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## COKE OIL PRODUCTION TO EXCEED HALF MILLION BBLs. THIS MONTH

Coke County will produce more than a half million barrels of oil during October. Records in the office of Sun Pipeline department at Silver indicate that firm alone will handle 483,000 barrels this month. That does not include production in the east half of the county, including the Bronte and Ft. Chadbourne fields.

All the 483,000 barrels mentioned above will come from Coke county wells, except 700 barrels from the Paramore lease in Nolan county and 3,500 from the McCabe and Nail wells in Mitchell county.

Although a large per cent of the crude is produced from Sun leases, that company also buys all the oil produced in the west half of the county and the McCutchen field east of Robert Lee.

The Millican field west of Edith will produce 74,497 barrels this month, October has 23 producing days and the allowable in the Millican field has been restored to normal since expansion of the gas plant has brought flaring under control.

The McCutchen field will produce about 18,000 barrels of oil divided as follows: Aurora Daisy McCutchen, 3,680; Union Daisy McCutchen, 9,200; Union Elizabeth McCutchen Estate, 4,64666; and Union Jim McCutchen, 46 barrels.

Sun also gathers production from the Lygay field south of the river at Silver and from the new producers being completed outside the Sun block west of Silver. Sun will get 34 barrels of oil from the Arledge field this month.

Sun has its own pipeline extending from Silver to Atlantic Pipeline station south of Bronte. However, Sun is part owner of a huge new pipeline extending from East Texas which will be in operation the first of the year. At that time oil now going to Bronte will be pumped to connect with the new pipeline in Scurry county.

Daily allowable production in the Jameson Reef at Silver is 111 barrels, and 100 barrels from the Strawn sand at Silver and the Millican Reef.

### PIPELINE EMPLOYEES

A roster of Sun pipeline employees at Silver follows:  
 J. D. Duplissay Dist. Foreman  
 C. L. Price, district gauger  
 J. A. Fuller, field gauger  
 E. W. Taylor, ass't. field gauger  
 John Stewart, ass't. field gauger  
 C. A. Dukes, ass't. field gauger  
 Jerry Gallier, connection foreman  
 Chester Barrett, dist. mechanic  
 Bill Dean, pumper  
 L. K. McKinnon, pumper  
 Rabon Martindale, pumper  
 J. E. Herford, pipeliner  
 Bob Richardson, pipeliner  
 Leslie Farr, relief pumper

Mrs. R. A. Dibrell arrived Sunday from Weslaco for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Carter Dibrell, and family.

### Coke County Hospital News

Oct. 8—Louis Gutierrez admitted.  
 Oct. 9 — John Allen admitted. Louis Gutierrez and Quincy Fontenot dismissed.  
 Oct. 10—Mrs. Charles Dennis admitted. Zelda Addcock dismissed.  
 Oct. 12—W. B. Bessent admitted.  
 Oct. 13—Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. C. Slaughter, J. W. McMinn admitted. Mrs. Charles Dennis dismissed.  
 Oct. 14—H. C. McMinn admitted.

## Curtis Walker Buys Local Hdwe. Store

Purchase of the Robert Lee Hardware by Curtis Walker was announced this week. The business has been owned the past few months by Ray Shafer.

The stock is being invoiced and Mr. Walker planned to open up for business the middle of the week. He will make a formal announcement in next week's Observer. The business will be conducted as the Walker Hardware.

Mr. Shafer has not announced his plans for the future, but he and his wife may decide to again engage in the grocery business.

## SUN PEOPLE TO MEET OFFICIALS

Oil Progress Week will be highlighted by top ranking Sun Oil Company officials, who will pay a visit to Coke County on Friday of this week.

Included in the official party will be Robert G. Dunlop, president, and Jno. G. (Jack) Pew, vice president, both of Philadelphia, Pa. They will be accompanied by S. M. Gladney, general manager of the Dallas Division, and J. B. Hamilton of Midland, district superintendent.

