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## Mathers Reef Well Flows 247 Barrels For Official Test

Sun No. 24 Mathers, on the west side of the Jameson field near Silver, has been finalized for a 24-hour flow of 247 barrels of oil. Gauge was through a 1/4-inch choke. Pressures were 585 pounds on tubing and 1,125 pounds on the casing. Gas-oil ratio was 1,542-1.

It was completed naturally in open hole from 6,388, the top of the lime reef, to 6,446 feet, total depth.

Baker-Taylor had the drilling contract and moved to Sun Homer Jameson No. 25. The test spudded several days ago but circulation was lost at 130 feet.

### PRODUCTION FROM SAND

Sun Mathers A-8 flowed 55 barrels of oil during a 14 1/2-hour test. Gauge was through a 3/16ths inch choke. Tubing pressure was 615 pounds and there was a packer in the casing. The well was completed Strawn sand bottomed at 6,098 feet.

Roy Guffey's rotary was released at 9 a.m. Wednesday and will move to Sun No. 28 Mathers.

### ANDERSON HAS OIL SHOW

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 3-A on the R. S. Anderson lease topped the reef at 6,362 feet and was bottomed at 6,477 feet. Favorable oil shows were found in cores and operators will run oil string.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 15-H on Fred Jameson is pumping a small amount of water but no oil.

Sun Homer Jameson 21 was drilling Wednesday at 5,052 feet in shale.

Sun No. 20 Brannan was in shale and lime at 4,758 feet.

Sun Mathers A-9 was at 5,350 feet in shale.

Sun Mathers 10 was in shale and sand at 3,744 feet.

Sun Mathers 27 was in shale at 5,095 feet.

Sun Homer Jameson 24' was in shale and lime at 4,077 feet.

Sun A-3 J. B. Walker was at 5,042 feet in shale.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 17-H on Fred Jameson was drilling Wednesday at 4,151 feet in shale and lime.

Sun Willie I. Tubb C-1 was in shale and lime at 1,935 feet.

South of the river at Silver Sun No. 5 Central Nat'l Bank was drilling Wednesday at 2,340 feet in lime.

### MILLICAN FIELD

Sun Cummings 15 was drilling in shale and sand at 5,965 feet.

Sun Cummings 16 was in shale at 5,719 feet.

Too many of us are blessed with presence of mind but troubled with absence of thought.

### Coke County

### Hospital News

Feb. 28—Mrs. Bessie M. Stover admitted.

Feb. 29—Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Aaron Summers and Dollena, 14 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dennis, were admitted.

March 1—Mrs. R. R. Sowell, Billy Douglas Sparks admitted. Daughter born to Mrs. Summers at 1:45 p.m. Dollena Carol Dennis, Mrs. O. E. Kresta, Mrs. Harry Fink and Mrs. Bessie Stove dismissed.

March 2—Mrs. Dale Lofton admitted. Faustina Gloria, Mrs. R. R. Sowell, Billy Douglas Sparks dismissed.

March 3—Mrs. W. B. Crabtree admitted.

March 4—Mrs. Crabtree gave birth to daughter at 2:45 a.m. Mrs. John E. Pahal, Ralph Garvin admitted.



## Panel Discussion Of School Affairs On Friday Night

The Robert Lee Independent School will follow the example of hundreds of schools over the state in observing March 3-7 as Public School Week.

Emphasis is placed on a better informed public concerning the schools and their operation. Friday night a panel composed of the following members will discuss subjects listed later: John Harvey, Weldon Fikes, Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Mrs. R. F. Stephenson, Jeff Dean, Finnell Smith, Hugh S. Lewis, Jr., J. Hollis Lloyd, P. E. Webb, and B. C. Goodwin.

Subjects to be discussed by the panel will be new legislation, financial status of the school, athletics in the school, the school lunch room, and the part of the parents in building a good school.

The building will be open 8:45-3:45 Friday for those who wish to visit. Again at 7:00 p. m. visitors may go through the building. At 7:45 the group will meet in the lunchroom for coffee and cookies. At 8:30 p. m. the panel discussion will begin. The public is invited.

## County Valuations To Increase In '52

Coke County Commissioners Court was called into special session Monday for the purpose of discussing 1952 property valuations. May 28 was set for equalization hearings.

Present for Monday's meeting were a representative of Thos. Y. Pickett Co., valuation engineers employed by the county, and D. C. Keever from Sun Oil Company's tax department.

Early estimates indicate the county's taxable valuation will make another increase this year, probably as much as 2 million dollars. There will be some changes in oil field valuations caused by a variation in the allowable production in certain fields.

Last year the county gained over 2 1/2 million dollars in valuation, bringing the total to almost 15 million. Taxing values have climbed every year since 1947 when the first oil field assessments began. Previously the county had a taxing value of 4 1/2 million dollars.

### INSURANCE RATE CUT

W. B. Clift, Robert Lee insurance underwriter, advised The Observer this week that a slight decrease in the Robert Lee fire insurance rate will be in effect for the year starting March 1. Because of heavy losses from fires last year's rate was fixed at 15% above the normal key rate. Up until two years ago the city had a good fire record and insurance premiums were figured at 25% below the key rate.

