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#### **Top Sun Official** Says His Company To Expand in Coke

Sun Oil Company can be expected county holdings, according to a letter received the past week by The company vice president.

and Millican fields of Coke County.

Vice President Pew's letter, which this issue, is self explanatory. It is lowing vote: AYES 2, NOES 0. highly significant that active drilling oprations are to continue.

Wih increased production other facilities must be expanded and enlargement of the gas plant at Siever would seem necessary. Also a more satisfactory method of conserving gas in the Millican field will no

doubt be properly dealt with. Nine rotary rigs are now drilling for Sun in the Silver area and one in the Millican field west of Edith. Development of a new sand pay above the reef in the Jameson field may result in as many as sixty new ducers in the area.

#### New City Lake Open For Fishing May 1

Lee's new reservoir for supplying lines shall be limited to 3 hooks. Limunicipal water, will be opened for mit 15 hooks to the person, this infishing May 1. It is reported the lake is well stocked and many of the fish will be large enough to keep.

Plans for observing May 1 as "Let's All Go Fishing Day" will be discussed at the Board of Commuity no loss is reported. Entrance was Development meeting next Monday noon. It has been suggested the entire town and community take the Goodwin said the intruders rifled a day off and go fishing, but whether filing case which contained only reor not business places will be closed | cords. They were apparently lookis to be decided later.

In connection with the open fishing season, the City Commission has adopted a new Ordinance prescribing rules and regulations that must be adhered to at the lake.

Since the reservoir's first importance is to supply good water for the city, it is obvious that sanitation is likewise the most important consideraion. Rules for safety have also been adopted.

The new Ordinance appears in tiny this issue of The Observer, and everyone should clip out this important edict. The public should become familiar with the rules and regulations, since offenders will be prosecuted under the law.

D. E. Leonard and family of Big Spring and the K. C. Colliers of San Angelo were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chumley. Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Collier are daughters of the Chumleys.

#### **Coke County** Hospital News

April 2-Mrs. J. J. Simpson passed away at 7:15 p.m.

April 3-Mrs. J. C. Slaughter admitted.

April 4-Mrs. J. K. Lofton, W. E

Burns admitted. April 5-Robert F. Stephenson, B L. McGill admitted. W. E. Burns,

Mrs. Lem Cowley dismissed. April 6-Tom Schooler admitted. Mrs. Sam Fowler dismissed.

April 8-Mrs. Ruby L. Pettit, Mrs. Marvin Glasgow admitted. Robert F. Stephenson dismissed.

April 9-Tom Schooler dismissed.

#### New Regulations Concerning Use of City Lake

#### ORDINANCE

An ordinance creating a code of Rules and Regulations governing the New Lake on Mountain Creek as to sanitation and recreation. Passed by to continue its development of Coke | the City Commission of Robert Lee, Texas and approved by the Upper Colorado River Authority Officials. Observer from John G. (Jack) Pew, Repealing an ordinance previously passed by the City Commission on When Sun recently announced it November 12, 1951, Volume 1, page would spend \$110 million this year | 368, Minutes of the City of Robert | on expansion projects, The Observer Lee, Texas. Motion made by Comwired the Philadelphia office re- misioner Havins and seconded by questing information as to what by Commissioner Brown that a new could be expected in the Jameson set of rules and regulations be adopted, hereby repealing the aforesaid ordinance. The adoption of a is reprinted on an inside page in new ordinance prevailed by the fol-

> The rules and regulations by this ordinance are set forth as follows:

- 1. No person shall navigate the lake either for sport or fishing without a life preserver.
- 2. All acts or stunts for show while driving a motor boat are prohibited.
- 3. No motor boat shall be driven at an excessive speed.
- 4. No motor boat shall navigate within 1/8th mile of intake tower.
- 5. There shall be no swimming or bathing in the lake at any time.
- 6. Picnicers shall be required to dispose of garbage in receptacles provided.
- 7. Fishing with trot line in any Mountain Creek Lake, Robert part of the lake prohibited; throw

SCHOOL HOUSE ENTERED

ing was entered Tuesday night, but

made through a window in the su-

perintendent's office. Supt. B. C.

ing for money, but found none. A

fingerprint expert from San Angelo

P. T. A. ELECTION

Lee P. T. A. was scheduled for 3

p.m. April 17 when election of of-

ficers was to have been held The

Regular meeting of the Robert

was called here by local officers.

The Robert Lee high school build-

cludes poles and casting lines.