The group will fly into San Angelo Friday morning and proceed to Silver by auto. A luncheon meeting for all Sun employees and their wives will take place at the recreation hall in Tubb camp at noon, with a program of talks by the visiting officers to follow.

Messrs. Dunlop and Pew are making a swing through the southwest and midwest sections of the nation to inspect their holdings and meet with employees.

## Harvey to Preside At Fire Dept. Show

John D. Harvey, ex-mayor of Robert Lee who is now a resident of Colorado City, will act as master of ceremonies at the Style and Talent Show to be presented by the Robert Lee Volunteer Department and their Auxiliary, Tuesday night, Oct. 28, at the High School Auditorium. The show will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

If you are in doubt as to what will be worn by people in every walk of life, don't miss this show. You will have the time of your life and at the same time will be helping an organization that is serving you.

Tickets will be on sale over town. The admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children and all students.

Watch next week's paper for further particulars.

### SCHOOL HOUSE ROBBERIES

Both the Robert Lee and Bronte school buildings were burglarized Tuesday night. At each place main damage resulted to the soft drink vending machines which were broken open and the coins stolen. Sheriff Paul Good and Ranger Ralph Rohatsch started an immediate investigation.

Miss Bertie Gaines returned the last of the week from a vacation trip. She accompanied her friend, A/c3 Walter Keys, Jr. to Collins, Miss., where they visited his kin-folks. Keys is stationed at Carswell AFB in Fort Worth.

## FOUR DIVORCES GRANTED; PETIT JURY IS DRAWN

Four divorces were granted here Monday by Judge John Sutton at the opening day of the October term of District Court.

A grand jury went into secret session, but failed to make a report after the day's investigations. They are scheduled to meet again next Wednesday.

Grand jurors serving at this term include Fern Havins, foreman, W. O. Eubanks, Sr., Fred McDonald, Jr., James Allen, W. C. Duncan, J. N. Coalson, Collins Sayner, James F. Williams, Douglas Gartman Bob Edwards, D. H. Caldwell and Ralph Garvin.

Billy Andrews of Silver was given a divorce from Don Faye Andrews and plaintiff will retain custody of their year-old child.

A divorce was granted Elsie Lee Walls from Robert Clyde Walls. Plaintiff will have custody of their minor son and defendant is to pay \$75 monthly child support. Mrs. Walls is the former Elsie Elkins of Robert Lee.

A divorce petition filed by Mildred J. West against Frank C. West has been dismissed upon motion of the plaintiff.

Lurlyne Lofton obtained a divorce from Dale Lofton. There are no children. The plaintiff, who was formerly Lurlyne Pettit, now resides in Big Spring.

Mary Helen Garrett of Tennyson was divorced from Harold Monroe Garrett. She was given custody of their five minor daughters and \$125 per month child support.

Judge Sutton hopes to clean up the court docket during the term and has ordered a panel of 48 petit jurors to report for duty next Monday at 10 a. m. Several damage and compensation suits are to be disposed of.

The list of petit jurors:

W. D. McAdams, Genie Baker, Elmo Bell, C. E. Benningfield, Ben Boykin, John Brown, Leslie Copeland, T. C. Coffey, G. M. Davis, Lendy Devoll, W. H. Devine, Earl Boggs, G. K. Beall, E. R. Hargis, A. T. Holt, Hunter Howlett, Lewis Bridges, H. H. Brunson, Jack Dixon, W. M. Looney and Bill Terry.

And A. J. Vaughn, J. B. Morrow, J. M. Parker, J. P. Arrott, Chester Derrick, C. N. Webb, Finis Millican, Henry Carwile, Carl Hurley, Earl Davidson, D. O. King, L. R. Schooler, Ben Waldrop, Fred Roe, Jr., Tom Taylor, Chester Harwell, Victor Wojtek, Joe Rawlings, and Barton Waldrop.