## Sparks Child Is Badly Injured In Fall From Auto

The condition of Calvin Sparks, Jr. was reported as good Thursday morning. The five-year-old Robert Lee child, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sparks, was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when he tumbled out of the family car on the San Angelo highway 7 miles south of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Sparks and her son, accompanied by Mrs. Sam Williams and little son, Gary Sam, were traveling toward San Angelo when the accident occurred. The two boys were in the back seat and it is thought the Sparks child opened the door latch by mistake when he attempted to throw the end of an ice cream cone out the window. The car was traveling about 60 miles per hour.

The child was rushed back to Robert Lee, but Dr. McDaniel was out of town for a few hours, and the badly injured lad was then taken to Shannon hospital in San Angelo.

Doctors said he suffered a bad fracture on the back of his head but the complete extent of his injuries were not determined. It is thought, however, that he will recover.

The boy is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley and Mrs. E. T. Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross have received word that their son, Pfc. Wallace Ross, arrived in Japan on Feb. 20. He made the trip in 36 hours by air. Wallace is in the Air Force and is stationed at a base near Tokyo.

## RED CROSS DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY

The annual Red Cross Fund Campaign opened this week, with Mrs. Carter Dibrell serving as chairman for Robert Lee and the west half of the county.

Serving as chairman at Silver is Miss Elna Jameson, who is being assisted by Mmes. Elmo Hargis, J. L. Legg and Chas. L. Price. Mrs. J. T. Thetford is chairman at Edith.

Mrs. Dibrell and her workers started a canvass in Robert Lee Wednesday and report excellent response. Her helpers were Mrs. J. S. Ferrell, Mrs. F. C. Clark, Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr., Mrs. John Harvey and Mrs. Jeff Dean.

Coke county's quota this year is \$700. Campaign workers are hoping to put the drive over the top by the end of next week.

## Ask City Officers To Be Re-Elected

Mayor John Harvey and Commissioners John Brown and Fern Havins have been nominated to succeed themselves as members of the city commission for the next two years. Their names will be submitted to the voters at the city election April 1.

They were nominated by a petition carrying the names of fifty business men which was filed before noon Saturday.

Another petition nominating J. S. Ferrell for mayor and W. D. McDams and A. V. Sheppard for commissioners was also filed at the city hall. However, all three men have declined to have their names on the ballot.

At Tuesday night's council meeting officials took steps to stop loose livestock from prowling over town. A notice to that effect is printed in this newspaper.

### COUNTY FINANCIAL REPORT

Elsewhere in this issue of The Observer appears a Coke County financial statement for the year 1951. It is to be noted that the overdraft in the Road & Bridge fund was decreased \$55,000 and the General County Fund had its overdraft lowered by \$25,000. County officials are to be congratulated. This is the first annual financial statement to be published by the county since the summer of 1947. In future issues The Observer will print a series of news stories about county affairs. Interested persons are advised to save this issue of the paper so that the statement can be referred to.

## Fire Department Needs More Men

At Monday's luncheon meeting of the Board of Community Development President Victor Wojtek announced that Frank Dickey had been appointed chairman of the committee to make plans for creating a park on the court house square. Mr. Dickey agreed to accept the appointment and will choose his co-workers.

BCD members discussed further the proposed park at the new Mountain Creek reservoir, and B. C. Goodwin said he and other members of the committee would seek cooperation from the UCRA and the Highway Department.

Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr., secretary of the Volunteer Fire Department, urged the BCD to help line up additional firemen. He reported the department now has 18 members, and they would like to have 25. It is necessary that the organization have at least 20 members to pass the state requirement.

Lewis pointed out that the city and county had cooperated with the Fire Department in making needed improvements of equipment. An effort is being made to get the city's insurance rate lowered and a good Fire Department that meets with specified standards will have an important bearing in the matter.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin called attention to Education Week which is being observed in the Robert Lee schools and urged BCD members and their families to visit the school Friday night and hear the panel discussion on school affairs.

## H. C. Allen Heads Hospital Board

At a meeting of the Coke County Hospital Board here Tuesday Hawley Allen of Robert Lee was elected as the new chairman. Chosen as vice chairman was Reece McCarley of Blackwell and C. N. Webb was re-elected secretary.

Present for the meeting were Messrs. Allen and McCarley, also Raymond Schooler of Edith and Bryan Gartman of Sanco. McCarley and Gartman are new trustees. The board of six is now complete. However A. F. Ball of Bronte has not attended recent meetings and it is thought he intends to quit.

Mr. Allen said a called meeting will be held at 2 p. m. Friday when the board will formulate policies pertaining to the hospital's operation. The board has been without a chairman since the first of the year.

### MARRIED FOLKS TO PLAY

A big crowd was expected to turn out for the basket ball games Thursday night at the high school gym. Most interest centered on the ladies game in which players of 20 years ago will take part. There will also be a married men's game. The affair is being sponsored to raise funds for the high school basket ball girls jackets.

## Grand Jury Gets Five True Bills; Call Petit Jury

Five true bills were returned by the Grand Jury soon after the March term of Distict Court convened here Monday.