- 8. None other than live or artificial bait shall be used; only minnows or worms; no carp, shad or any rough fish allowed as bait.
- 9. Any person or persons seining any part of lake will be prosecuted.
- 10. Fishing prohibited within 600 ft. of intake tower on either side.
- 11. Any person or persons guilty of causing damage to dam or any part of the water works system, either by vehicle or any other means will be prosecuted.
- 13. Toilet facilities will be provided for the public at the lake. Any person or persons guilty of violating the sanitation rules by not using them will be prosecuted. Any person or persons guilty of defacing the toilets will be prosecuted.
- 14. Any tragedy at lake shall be reported at once to the Robert Lee Fire Dept.
- 15. There shall be no charge for the privilege of fishing in the lake; places on the school board. Result this does not cover State or out of was the election of Hale Kincaid and County license.

These rules and regulations are passed for the purpose of protecting the health and life of the com-

PASSED, APPROVED AND A-DOPTED this 1 day of April A. D. 1952.

> Jno. D. Harvey Mayor, City of Robert Lee, Texas.

Attest; Mrs. Sam Jay City Secretary

### **Band Parents Club**

plans are being made to hold a box supper in the near future. Proceeds will go into the club treasury to n-lp support the school band.

All boosters of the Robert Lee School Band are urged to watch the paper next week for additional information concerning the date, time and place.

entire family will be provided, so everyone should plan to attend.

Boone Richardson and Foy Askins 1st and 2nd grades participated in have become members of the Robert the program and Mrs P. E. Webb Lee Volunteer Fire Department, spoke on Our Resources, Our Des- bringing the required membership

## **Sponsors Box Supper**

The Band Parents Club announces

Good, clean entertainmen' for the

up to 20.



MEETS MISSIONARY-Pfc. Richard C. Boone, Robert Lee, meets Dr. Florence Murray, a medical missionary, while he is recuperating from an illness at the 8225th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in Korea. Miss Murray, who has been in Korea 31 years, gives pointers on the country to Boone, who is serving with the 10th Corps. (U. S. Army Photo)

#### CONCERT AT SILVER

The Colorado City School Band will present a concert and novelty program featuring the renowned SAND RATES 168 guest conductor, Helosta Bownbetski, at the Silver school auditorium BARRELS A DAY at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. Admission will be 50 and 25 cents and proceeds will go to the fund to buy new band uniforms. Several Silver young people are members of the band, including Tommy Walker, Harry Newton, Bill Preston and Billie Fred Jameson.

Joe Thetford is home on leave from the Navy visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thetford, at Edith.

#### SILVER ELECTS 2 NEW TRUSTEES

School elections in Coke county last Saturday were on the quiet order except at Silver where 100 ballots were cast.

nine candidates running for three re-election of Jimmy Legg.

#### GOOD VOTE HERE

Almost 100 voters turned out in the Robert Lee Independent district which re-elected J. C. Harwell and named A. V. Shppard as a new trustee. They were unopposed. Harwell polled 98 votes and 96 were cast for Sheppard.

Green Mountain elected R. H Godwin as a new member of its board with 22 votes, and Connie Millican was re-elected with 14. Bronte re-elected Jesse Parker

and Dr. John R. Harris was chosen as a new school board member.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

W. F. Fikes from Precinct 1 and Dave King in Precinct 3 were re-elected as members of the County Board of Education. King was unopposed.

However, Fikes had o worthy opponent in W. L. Carr of Silver. Mr. Carr polled 85 votes in his home district and 7 at Robert Lee for a total of 92. Mr. Fikes had 92 ballots in his favor at Robert Lee and picked up 17 at Silver for 109 total. Official canvass of the school

elections will be made by the Commissioners Court next Monday.



Notes From The Oil Field

Chester Hunter No. 1 J. B. Walker, Jr., just west of the Sun block at Silver and south of Hunter No. 1 E. E. Stagner, was drilling Tuesday at 3,790 feet.

The Morris-Hamilton rig in charge of E. B. (Bull) Clark moved to Cottle county where it will drill No. 1 L. E. Hughes, a Sun wildcat. It recently completed Sun No. 20 Brannan at Silver. The Cottle county test is between Childress and Paducah, but the crew will headquarter in Childress. Drillers on the No. 1 Morris-Hamilton rig are Oliver McNeil, Johnny Foss and Bernie Peniel.

Joe Steward, who handles tools on the Morris-Hamilton No. 5 rig, has been at Rankin part time recently in charge of some workover jobs for his company. Joe's rig is now drilling at Silver on Sun No. 34 Mathers.