Also Dan Middleton, W. W. Smith, Ollie Roe, Fred Jameson, J. B. Walker, Paul Burns, Ruppert Robbins and Earl Box.

### EX-STUDENTS TO ORGANIZE

A preliminary meeting for ex-students of Robert Lee high school was recently held and the following temporary officers were named. Weldon Fikes, Chairman; Kenneth Lackey, secretary; Edna Mae Wallace, assistant secretary; and Copey Davis, reporter. Another meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the high school and all interested ex-students are requested to attend. An effort is being made to hold the school's first annual homecoming on Nov. 21, date of the Bronte-Robert Lee football game.

Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick has been a patient at Coke County Memorial Hospital since Monday morning. She is much improved and expected to be dismissed Thursday evening.

## Editorial

### OIL PROGRESS WEEK

The period Oct. 12-18 is being observed over the nation as Oil Progress Week. Coke County is oil conscious and has firmly established itself as an area of major production.

Since Sun's discovery on Allen Jameson at Silver late in 1946 the oil play has increased steadily, and the end is not in sight. Wildcat tests are under way and oil men expect the discovery of new fields in Coke County. Major companies and Independents are busy developing their holdings in proven territory.

Coke County gained 66 producers during the first eight months of this year and there were 24 dry holes.

After a virtual shutdown of several months because of a steel shortage, drilling activity is increasing rapidly, with about 25 rotary rigs now at work in various sections of the county.

Oil has been a tremendous boost for Coke County. It has brought in vast sums of money through royalties and lease bonuses and rentals, coming at a time when we have been suffering from the most disastrous drought in history. It has provided good paying jobs for hundreds of men who are engaged one way or another in the oil business.

Oil properties have boosted the county's tax valuation to four times as much as the 4½ million dollars in 1946.

Yes, indeed, oil progress has meant everything to Coke County. Our hats are off in salute to the oil men and their employees.

## MISS BLACK IS COKE HD AGENT

Miss Jonell Black of Sherman has been engaged as Coke County Home Demonstration Agent and took over her duties Wednesday. The position has been vacant since July 1.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Black of Sherman, the new agent graduated from Abilene Christian College in August with a major in Home Economics.

Miss Black is a member of the Church of Christ. She is interested in outdoor sports as a hobby.

## Absentee Ballots Ready For Voters

Absentee voting for the Nov. 4 General Election began in Coke County Wednesday. Persons who expect to be absent on election day may vote up until three days prior to election day by appearing in person at the County Clerk's office or making an application for a ballot by mail.

County Clerk Weldon Fikes ordered a supply of 2,000 official ballots in expectation of a possible record vote. More than 1,600 votes were cast at the July primary. A quantity of sample ballots were also printed and will be available as long as the supply holds out. Some of them will be found at the newspaper offices in Bronte and Robert Lee, as well as at the County Clerk's office.

The ballot may be confusing this year. There has been a cross filing of state offices in both the Democratic and Republican columns, and voters may vote their choice by making an (X) in the squares or by using the old scratch system. Some definite ruling on voting is expected to be made public in the near future.

## STEER INJURIES RESULT IN LOSS TO HOBBS CLUB

Robert Lee Steers suffered their first defeat of the season at Hobbs last week. The score was 32-13.

The setback resulted from injuries which occurred to the Steer top pair of backs, Donny Duncan and Norman Roberts.

Duncan was taken out after the third play of the game, and Roberts, hurt in the second period, was handicapped throughout the remainder of the contest.

Robert Lee did all right during the first half and led 13-6 at rest time. Bill Carwile, Steer end, intercepted a pass attempt on the Panther 25-yard line and ran for a touchdown. Later in the second quarter Bill Havins completed a 30-yard pass to Norman Roberts, who went 15 yards to score. Hobbs scored near the end of the half after recovering a fumble on the Steer 8-yard line.