Three of the indictments were against T. W. Anderson, Coleman oil field worker, for alleged check forgery. He is said to have given bad checks to Harvey Chevrolet Co. of Robert Lee and several business firms in Bronte.

Ira Walter Patton, formerly of Abilene, was true billed for theft of property from the road equipment shed at Bronte. Another man involved in the crime was also cited by the grand jury, but his name is being withheld until after his arrest.

### NOW SERVING TIME

Both Anderson and Patton are now in the penitentiary having been sent up recently from nearby counties. They will be brought here for trial next Monday.

Only a few witnesses were called by District Attorney Earl Smith and the grand jury finished its work within two hours. Members of the jury were J. B. Glenn, foreman, Ralph Garvin, Fred McCabe, F. C. Clark, Fred Jameson, Fred McDonald, Jr., C. N. Webb, W. C. Duncan, Preston Davis, Lum Lasswell, O. R. McQueen and N. C. Pentecost.

### TWO DIVORCES

During civil hearings Monday, Judge Sutton granted a divorce to William Lee Brown of Tennyson from Margaret Juanita Brown. A similar decree was issued to Roger N. Holden of Silver from Cletus Rozelle Holden.

### PETIT JURY COMING

Petit jurors have been notified to report next Monday at 10 a. m. when several cases are scheduled to come up for trial. The jury panel includes Dan Middleton, Bill Allen, Barton Waldrop, Elmo Bell, Jim Blair, John Brown, Roy Braswell, E. C. Davis, Howard Eaton, Roy Ross, Garlan Green, Ell Hatley.

Buster Pierce, H. L. Scott, James Allen, Edward Cumbie, Ernest Ivey, C. M. McCutchen, T. B. Weaver, Cullen Luttrell, Noah Pruitt, Jr., L. R. Reiger, Noel Perciful, Darwin Scott.

Also Royce Fancher, Jess Parker, J. B. Arrott, Grady Gaston, Finis Millican, Fred Killam, I. H. Devoll, Leo Prine, Earl Boggus, G. E. Conner, Bob Edwards and Hale Kincaid.

### ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. B. Watkins of Rankin announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Mr. Glenn Creswell of Snyder. Mr. Creswell is the son of Rev and Mrs. Earl Creswell. The marriage will take place later this month.

### BIRTHS

SUMMERS—Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Summers (LaVerna Davis) of Robert Lee are parents of a daughter born at 1:45 p.m. March 1 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. The infant weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and has been named Adriene Lannell. She has a brother, A. J., 10 years old, and a sister, Barbara Ann, 8. Grandparents are Mrs. W. M. Summers and Mrs. S. B. Plumlee of Robert Lee and James Frank Davis of Oregon.

CRABTREE—A daughter, Sharon Gayle, was born March 5 at Coke County Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Crabtree (Cleo Mahen) of Bronte. Arriving at 2:45 a.m. the infant weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. This is their first child. Mr. Crabtree is employed by the Ard Drilling Co. in the Ft. Chadbourne field.



## New Highway Map Is Now Ready For Free Distribution

The shortest distance between two points is established by an old axiom, but from the standpoint of motorists, the shortest distance between two points can only be established by the Official Highway Travel Map.

Mr. D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, announced today that the Department's new 1952 Official Highway Travel Map is now available free to the general public. The Official Highway Map is revised and published annually. It is used by all state agencies as the basis for computing official car mileage. The new map is 28"x36" and is chock-full of travel guidance and information on Texas.

The back side of the map is jam-packed with factual and pictorial Texas history. The story of Texas is unfolded with the map. Many famous milestones and landmarks are described and portrayed pictorially. There are 266 pictures in full color of the more popular historical points of interest in the State with a full caption explaining each scene. A panorama is used to introduce some of the more popular historical characters in a "passing parade" of Texas history.

Included also for the first time is a map of Mexico, incorporated with the small U. S. map, showing the principal highways and cities, however, it is used primarily for geographical purposes.

This new map can be obtained by mailing the map card distributed by the Tax Assessor-Collector's office with the sale of license plates, or by writing directly to the Texas

Highway Department, Austin, 14, Texas. Copies are also available in any Highway District Office or the Highway Travel Information Bureau.

### DELIRIOUS? COULD HAVE BEEN Bronte, Texas March 1, 1952

Dear Mr. Editor;

Words are inadequate to express the feeling that came over me when reading the last issue of the Robert Lee Observer. After reading the front page I turned the leaf and found everything printed upside down. I wondered what had happened. Was there something wrong with my glasses that I was seeing things upside down. I took them off and could find nothing wrong with them.

So I decided perhaps the Editor was delirious over the way things are going and needed sympathy. I think I am one of the oldest subscribers to the Robert Lee paper and have always enjoyed reading it so you have my best wishes.

I have passed the eightieth mile post on the path of life and am still enjoying life.

Respectfully,  
J. D. Leonard, M. D.

### SENIOR 4-H CLUB

The Robert Lee Senior 4-H girls met Feb. 26 at 2:15 in the school lunch room. The meeting opened with members repeating the club prayer, pledge and motto. Gladys Waldrop gave a demonstration on how to stay-stitch a garment. Present were ten members and our leader, Miss Waldrop. The meeting adjourned at 3 o'clock.—Joyce King, Reporter.