Lone Star Producing Co. No. 1 Wendland was drilling ahead Wednesday at 5,160 feet. The wildcat, just south of the river 7 miles below Robert Lee, is a farmout from Stanolind

# **MATHERS A-9 IN**

The Jameson field at Silver gained its fourth Strawn sand producer with completion of Sun No. 9-A Mathers for a 24-hour flowing potential of 167.76 barrels of 50 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 6,070-1. Production was through 13/64th inch choke.

Sun Mathers A-10 flowed naturly 103 barrels of oil during a 22 hour test. Gauged through a 1/4 inch choke, pressure was 275 pounds on the tubing. Gas-oil ratio was 1,370-1. Pay section in the sand was at 5,904-62 feet with hole bottomed at 5,983 feet.

Sun No. 25 Homer Jameson gauged a natural flow of 83 barrels of oil through 1/4-inch choke during a 191/2 hour test. Top of sand pay was 5,850 feet with total depth of Interest was aroused by a feild of 6,049 feet. Tubing pressure was 35 pounds and the gas-oil ratio was

Sun A-3 J. B. Walker was swab-Pres Pew as new trustees and he bing after perforating from 5,904-34 feet in a sand section. Operators planned to treat with acid. It plugged back after drilling to 6,427 in the lime reef. A drillstem test at the lower depth recovered 170 feet of muddy salt water and 450 feet of clear salt water.

Sun Central National Bank No. 5, south of the river at Silver, drilled to a depth of 5,911 feet and cemented casing to 5.851 feet. A drillstem test in the sand 5,953-91 feet resulted in gas coming to the surface in 9 minutes and working pressure was 180 pounds. Recovery was 900 feet of clean oil and 165 feet of heavily oil-cut mud.

Sun No. C-1 Willie I. Tubb topped the reef at 6,482 feet and was taking a drillstem test Tuesday after drilling 10 more feet.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 4-A on the Anderson lease was drilling at 6,013 feet in sandy shale. One location south A-3 was pumping one barrel of oil and a similar amount of water in 24 hours.

Sun No. 25 Mathers (reef test) was drilling Tuesday in sand and shale at 5.910 feet.

Another test projected to the reef, Sun Mathers 28, was drilling at 6,-

Sun Mathers 34 (sand test) was drilling Tuesday at 1,300 feet in shale and anhydrite. Morris-Hamilton has the contract, moving rotary from Sun Mathers A-9.

Sun Mathess 32 (sand) was drilling at 2,102 feet in shale and sand. In the Millican field at Edith Sun No. 17 Cummings was making hole at 4,178 feet in shale and lime.

#### SUNRISE SERVICE ATOP MOUNTAIN

Annual Easter Sunrise Services are scheduled for 6 a. m. next Sunday on the mountain top at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver, 10 miles south of Robert Lee.

The Rev. Ray Lee will preside as master of ceremonies during the community service. The Rev. James C. Shipman of Robert Lee will give the invocation and three selections will be sung by a community choir.

Principal speaker will be the Rev. Rodney Gibson, presbyterian minister of San Angelo. Dr. Bryan Wildenthal, president of San Angelo College, will pronounce the benediction.

Those attending the Sunrise Service will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver for donuts and coffee at the spacious ranch house following the program.

#### SUN TO SPEND 110 **MILLION FOR** 1952 EXPANSION

Philadelphia, April 7-Sun Oil Company has announced plans to spend approximately \$110,000,000 this year in a stepped-up expansion program designed to keep pace with increasing demand for higher quality petroleum products.

The money has been earmarked for production, transportation, refining and marketing facilities and for an intensified search for new oil fields, according to Sun's Annual Report to stockholders and em-

This expenditure comes on top of \$80,000,000 spent for these purposes last year and an average expenditure of \$60,000,000 annually during the five previous years, the report added.

The report, presented by Chairman of the Board Joseph N. Pew Jr. and President Robert G. Dunlop, emphasized the "imperative necessity" during the current year of replacing, modernizing and expanding facilities to meet a domestic demand which in 1952 is estimated at almost 30 percent greater than for 1949 and 55 per cent greater than for 1945.

#### PRINCIPAL PROJECTS

Principal projects listed by the report in Sun's \$110,000,000 expansion program were:

1. Construction of a comparatively small but highly efficient refinery at Sarnia, Ontario, to meet customer demands in Canada.