With Big Bill Etheridge, Earl Neves and Melvin Thompson carrying the freight Hobbs could not be stopped during the second half. The Panther second counter came in the third period when Etheridge completed a 45-yard pass play to Neves. Hobbs annexed three more TDs in the final quarter.

### PLAY LORAIN THIS WEEK

Robert Lee journeys to Loraine Friday night of this week for a roneference tussle with the bulldogs. Loraine took a 20-0 victory from Ira last week, and is expected to give the Steers plenty of competition.

Neither Duncan nor Norman Roberts will see action against Loraine. Duncan has a bad knee and Roberts has a foot injury, with possible bone fractures. However, it is hoped both will be ready when Hermleigh comes here next week. The Steer lineup seems to have been scrambled, but good. Bill Havins who did a wonderful job at Hobbs, will again bear the brunt of the backfield chores. Ad Davis has an ailing knee, but will be in there doing some of the passing and ball carrying. Wallace Farris has a bad shoulder.

### GLOOMY OUTLOOK

The Steers and their backers were disappointed over the Hobbs licking. Eyes were being cast on the 5-B district championship. Followers of the team believe Robert Lee would have defeated the Panthers if Duncan and Roberts had not been injured. Future success depends largely on their recovery.

There will be a lot of passing against Loraine, but how successful it will turn out remains to be seen. The Steer aerial attack and defense has not been outstanding.

Hermleigh Cardinals loom up as the team to beat in the conference. They licked Coahoma last week, and previously had a win over Hobbs. The Steer's last chance will be to knock off Hermleigh here next week. If Hermleigh wins that one, Robert Lee will look forward to trying to annex the Coke county title instead of the district.

### HOBBS AT BRONTE

Bronte Longhorns entertain the Hobbs Panthers Friday night of this week. The Longhorns fell before Trent last Friday by a 13-7 score.

### THREE COKE DRAFTEES

Neill D. Adkins of Robert Lee, Bobby Earl Seltz of Abilene, former Robert Lee resident, and Elward M. Rogers of Bronte were among 28 draftees who went to Abilene Wednesday for induction into the armed forces.

## HERE'S LIST OF SUN EMPLOYEES AT GAS PLANT

Following is a list off Sun employees connected with operation of the Jameson Natural Gasoline plant at Silver, and their classifications:

H. P. Pew, Superintendent  
 J. D. Gilbert, Plant Foreman  
 E. R. Pace, Plant Engineer  
 J. E. Payne, Sales Representative, (Gas Dept.)  
 J. A. Warren, Plant Chemist  
 A. D. Kennard, Jr. Gas Engineer  
 Bob Edwards, Chief Clerk  
 Roy J. Overturf, Field Clerk  
 Royce Absher, Field Clerk  
 Hunter W. Howlett, Inspector  
 Jack B. O. Burgess, Construction Foreman  
 N. K. Cheatam, Compressor Station Operator  
 A. T. Holt, Distillation Operator  
 G. D. Screws, Distillation Operator  
 O. L. Snyder, Distillation Operator  
 O. W. Newell, Distillation Oper-

ator  
 Henry Baker, Engine Operator  
 T. W. Lyles, Engine Operator  
 C. E. Butcher, Engine Operator  
 G. E. Conners, Engine Operator  
 P. A. Post, Engine Operator  
 C. W. Cypert, Engine Operator  
 E. R. Hargis, Operator 2 Class  
 F. P. Brown, Operator 2 Class  
 L. A. Weigle, Jr., Operator 2 Class  
 Doyle W. Holland, Loading Rack Man  
 Wayne S. Reed, Repairman 1 Class  
 D. H. Caldwell, Repairman 2 Class  
 C. N. Aldridge, Repairman 2 Class  
 S. T. Brasher, Repairman 2 Class  
 D. T. Hollingsworth, Roustabout  
 R. M. Tunnell, Roustabout  
 S. M. Reeves, Roustabout  
 J. E. Hollis, Roustabout  
 Jerome Sirus Roustabout



Oil Progress Week is October 12th-18th

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This week we join these oilmen in observing Oil Progress Week. By their continuous, faithful service to you and the nation, America's thousands of competing oil companies have helped make every week of the year Oil Progress Week.