Mrs. Rosa Owens of Eldorado is making an extended visit in the home of her brother, Joe Garvin, west of Edith.

## WTU Magazine And Editor Honored

ABILENE, TEXAS, March 5 —

The West Texas Utilities Company and Jimmie Martin, editor of the ELECTRIC TIMES, company employee publication, were awarded honor medals at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, February 22, when Freedoms Foundation, Inc. singled out 22 Texans for recognition of their efforts in "bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."

As publisher of the ELECTRIC TIMES, the company was awarded a medal and the editor was awarded an individual medal for stories and editorials which appeared in three issues of the magazine during 1951.

Freedoms Foundation is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian awards organization chartered in 1949 for the specific purpose of annually making awards of cash and medals to Americans who make outstanding contributions to a better understanding of freedom by the things they write, say and do. It is financed by widespread public subscription support.

Martin, who has served as industrial editor for WTU since 1945, is a member of a pioneer West Texas newspaper family, and before joining WTU operated newspapers in Brady, Childress, Snyder and McCamey. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University where he had an active part in student publications, and served as editor of THE BRONCO, university annual, during his senior year.

H. C. McMinn departed Tuesday for Corpus Christi where he will look after business affairs and visit his children.

## APPLIANCES SYSTEMS

San Angelo Phone 4743

# FRALEY & WARD, Inc.

## Butane Distributors

Robert Lee Phone 154 & 167-J

SERVICE INSTALLATIONS



M. J. KRALL Distributor  
Phone 141 Robert Lee, Texas

# Coke County Annual Statement

FROM JANUARY 1, 1951 TO DECEMBER 31, 1951

Fund	Balances		Receipts	Disbursements	Balances	
	Jan. 1, 1951				Dec. 31, 1951	
Jury Fund	\$ 35,147.40		\$ 20,960.85	\$ 32,352.54	\$ 23,755.71	
Road & Bridge	105,997.12*		72,048.26	17,033.56	50,982.42*	
General County	39,729.58*		51,450.49	26,486.53	14,765.62*	
Courthouse & Jail	22,213.15		35,028.82	22,122.04	35,119.93	
Officers Salary	5,478.60		32,666.41	30,525.90	7,619.11	
Road & Bridge Special	22,693.47		20,981.20	24,529.40	19,145.27	
Coke County Refunding	24,277.13		11,178.82	11,333.50	24,122.45	
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking	22,998.91		14,878.22	1,675.30	36,201.83	
Road Bond No. 3 Sinking	11,695.14		7,711.70	444.30	18,962.54	
Lateral Road No. 1	8,983.53		5,000.00	13,983.53	0	
Lateral Road	16,970.51		11,117.00	15,827.14	12,260.37	
Road Bond No. 1 Special	14.31		0	0	14.31	
County Wide Fund	3,359.95		0	0	3,359.95	
Coke County Hospital	110.19		6,950.00	7,050.00	10.19	
Farm to Market Road			23,036.69	1,145.75	21,890.94	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 28,215.59</b>		<b>\$313,008.46</b>	<b>\$204,509.49</b>	<b>\$136,714.56</b>	

\* Indicates An Overdrawn Balance.

Total Bonds and Warrants Outstanding  
Jan. 1st, 1951 ----- \$310,474.87

Total Bonds and Warrants Outstanding  
Dec. 31st, 1951 ----- \$280,290.49

(Seal)

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COKE ss

Before me the undersigned Authority on this day personally appeared Mrs. Ruby L. Pettit, County Treasurer of Coke County, Texas, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing is true and correct.

Mrs. Ruby L. Pettit  
County Treasurer

Sworn and subscribed before me, this  
24th day of February, A. D. 1952.

Weldon Fikes, County Clerk  
Coke County, Texas





MRS. FRANCES CARTER



R. B. DOOLEY

### Angelo College Prof's To Counsel Robert Lee Seniors

The guidance service for high school graduates provided by San Angelo College includes the Kudner Preference test which was given without expense to the school or the graduates last Friday. This service was secured by B. C. Goodwin, Robert Lee superintendent.

As a follow-up and personal counseling service, the San Angelo College will send a team consisting of Mrs. Frances Carter and R. B. Dooley, who will talk with each student on an individual basis. Mrs. Carter and Mr. Dooley will present the "profile" showing the results of the test and discuss with each boy and girl the meaning of the test and the use each student can make of the evident preferences shown. This team will be at the Robert Lee high school on Friday, March 7.

This is not in any sense an intelligence test or a trial of skills, it is simply to emphasize the interests and preferences which are so important to every young person in mapping his career.

Mrs. Carter, assistant professor of Journalism at San Angelo College, has a rich and varied background in educational work, having been a teacher and librarian for 16 years in Texas schools.

She earned the B. A. degree at Rice Institute and obtained her M. A. degree in adolescent sociology, journalism and English at the University of Texas.

At San Angelo College Mrs. Carter teaches Journalism and women's physical training. She also has charge of the library and is counselor at Carr Hall, the women's dormitory.