2. Construction of extensive facilities at the Marcus Hook refinery to produce petro-chemicals for numerous products now in short sup-

Construction of four 30,000 deadweight ton super-tankers for the Company at Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company.

4. Plans for the most extensive oil well drilling program ever undertaken by the Company.

Expansion of capacity at the Toledo refinery and numerous projects to improve the quality and output of products are also included in the \$110,000,000 expansion program for

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS

Sun's consolidated gross operating income for 1951 was 16 percent higher than the previous year and the highest of any peacetime year, exceeded only by the \$600,800,000 received in 1944 when Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, wholly-owned subsidiary, delivered a record of 81 ships.

The Company earned 7.87 cents on each dollar of gross operating income, compared with 7.32 cents in 1950. This, coupled with the larger volume of business, resulted in the increase of approximately \$9,000,000 in net earnings.

Earnings in 1951 were equivalent to \$6.85 per share, compared with \$6.02 per share in 1950 on a smaller number of shares.

#### OPERATING RESULT S

Net production of crude oil and natural gas liquids last year totaled 40,758,115 barrels, an increase of 18 per cent over 1950 and a new alltime record.

An expanded drilling campaign coupled with higher rates of withdrawal established by state oil conservation agencies made this performance possible, the report stated.

Gross proved reserves of crude oil and natural gas liquids also reached a record level of 743,000 000 barrels, up 10,000,000 barrels from 1950. The Company also increased its holdings of producing and non-producing acreage in the United States and Canada, bringing the total to 9,000,000

New leases acquired included one and a quarter million acres in the Williston Basin of North Dakota.

The report pointed out that lease rentals and bonuses required in obtaining the new acreage have taken a sharp upward turn, indicative of the competitive pressure which is stimulating a widespread, intensified search for oil.

#### **GOT 411 PRODUCERS**

Including participation with others, Sun last year drilled and completed 600 wells of which 411 were producers. Of the 538 wells drilled by Sun alone, 343 were oil producers, 27 were gas distillate producers,

#### SUN OIL COMPANY PHILADELPHIA 3, PA.

JNO. G. PEW VICE PRESIDENT

April 3, 1952

Mr. A. J. Kirkpatrick The Observer Robert Lee, Texas

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I have your telegram of March 30th addressed to "Sun Oil Company, Philadelphia", asking for information as to what local projects might be considered in the Coke County area, as these projects might concern the extensive expansion program on the part of Sun Oil Company in 1952.

There is nothing pin-pointed at the moment necessarily for Coke County except of course to continue our rather aggressive drilling program in that area and probably to enlarge our facilities there as might be dictated because of the increase that would come about naturally in the handling of crude oil and products resulting from the increase in the number of

Sun Pipe Line Company is of course interested financially in the West Texas Gulf Line and we will naturally have to build a line from the Jameson Field to the receiving station in Scurry County to handle the production from the Jameson and Millican fields and any other production we might obtain in that general area.

Our relationship with the people around Robert Lee has been most cordial ever since we have made ourselves a resident of your community. We hope that our operations in that area will be for our mutual benefit and we are looking forward to continued pleasant associations in that area in

> Very truly yours, Jno. G. Pew

and 168 were dry holes.

New records were also established in the manufacturing end of the business as crude oil processed at the Marcus Hook and Toledo refineries totaled 74,895,160 barrels, an increase of slightly more than 18 per cent over 1950.

A Navy survey team has recommended that 31,000 tons of scrap in beached and sunken ships in the Aleutian area be returned to the United States to aid the ferrous scrap drive.

Nearing Mars

During the early part of 1952 the planet Mars will approach the Earth, coming within a little more than fifty million miles in May, when it will be prominent throughout the night. For some months after that it will continue to be visible in the evening sky, although it will gradually get fainter as it recedes from the Earth. In 1954 and 1956 it will make still closer approaches to the Earth.

St. Peter is said to be buried on the Vatical Hill in Rome.