**McMILLAN**  
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## FULLER SHOVES NOMINATION AS COKE ATTORNEY

E. B. Fuller has decided he don't want to be Coke County Attorney and is moving back to Austin this week.

He notified County Chairman R. B. Allen that he wished to withdraw as the Democratic nominee. However, his request came too late as the ballots had been printed.

Fuller's will be the only name on the ballot for County Attorney, but he does not intend to qualify for the office and the Commissioners Court will fill the office by appointment the first of the year.

Fuller won the nomination in the July primary over Frank C. Dickey. He has been offered a good position in Austin with an insurance claim adjustment concern, and felt that the opportunity was more attractive.

## SUN OIL NEWS

Sun Mathers No. 42 had reached 5,885 feet in shale Tuesday and was preparing to core through sand.

Sun Central Bank-No. 7 south of the river at Silver was drilling in shale at 5,405 feet.

Sun C. E. Mathers 13-A spudded this week and cemented surface pipe at 600 feet. Empire Drilling Co. is the contractor. Rotary was moved from Jameson Reef Unit 9-D (formerly Brannan 9) where the hole was deepened 148 feet in the lime reef. In a test early this week the well flowed 111 barrels through a 1/4-inch choke.

Brooks & Turner will move in equipment to deepen Sun A-7 Mathers, a lime producer.

Baker & Taylor was rigging up on Sun No. 21 Brannan, scheduled sand test. Rotary was moved from Chester Hunter No. 2 J. B. Walker, Jr., a new producer.

## SILVER School Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 20

Barbecued Ham Chunks with Sauce; Green Beans; Honeyed Beets; 1/2 Orange, Sliced; Cookies; Potatoes in Jacket; Bread with Butter; Sweet Milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Chicken Pie; Green Peas Buttered; Chilled Tomatoes; Celery; Frozen Peaches; Bread and Butter; Sweet Milk.

Wednesday Oct. 22

Hamburger Steak, Gravy; Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce; Potato Chips; Muffins, Sauce; Bread and Butter; Sweet Milk.

Thursday, Oct. 23

Chili Beans; Spanish Rice; Cabbage Carrot Slaw; Onion and Cheese; Ice Cream Sandwich; and Sweet Milk.

Friday, Oct. 24

Oven Fried Fish, Lemon; Tomatoes and Lettuce Salad; Onion Rings; Fried Potatoes; Iced Cake Squares; Tea; Bread and Butter.

## Want Ads

FOR SALE — Three-room house and furniture and 2 lots; nice cellar, 250-gal. butane tank, located 2 blocks east of court house. \$1,800.00. See C. E. McDonald or write J. D. Black, Rt. 5, Levelland, Tex.

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

### 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.

FOR SALE—2x4 shorts, 3 1/2 c per board ft. Houses just as cheap. MESQUITE LUMBER CO. Build M. Cheap Samuelson, Prop. 19tf

PAINT — Pittsburgh Rubberized Satin Finish Wallhide for all inside work. Use it on paper, wallboard, wood, cement, anything. Dries in 15 minutes.—LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

Mail your Kodak film to Etz Studio & Camera Shop, Sweetwater, Texas. 120 eight exposure rolls, 50 cents, 12 exposure rolls 70 cents. 16 eight exposure rolls 58 cents. All prints jumbo size. Prompt service, good work. Send cash with order.

FOR RENT—Two bedroom house with bath. Located across from the High School. Palmer Leeper.