Mr. Dooley, who will counsel with the boys, attended John Tarleton College and was graduated from Texas A & M. He has a B. S. degree with a major in agriculture and a Master of Science degree with a major in Agricultural Education. He is in charge of the Department of Agriculture at San Angelo College.

With the dormitories accomodating 80 girls and 84 boys, SAC has more to offer high school graduates than ever before.

#### WORKSHOP FOR HD WOMEN

A Home Grounds Improvement Workshop will be held at T. S. C. W. in Denton on March 13th and 14th for home demonstration club women. Coke County women who would like to attend the workshop please notify Miss Minnie Mae Sharp, Home Demonstration Agent, Tuesday, March 11.—Minnie Mae Sharp, Home Demonstration Agent.

#### PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Pentecostal Church of God conducted its regular weekly service Monday evening with a good attendance. Rev. A. G. Farris of San Angelo delivered the evening message. We extend everyone a cordial invitation to attend our services every Monday at 7:45 P. M. Good music and special songs at each service.—Rev. Lorene Tyra, Pastor.

#### NOTICE

It has been called to the attention of the City Officials that the running at large of livestock in the City limits of Robert Lee has become a nuisance.

At the regular commission meeting, Tuesday, March 4, J. T. (Bud) Jones was appointed pound keeper and instructed to pick up all livestock running at large and impound them with these charges:

\$2.00 per head for such livestock impounded and \$1.00 per head for each day that such livestock remains in pound for feed and care.

The original Ordinance creating a public pound for the City of Robert Lee can be found in Volume 1, page 113 Minutes of the City of Robert Lee.

John D. Harvey, Mayor.

#### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown went to Kermit for a weekend visit with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jolley, former well known Robert Lee residents. Mr. Jolley is justice of the peace in the Winkler County seat, and the position keeps him busy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gartman are back at their home in Sanco after spending nearly three months in the home of their son, Louie, at Colton, Calif. Mr. Gartman reports some cold weather in California the past winter, but they enjoyed their visit. Louie motored to Texas with his parents, and returned home immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hickman were over from Bronte Tuesday. Bob says Humble has staked two locations on his land near the highway. They will be projected to the Goens lime section, a newly discovered pay zone in the Bronte field.

Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick was admitted to Coke County Memorial Hospital last Friday for a few days rest and treatment. She is much improved and expected to leave the hospital Thursday.

### Want Ads

LIVE Fishing Worms for bait. Leeper Supply Co.

FOR SALE—International 4½ cubic deep freeze in good condition. See Henry Varnadore.

Aermotor Windmills, woodrod, cylinders and all fittings necessary to complete your water job. Leeper Supply Co.

Cheap houses—Arnold Samuelson.

NAMES are hard to remember. Practice on ours for Fishing Tackle and Ammunition.—LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

FARM BUREAU—Dividends now being paid on currently expiring policies: Bodily injury, property damage and medical, 20 percent; comprehensive and collision, 40 percent. W. L. CARR, Agent. 38w2p

FOR SALE—Cotton stripper and 5 lbs. toxaphene. See me before it rains. Loran Neel. 36w4p

#### NOTICE

My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission.

—Fred McDonald, Jr.

FISHING TACKLE Headquarters—We have a complete new stock of fishing essentials. See the new guaranteed anti-backlash casting reel.—LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

They can undermine us, but they CAN'T undersell us. Anything cedar from a 6 ft. 3 to a 12 ft. 7. Nuff said. B & H Cedar Yard, Robert Lee, Texas. 39w2p

Building Materials—Cement and Paint. The right materials at the right price. McDonald Lumber Co., Robert Lee, Texas.

FOR SALE—My modern 3-bedroom home and 4 lots in Robert Lee. Will sell furnished or unfurnished. Inquire of the owner, Mrs. Mamie Littlefield, Phone 179, Bronte. 23f

A MISTAKEN IDEA that all paint is the same. Paint is the smallest part of your job. How many years does it last? PITTSBURG QUALITY is the answer. Leeper Supply Co.

## Thanks, Folks!

Having sold my service station, tire and accessory business to Howard and Ernest Varnadore, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the fine people of this community for their patronage.

My successors need no introduction to you folks. They are experienced in this line of business and will give courteous and reliable service. We wish for them an abundant success which they deserve.

We hope to collect outstanding bills this month and your account can be paid at the station.

## Wilton Scott

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

CABBAGE Green Solid heads lb 4c

Fresh Green Onions bch 5c

LETTUCE Nice Firm head 10c

Crisco 3 lbs 79c

Sugar 10 lbs 89c

FLOUR, Red and White 25 lbs 1.95

Pure PEACH PRESERVES 2 lb jar 49c

Cut Green BEANS, Red & Wh. No.2 can 19c

Waffle Syrup, Worth Brd, Qt water bottle 39c

Monarch Crushed Pineapple No.2 can 29c

Sliced Bacon Extra Lean lb 43c

PORK CHOPS Lean and Tender lb 49c

## BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.





# Greatest Mother of them all!

True in 1918 . . . True today!