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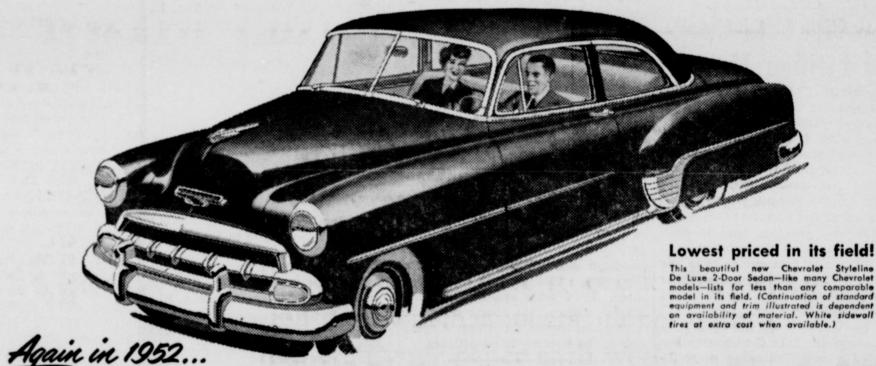
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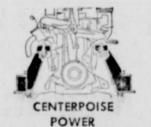
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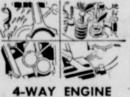
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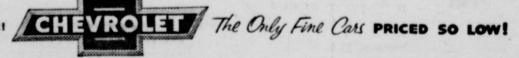
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The 2700 official inspection stations licensed so far are inspecting some 50,000 cars per week and in order to inspect all the cars in the State by the deadline, September 6th, the number of cars inspected per week will have to be doubled.

There can be no further extension of the deadline and operators of vehicles not inspected on September 7 will be subject to arrest. The law provides a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for any person guilty of operating a vehicle after September 7th when such vehicle has not been inspected and approved.

More and more stations are being licensed in Texas daily and the operators of these stations are waiting to faithfully and honestly inspect your car at your earliest convenience. Take your car to the inspection station of your choice and get your approval certificate while LEEPER SUPPLY CO. there is plenty of time and no wait-

When you get your approval certificate on your car you will take pride in knowing that your car is safe to operate and that you are helping to contribute to a safer Tex-

Harvey Chevrolet Co. in Robert Lee has been set up as an official inspection station in the past month and Ivey Motor Co. has recently been approved. Other inspection stations in the county are Caperton Chevrolet Co. and the Home Motor Co. at Bronte.

#### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart of Prescott, Ariz., are back in West Texas for a two weeks vacation. They visited in Robert Lee with Ray's mother, Mrs. C. D. Stewart, and his brother, Marven, and were also guests of Earl Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ruth. Mrs. Ray spending some time with their son, county.

Mrs. J. M. Jackson and son, James, of San Angelo were in Robert Lee Saturday visiting relatives and old friends and looking after business matters. James is employed by the San Angelo Co. and is taking some night school advanced work at San Angelo College.

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#### NOTICE

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#### SMART ROOKIE

The sergeant was quizzing a group of rookies. "Smith," he asked, what's the first thing you do when cleaning a rifle?"

"I look at the number," answered the private. "What's that got to do with it?"

the sarge barked. "That," answered Smith, "is to make sure I'm cleaning my own gun!"

#### Let's Get Straight!

A gangling youth walked to the clerk of the court and announced he wanted a marriage license. "Certainly," said the clerk. "Where's the bride-elect?"

"What d-ya mean, bride-elect?" asked the youngster. "There warn't no election-this gal appointed her-

#### Hot Seat

"Look," the attorney pleaded with his client, "you've just got to give me more facts to work with. Don't you understand, man, that you're facing the electric chair?"

The prisoner looked not at all concerned. "That's okay by me," he said. "Just make sure I don't have to sit in it!"

#### Changing Transport

A century or more ago farmers brought milk to city homes in cans hanging from yokes on their shoulders. Today the distribution of milk in the United States involves about 190,000 motor trucks alone, not to mention the extensive use of railroad transport.

#### Widens Field

The extension of radio engineering, with its application in radar, television and control units, has increased the wide field of uses for malleable nickel.

#### Need Not Be Matched

Blood plasma does not have to be typed or matched with the blood of wounded soldiers who receive trans-

#### Lifting Gasses

Both hydrogen and helium are lighter than air, and so can be used to fill balloons to lift objects. Helium is widely used nowadays because it will not burn and is therefore much safer, even though its lifting power is not quite as great. To lift a weight of one pound requires about 13 cubic feet of hydrogen or about 14 cubic feet of helium, at normal atmospheric pressure.

#### Yes, There's an Easy Way To

### Pay Your Bills

It's as simple as A-B-C. Deposit your money in a checking account. When bills come in, sit at your desk at home, make out checks and send them by mail.

Your cancelled checks are legal receipts. Your checkbook stubs provide a perfect record for all transactions. Open a checking account tomorrow. It's the easy way to pay your bills.

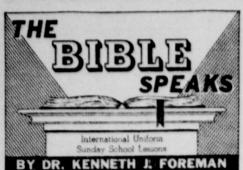


### Robert Lee State Bank

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SCRIPTURE: John 11:14-16; 14:1-6; 20:24-29.

DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 28:1-10.

#### The Risen Lord

Lesson for April 13, 1952

IN all the chorusing Easter music, in all the multitudinous many-voiced "I believe . . .," in the midst of the Easter lilies, is it hard to

believe? Some find it so and feel ashamed that in the presence of others' bright faith their own doubts rise darkly dim, their faith once clear and warm now grown opaque and cold. It is at Easter time that such a person finds



his case most tragic. Doubt that echoes a universal loss of faith is almost natural; but why must doubt stand like a dark rock in a sunny meadow, cold in the midst of flowing springtime?

#### The Man of Dark Mind

TRAGIC such loss of faith may be; but not new. For in Christ's first Twelve—we must say first Eleven, for Judas had sold himself to another—even in that choice company there was one who, on the First Easter, when the voice of all his friends spoke as one: He is risen! could only answer, Is he risen, indeed?

The church has given the name of Saint to these eleven men; they will not deny it to Saint Thomas. For sainthood is not confined to those who have never wrestled with doubt; saints are not only those in whose eyes God and his ways have been always clearly seen.

High in the roll of Christian saints is the name of Tomas, a man of dark but honest mind. His doubt was very like him. He was not a man who most easily believed what was most pleasant.

When Jesus had set his face to go to Jerusalem, the other Ten looked for a Throne, and thrones for all; Thomas alone looked for death. Yet in the very hour, cheered by no bright illusion, Thomas could say what no other did: "Let us go too that we may die with him."

In the upper room at the Last Supper, again the voice of Thomas bespoke his dark mind. "We know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

So it could have been small surprise to the Ten that when they went to Thomas with the glad news of Easter Day, he was slow to believe.

#### The Last Beatitude

NOW the Lord Christ did not rebuke this man Thomas, when at last the two came face to face once more; nor did he praise him. He knew that Thomas had acted as a Thomas will.

But our Lord also looked down the centuries, to us and beyond. Thomas had not asked the impossible; but soon, soon would come the time when a request like his could not be granted.

Not forever could Christ be seen on earth with the visible eye. To only a few would be granted even the dream or vision of what Saint Thomas could have touched if he had dared.

The time was shortly coming when men must believe, if they believe at all, without seeing. Easter days would come and go, and voice of faith would rise in a thousand songs: He is risen! But not on any Easter, for twice a thousand years at least, would Christ return to break bread with his friends in such a way that doubt could no longer be. Blessed are they that have not seen, and vet—!

#### Serpent's Mouth

Off Venezuela is the turbulent strait called Boca de la Sierpe—the Serpent's Mouth—which the U.S. Army guarded with a coast artillery base during World War II. Columbus named these straits when he first reached South America in 1498.

Using Coal

Despite the tremendous growth of the automobile and other machines not fueled by coal, the U.S. consumes more coal per person per day than it did 50 years ago

#### NEW CHEVROLETS

Harvey Motor Co. reports sales of the following new ears during the past month:

Empire Drilling Co., 2-door sedan. Morris-Hamilton Dri'ling Co., 2-door sedan

door sedan. C. A. Ramsey, 2-door sedan.

M. J. Krall, pickup.

John W. Gould, 2-door sedan.

Morgan Dr. Co., Belaire coupe.

Humble Oil & Ref. Co., pickup.

#### The Risen Lord

SO Saint Thomas was wrong, and right. He was wrong if he thought: I cannot believe unless I see. The Christian way is not the seeing that is believing; it is the believing that is seeing.

But he was right if he thought: I must believe for myself, I can take no other man's faith for my own. And he was right at the last: "My Lord and my God!"

Was Thomas only a man of temperament, a man easily blown from depth of doubht to height of faith? By no means. He knew what difference Easter makes, once the truth of it comes home to a man's mind.

If the message of Easter is not true, Christ is dead,—rather Jesus is dead and there is no Christ, his brain is dust, his dream a cobweb in the wind of death. But if the message of Easter is true—and the whole Christian church is witness that it is true—then Christ who lived again on Easter morning lives forever past all the mornings of the world, lives to be man's only king, reigning from the very right hand of God.

If Easter is not true, we shall walk softly as befits those in mourning on the return of a day of sorrow; if Easter is true we shall say and sing with Thomas and all the saints:

My Lord and My God!

