past week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon, and helped them can peaches. Mr. Harmon reports they canned 75 quarts from one tree, and there are still 2 or 3 bushels on the tree that are not ripe. It is a big tree in Harmon's yard. Mr. Harmon further says that if anyone don't believe this, they should ask Andy Johnson and Jack Walker, who helped gather the peaches.

Little Fred Bruce Parker is spending the week with his grandparents, Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good, while his mother is at the Paisano Encampment where she carried a group of girls from the Ozona church. The Goods and Eddie Paul spent Sunday with them.

Lem Cowley and wife made a business trip to Midland on Wednesday.

Jim Mac Taylor, wife and children, Ginger and Patty, are here this week for a visit in the parental Roy Taylor home. He is a top ranking sergeant in the Marine Corps and is being transferred from Santa Ana, Calif., to Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Mrs. W. K. Simpson last Thursday entered the Bronte hospital for treatment. She is reported to be improving nicely.

Most material prices are going down. We now have 2x4 Fir from \$6.00 per hundred board ft.—McDonald Lbr. Co.

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## Beauford Jester's Friend

Austin, Texas, July 23, 1949

Mr. A. J. Kirkpatrick  
The Observer  
Robert Lee, Texas  
Dear Kirk:

Beauford is gone. You have received the news, and I know his sudden passing was a blow to you.

No man ever appreciated his friends as much as he, and you were one of those who helped him to rise to the heights to which he attained in the estimate of the citizens of Texas. He never spoke ill of any man—friend or foe; his admonition to me was always "Paul, we kill 'em with kindness". To which I bowed in humble submission and said, "So mote it be". In the history of Texas within my memory, no Governor has left a better record or a greater contribution to posterity. I am glad to have been a helper in the vineyard with you. Without you his accomplishments could have never been, and he was mindful of your loyalty and help.

He would want you always to carry on for good government. He set the example for you to chart the course in the highways of the future.

Your help has always been appreciated by me, as we fought the good fight. I want to always be of service to you as he would have wanted me to be, and to this end I stand ready, willing and able to do for you when I can as much as you did for him. No man ever had more loyal friends, and he never forgot those who made it possible for him to serve Texas. You were one of those.

With best wishes for you always, I am

Yours to command,  
PAUL H. BROWN

The Rev. and Mrs. Patrick W. Armstrong and daughter, Susan, of Austin visited here Monday with the Rev. Ross Welch family. The Rev. Armstrong is pastor of Grace Methodist church in Austin and he and his family were starting a three weeks vacation trip to various points in the west and north.

Wilton Scott and family are now occupying one of the J. J. S. Smith houses in the south part of town which was vacated by Howard Varnadore and family. The Lindy Devolls recently moved into the adjoining Smith residence.

Miss Virginia Gavin suffered a nervous breakdown Tuesday evening while at work in Mrs. Littlefield's City Cafe. She was removed to her home in the Clift ambulance and was much improved the next day.

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