The Red Cross is a volunteer organization made up of millions; remembered by millions as "The Greatest Mother of Them All."

Yes, the Red Cross is that . . . and more. It is a helping hand to those made homeless by storm and flood. It is plasma for the wounded, cheerful hours for disabled veterans, a touch of home for soldiers on foreign fields. It is a symbol of American compassion and warmth and generosity. It is you . . . doing what you would do if you were there



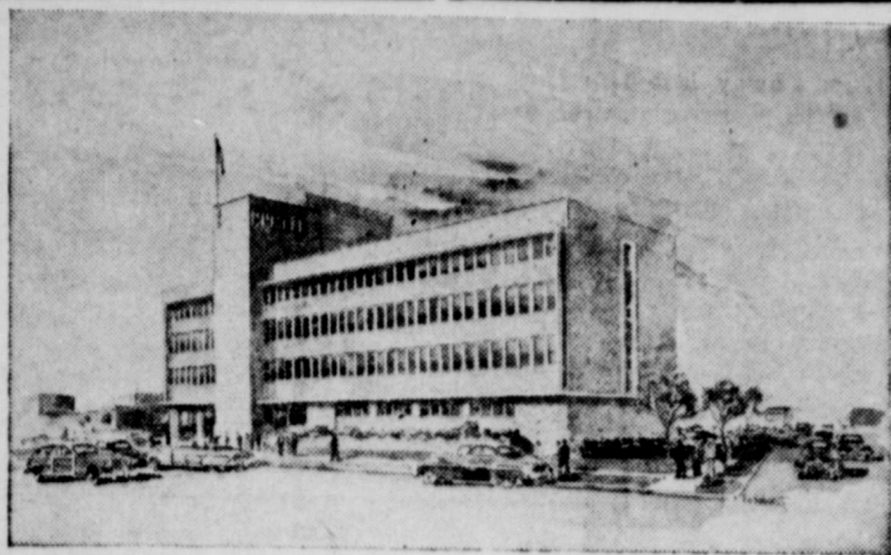
**answer the call—  
Give Now!**



Coke County people have always been generous in their support of the Red Cross. Everyone is urged to contribute again this year and help meet our quota of \$700.00.

**Coke County Chapter  
The American Red Cross**





### Humble To Open New Building In Midland

MIDLAND, TEXAS—Twenty-five years after its first West Texas Division offices were built in McCamey in 1927, Humble Oil & Refining Company will open a new four-story office building in Midland.

The two-day opening ceremonies begin March 6 with a dinner in the Scharbauer Hotel, honoring all Midland office Humble employees. Company officials from Houston will attend.

Mayor Perry D. Pickett will formally open the new building in a ceremony at 11 a. m. the next day. There will be conducted tours of the building, followed by a luncheon at noon in the Midland Country Club.

The years since the building of the two modest adobe brick offices in McCamey have seen progress for West Texas and for Humble. Discovery of rich oil fields in the Permian Basin in the early twenties had brought about great interest in the area by oil companies, and Humble was busy with exploration, production, refining, and sales operations there.

By the late twenties and early thirties, drilling and producing had spread into many new counties in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Humble's division headquarters

were moved in 1935 to Midland, more centrally located for the region.

Drilling has increased so much since then that in the Company's West Texas Division there are now eight districts—Stanton, McCamey, Means, Odessa, Snyder, Wasson, Wink, and Hobbs, N. M.—and many sub-district field centers.

At the first of this year, the Production Department had almost 1,300 producing wells in the division. Daily production was about 45,000 barrels. Between 1925 and January 1, 1952, Humble Pipe Line Company transported more than one billion barrels of crude oil out of West Texas and New Mexico, approximately 25 per cent of the area's total production since oil was first discovered at Big Lake in 1923.

#### BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Baptist Missionary Society met at the church Monday at 10 a. m. for an all-day program on Home Missions, which includes 23 southern western states, including Alaska and Cuba. Twelve members were present and took part in the program, with Mrs. G. C. Allen as leader. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. On Sunday, March 9, a free will offering will be taken at the church for Home Mission work.

B. A. Austin motored to Uvalde last Sunday to get his wife who spent the past week with relatives there.

### To Fill Vacancy On Soils District Conservation Bd.

A special election to fill a vacancy on the Coke County Soil Conservation Board will take place at the Silver school house at 2 p. m. next Saturday, March 8.

The vacancy is being caused by the resignation of Guy Denman, who plans to move to Gaines county. He represents Zone 1, which includes territory around Sanco and Silver.

A. V. Sheppard, Soil District Conservationist, says the special meeting at Silver Saturday will be carried out as a convention type of election. Members from Zone 1 will gather at 2 o'clock and choose a new Supervisor to succeed Mr. Denman.

### Wildcat Starts On Wendland Lease

A 6,000-foot rotary wildcat is to be drilled by Lone Star Producing Co. on H. G. Wendland, 7 miles southeast of Robert Lee. The Century Corporation of Dallas has the drilling contract and is moving in equipment.