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#### Personals

C. M. Byrd reports that his wife is much improved from a serious illness which caused her to be hospitalized four weeks. She is convalescing in the home of her son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Paul Killam is taking an enforced vacation from her work in the Dickey law office because of an infection which has caused a temporary paralysis of facial muscles.

Mrs. O. V. Looney is a guest this week in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jack Smith, and husband in Brownwood. The Smiths came up for a weekend visit and took her home with them.

Dale and Jiggs Lofton and John Pahal and their wives motored to Villa Acuna, across from Del Rio, last Sunday and witnessed the bull fight.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. and daughters have moved to Childress where the former continues his work with the Morris-Hamilton drilling rig. Bob Fields recently leased the Wylie 640-acre ranch near here.

Jasper Gaines and wife of Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Robert Gaines and his wife of Post were recent guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaines. Robert was driving a new Buick which he recently purchased.

Mrs. Mabel Williams is visiting in Ballinger with her son, Jodie, and

**Funeral Home** 

### W. H. D. Council Sets Wife Dress Revue Date

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Members of the Council voted to buy the prize ribbons for the revue. It was also voted that expenses of three delegates, the agent, and council chairman who will go to the district meet at Colorado City April 17

be allowed.

National W. H. D. week, April 28May 3, will be recognized by Coke
Co. clubs with a picnic super and
tacky party the night of May 1 at
the Legion Hall.

Mrs. C. E. Arrott led the recreation.

Eddie Paul Good, Sun Oil Co. employee in Starr county, enjoyed a weekend visit with home folks in Robert Lee.

#### HELD FOR DESERTION

A charge has been filed in county court against Alvin Lara for failure to keep up child support payments of \$5 per week. The complaint was made by Lara's former wife. His payments were in arrears only a few weeks.

#### MOONBEAM CLUR

The 4-H Girls Moonheam club met Tuesday, April 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the seventh grade room with Miss Sharp as leader. Judy Stephenson was elected secretary-treasurer. It was announced that all garments entered in the dress revue must be finished and turned in by April 19.

—Judy Stephenson, Reporter.

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#### SILVER NEWS

P. T. A. NOTES

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Caperton Chevrolet and Butane Service Co. of Bronte.

In Robert Lee: McDonald Lumber Co., Robert Lee State Bank, Scott's Firestone Store and Service Station, Robert Lee Observer, Ivey Motor Co., Harvey Chevrolet Co. Mac's Cafe, Leeper Supply Co., Snead Barber Shop, Baker's Grocery, Farris City Drug, Bahlman Cleaners; and these individuals: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift, Jeff Dean, Paul Good and Weldon Fikes.

In Silver, Odom Drug, Jameson Service Station, Anderson Grocery, the Sun Cafe and Ernest Clendennen, portable welding service.

These ads paid for printing of the book. Our P. T. A. received 200 copies which have been divided among the Cubs, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts, to be sold for donations to their organizations. I hear they want to use it to start a "Hut Fund" and I think they may need one, don't you?-Sincerely, Mrs. Myrtle Jameson, Silver P. T. A. President.

We are so happy that Sun Oil Company let us stay a while longer with all the good people of Coke County. The Lord and the people have been wonderful to us. Love to all.—The G. B. "Gibby" Gebharts.

D. H. Caldwell, manager, says the Sun Fast Ball Team will start play next week in the Colorado City League.

#### SCHOOL ELECTION

A record number of voters turned out for the school trustee election last Saturday. J. L. Legg was re-elected to the board and two new members will be Hale Kincaid and P. E. Pew. Kincaid topped the field of nine candidates with 77 votes, Pew had 48 and Legg 39. The old board was scheduled to meet ard match book

Thursday night to wind up its work. Mr. Legg has served as board president the past two years.

one-half of the total county taxes, everyone. but this section of the county has provements.

received word from their niece, Mrs. | East 41st Street. Everyone welcome Paul Livensparger, announcing the to the three services daily, 10 a. m., death of her husband's father at 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.-Rev Lorene Mansfield, Ohio. Mrs. Livensparger Tyra, Pastor. is the former Mildred DeMoss who made her home with the Andersons at Silver.

#### SUN PERSONNEL CHANGES

Harley R. (Mitch) Mitchell, who has been a clerk in the Sun Gas plant at Silver the past two years, is being transferred this week to the Sun Natural Gasoline Plant at Starr county where he will become chief clerk. He will succeed Jack Lane, formerly of Silver, who is tant buyer in the Purchasing Department.

clerk in the production department here, has been transferred to Dalbeing succeeded by Donald D. Yarbro, a field clerk trainee.