Lone Star's No. 1 Wendland will be 330 feet from northeast (Colorado River) and 660 from northwest lines of J. Leiberman survey 459. It is 1 3/4ths miles south and west of the Chicago Corporation No. 1 Dr. R. J. Warren dry hole abandoned in January at a total depth of 3,505 feet; and four miles south of the McCutchen field east of town. Lone Star is making the test on a farmout from Stanolind, whose lease on 1,400 acres of Wendland property expires the 20th of this month.

#### GIRLS VOLLEY BALL

Robert Lee high school girls will take part in the volley ball tournament at Bronte this week. They are scheduled to meet Sweetwater a 9 a. m. Saturday.

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## Wilton Scott Buys Farm In Arkansas

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Scott and her father, Henry Varnadore, were in Mena, Ark., last week where the Scotts completed the purchase of a 212-acre farm, four miles south of the city.

Most of the tract is river bottom cleared land and there are 40 acres of young timber. The farm has a good house and other improvements. Purchase price was \$60 per acre.

The Scotts plan to move to their new home the last of the month. Wilton will seed the farm to improved pasture and raise purebred Angus cattle. He has a foundation herd of 16 cows.

Wilton recently sold his filling station and Firestone store to Howard and Ernest Varnadore, and is now winding up his business affairs. He has a prospective buyer for his home in the north part of Robert Lee.

## County Teachers Gather At Silver

The Coke County Teachers Association met at Silver Tuesday night, March 4, for their semi-annual gathering. The Silver P. T. A. sponsored a lovely dinner at Sun Recreation Hall at 7 p.m., when the teachers, superintendents, principals and guests were served the following menu under the direction of Mrs. O. L. Newell: Chicken spaghetti, individual pineapple salad, pickles, olives, carrot crisps, hot rolls, pie and coffee.

Mrs. Newell was assisted by Mrs. Fred Jameson, Charles Butcher, George Connor and J. B. Walker, Jr. Also helping serve the guests were three members of the Girl Scouts, Ann Reed, Mary Ann Caldwell and Betty Holt.

A program and business meeting followed in the school auditorium. Program features including a twirling act, two accordion numbers, an acrobatic act and tap dancing by a group of Colorado City pupils presented by Mrs. James E. Payne. An interesting address was given by Mr. Clemmons of Lubbock and a short business session followed. After adjournment visiting teachers were escorted through the school rooms where they viewed work being done by Silver pupils. They were greatly impressed by the many improvements which have taken place during the past few years.

The group was invited to hold its next meeting in Bronte, the date to be announced later.

### PREACHING AT SILVER

Come and hear Bro. Crenshaw of the Northside Church of Christ in Colorado City, who preaches Thursday night each week at 7:30 at the Church of Christ at Silver. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend these services.

### MRS. RACHAEL WIGGINS

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phelan were called to Lamesa last week by the death of the former's sister, Mrs. Rachael Wiggins. Her death occurred Feb. 27 after an illness of two years. She was 35 years of age. Survivors are her husband, Loyd Wiggins, two children, Wayne and Janice, and five brothers: Loyd of Robert Lee, N. W. of Trafer, Calif., Arval of Stanton and J. D. and Leo of Ackerly.

### LAWSUIT SETTLED

A jury panel was called in Coke County Court here Wednesday, but jurors were excused when it was learned their services would not be needed. A civil suit was settled out of court, and a criminal action was postponed because one of the main witnesses could not be present. The lawsuit of Arnold F. Ball, Bronte butane dealer, against Otis Campbell and Dee Ballew was settled by agreement. Suit was brought for non-payment of butane used by the cleaning plant here when it was operated by Ballew. Campbell owned the property at that time. The settlement provides that Campbell agreed to pay \$125, while he remainder of \$436.82 was entered as a judgement against Ballew. The latter is now in Winters.

## Lent Opened By Cathoic Ladies

The Ark and Dove Club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Frank Percifull.

The meeting opened with a special Lenten devotion, "Your New Life in Christ," from the Lenten Home Liturgy stressing fast, prayer and alms giving. It was noted to the group that Christian alms giving is not to alleviate human needs alone but the giving of heart and love for God's sake (Isaiah 59). In addition to this devotion, the Mass of the day was read and the purpose of incense was discussed.

Father Fidelis presided over the group which included the hostess, Mrs. Frank Percifull, and Mmes. Frank Percifull, Jr., Frank Dickey, R. A. Stroud, A. V. Hughes, James Burnett and Jack Price.

After the meeting the club attended Lenten devotions in St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Bronte.

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### CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 6.196 miles of Seal Coat From Robert Lee North 6 miles on Highway No. SH 208 covered by C 454-4-5 in Coke County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M. March 19, 1952, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54, of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on above named projects, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workmen or mechanic employed on these projects.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

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### MAY BUY NEWSPAPER

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McCutchen of San Antonio are here for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen. "Mac" resigned recently as assistant professor of Journalism at Trinity University. He and his wife are taking a well earned vacation of a few weeks after which he hopes to buy a weekly newspaper. Before taking the teaching position he was a student at Trinity where he received both B. A. and Master's Degrees with majors in Journalism. Mac and his wife and his parents left Wednesday for a visit with J. D. McCutchen at Levelland and Wayne McCutchen and family at Silverton.

### Political Announcements

The Observer is authorized to publish the following list of persons who will be candidates for public office at the Democratic Primary Election July 26, 1952:

For Congressman, 21st District  
**O. C. FISHER**

For Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector:  
**PAUL GOOD**  
**J. T. THETFORD**  
**WILSON BRYAN**

For County and District Clerk:  
**WELDON FIKES**

For County Judge and Ex-Officio Supt. of Schools:  
**JEFF DEAN**

For County Treasurer:  
**MRS. RUBY L. PETTIT**  
**MRS. GERTRUDE GRAY**

For County Attorney  
**FRANK C. DICKEY**

For Commissioner, Precinct 1:  
**J. W. SERVICE**

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:  
**FINNELL SMITH**  
**ED HICKMAN**

### DEATH OF MRS. KEENEY

Mrs. Joe Garvin mourns the death of her mother, Mrs. M. A. Keeney, who passed away last Thursday in San Angelo. She was past 91 years of age and had been bedfast the past two years. Surviving are two other daughters and four sons. Mrs. Keeney was an aunt of Frank Keeney and his brothers of Bronte.

J. W. Service, Jr. and his family have moved to Kent county where the former is pushing a roustabout crew for Yucca Construction Co. They are residing at Jayton.

Mrs. Dale Lofton submitted to an emergency appendectomy Sunday at Coke County Memorial Hospital. She is making a good recovery. Mrs. Lofton is the former Lurlyne Pettit, a daughter of County Treasurer Ruby L. Pettit.

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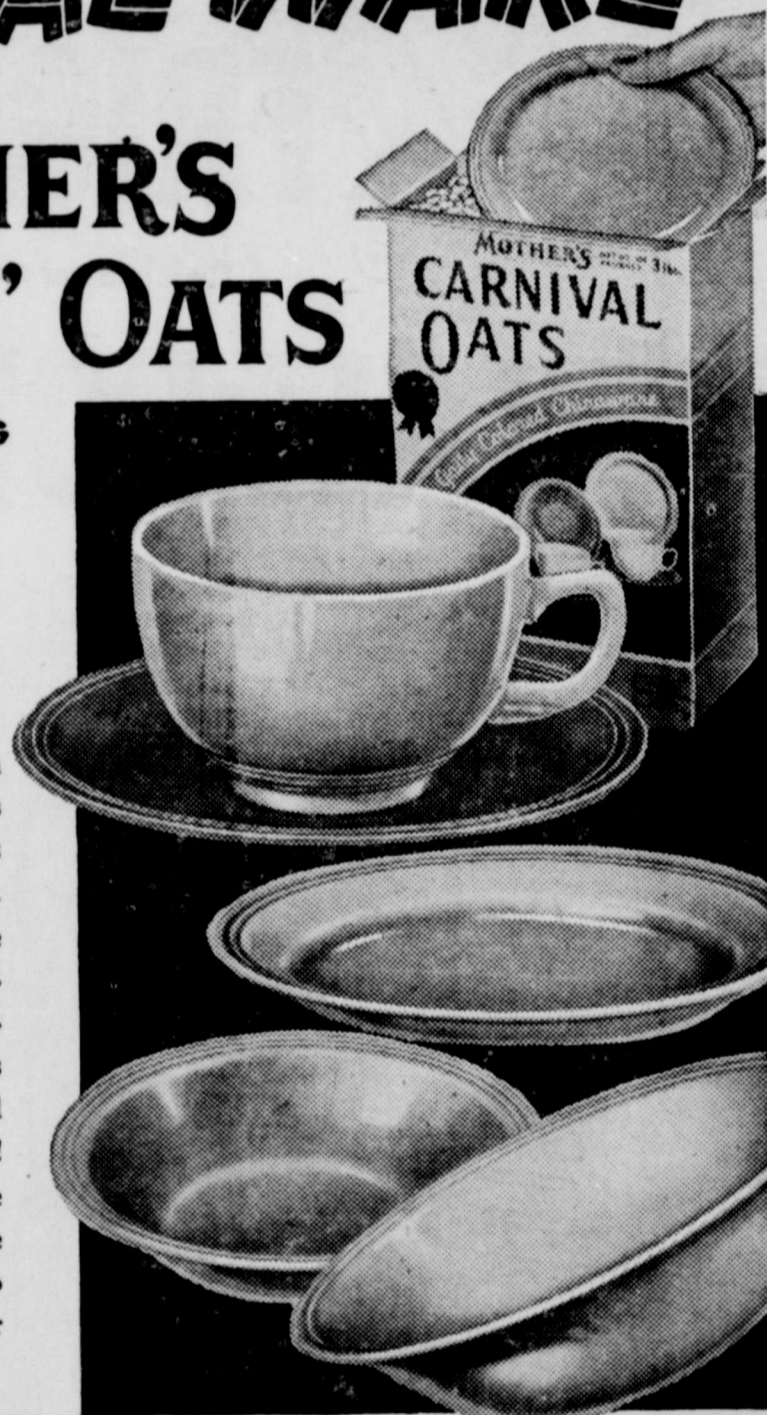
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