Jerome Sirus is a new roustabout at the gas plant, having been transferred from the production departlittle daughter and will reside in Colorado City.

A farewell party for Mitch and Pee-Wee took place at the bunk house in Tubb Camp Saturday night. Both young men have a lot of friends here.

If we'd pay the same attention to the weeds as we do to flowers perhaps they would die like the rest of the plants.

There are 20 matches in the stand-

#### PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Pentecostal Church of God enjoyed another good service Mon-The new 2-mile stretch of pay- day night. Souls were saved and ing through the Sun camps is ready everyone enjoyed the good singing for black topping this week. Every- and music and the message from one is delighted with the fine im- God's Word. We are looking forprovement which has been awaited ward to next Monday night's service so long. Sun Oil Co. is paying about and extend a cordial invitation to

We would like to announce the not received its share of road im- Pentecostal Church of God's Bible onference April 23 and 24 at the Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson have | San Angelo church located at 400

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#### Rebuilding Hiway Thru Robert Lee

The Highway Department is rebuilding several blocks of paving through Robert Lee. Starting at the corner at the northwest edge of town where Highways 208 and 158 intersect, the project extends west to the curve where No. 150 turns west to Edith.

The work is being handled by Highway Department construction crews and is paid for from state road maintenance funds.

The new pavement will be wider and the grade is being raised a few inches which will provide better runoff drainage.

Highway engineers report the black topping crew will proceed to Silver after completion of the project in Robert Lee.

#### Simpson Angus Sale Brought \$3,225 Top

Black Gold Angus Farms of Robert Lee, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson, sold 58 females at auction Saturday for an average of \$793 a head. Five bulls went at a \$750 average, making a grand total price of \$785 on the 63 head.

Most of the animals went to points outside the West Texas drouth area. This was Simpson's third annual sale of top Angus breeding stock. The price was \$50 a head under last year, but Mr. Simpson said it was a very successful sale anyway.

Biggest price of the day was \$3,225 paid by Tom Daniels of Austin for a female, Alford's Georgina. This was a 2-year-old heifer with a young heifer calf at side.

lated from January 1.

#### SCHOOL NOTES

Robert Lee public schools will have a short Easter vacation, extending from Thursday afternoon until Tuesday morning.

At a school board meeting Tuesday night two new members were present. They included A. V. Sheppard, who was elected Saturday, and Jack Cowley, who was recently appointed to fill a vacancy. Chief item of business was the re-hiring of Sam Fowler as janitor.

Robert Lee placed second in the area one-act play contest at San Angelo College Saturday night. They had previously won the district and again gave a fine account of themselves, but were nosed out by Menard. Garland Davis and Johnnie Beth Snead, of the Robert Lee cast, were selected on the all-

Robert Lee was defeated 16-6 here last Thursday afternoon by the Bronte Longhorns. The Steers looked good at the start, but their pitching didn't hold out and errors helped with the defeat.

Miss Eula McCutchen has been in San Angelo the past ten lays to be near her niece, Elizabeth Ann (Shorty) Varnadore of Texon, who has been a pneumonia tient at Shannon hospital. The patient expected to be released Thursday. Miss Varnadore and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have shared a two-bed hospital

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harvey of Kaufman were guests over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell. The families were former neighbors at Kaufman

George W. Hale left Monday with his daughter, Mrs. Joy Blalok, for an extended stay in her home at The age of a race horse is calcu- Baytown. Mr. Hale is recovering from a recent slight stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks have received word that their son, Marion L. Sparks, had arrived in Japan. He enlisted in the Navy last the farm and livestock owned by May and is serving on a repair ship.

Foy Askins has resumed work as has held a good ranching job near mechanic in the Harvey Motor Co. Sonora for several years, plans to shop after returning from a brief move to his own place the first of sojourn to Arkansas.

Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick is recovering from virus pneumonia at Shannon hospital where she has been treated the past two weeks. She expects to return home Friday.

Mrs. James E. Garrett and daughter, Sally Margaret, of Vega are visiting this week with the former's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Lee.

#### 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 IRA GALLAWAY

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 E. B. FULLER

For Commissioner, Precinct 1: J. W. SERVICE

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

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Millican left Saturday for Hico where they will spend a few weeks looking after their son, Talmon. The latter, who

Robert Lee friends of Mrs. J. C. Strickland will be happy to learn that she was released from Shannon hospital Tuesday after being treated two weeks for neuritis. The Stricklands are former well-known Robert Lee residents.

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