LUMBER—2 x 4s and 2 x 6s, all lengths, 5 cents per board foot. MESQUITE LUMBER CO., Build M. Cheap Samuelson, Prop. 16tf

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

NOTICE — This is to advise the public that the place operated by me (Sections 6 and 8) has been posted against hunters or any trespassers. I have had some stock killed and must protect myself in the future.—Charlie Arnold, Silver, Texas. 18w8p

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

FOR SALE—Business building 25 x 35 to be moved. All new, reasonably priced. T. H. Harzke, Box 635, Sterling City, Texas. 1p

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Phone 158 In J. P. Majors Co.  
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We are proud to have had a part in furnishing housing, lumber, cement, drilling mud, etc., used in the oil field developments.

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ROBERT LEE

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## THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

YAMS	Lb	12 1/2c
BANANAS Golden Fruit	Lb	12 1/2c
LETTUCE Nice, firm heads	Lb	14c
<b>Crisco</b>	<b>3 lbs</b>	<b>79c</b>

Yellow Wax Beans, No. 2 can	2 for	29c
Deer Brand Spinach, No. 2 can	each	10c
PRUNE PLUMS Large 2 1/2 can		25c
Cut Green Beans, Our Value	2 cans	29c
Diamond Mustard Greens, No. 2	2 cans	29c

**PORK ROAST** Semi-Boneless **1b 49c**

**WIENERS** **1 lb cello 49c**

**Fresh Ground Hamburger 49c**

**BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.**

## Your Progress and Oil Progress Go Hand in Hand



Oil Progress Week  
October 12th-18th

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Robert Lee 92 PHONES Bronte 123

**SUN PRODUCTION  
DEPT. LISTS  
34 EMPLOYEES**

Following is a list of Sun Oil Company's employees in the Production Department of the area office at Silver:

- J. B. Higginbotham, Asst.Fld. Supt.  
R. K. Beggs, Foreman  
William Devine, Area Geologist  
Hale Kinkaid, Foreman  
Jack Mowbray, Foreman  
H. E. Ellis, Jr. Petr. Engr.  
Carl Grubenman, Petr. Engr.  
E. B. Martin, Petr. Engr.  
A. P. Gilbert, Chief Clerk  
J. D. Keith, Prod. Clerk  
Earl Boggus, Pumper  
J. A. Clifton, Oil Tester  
George Fugate, Pumper  
O. W. Gatlin, Pumper  
R. H. Godwin, Pumper  
C. M. Haigood, Pumper  
L. E. Heuvel, Pumper  
O. W. Higginbotham, Pumper  
L. W. Houtchens, Pumper  
C. A. Kennedy, Pumper  
E. E. Lindsey, Pumper  
F. E. Latick, Pumper  
E. C. McArthur, Pumper  
M. D. Miller, Pumper  
W. W. Paul, Pumper  
W. A. Preston, Pumper  
C. A. Ramsey, Pumper  
J. D. Smith, Jr., Pumper  
C. G. Walker, Pumper  
B. D. McDougle, Foreman  
Donald D. Yarbro, Field Clerk  
William E. Stone, Field Clerk  
Trainee  
Ottis H. Ramsey, Field Clerk  
Trainee  
K. O. Carter, Field Clerk Trainee

**PMA SIGN-UP IS  
NOW UNDER WAY**

During the week since PMA Community Commitmen began making farm-by farm visits in connection with the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program, a number of farms have been visited and have designated practices to be carried out next year, says Oscar E. Kresta, Chairman of the Coke County PMA Committee.

In each of Coke County's three agricultural communities, the elected PMA community committeemen is visiting each farm, checking the major conservation needs and determining how the program can best be used to meet there needs.

The Chairman explains that this is one of the steps being taken to protect and improve the country's soil and water resources as a means of keeping pace with the nation's increasing population. The assistance available for 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program operations will be directed to the most needed conservation on each farm cooperating in the program.

According to the chairman, by concentrating on the most needed conservation work in Coke county and obtain more conservation for each dollar of program available.

Due to the limited amount of time and money to do this sign up program the community committeemen will not have time to make but one visit to each farm. If when your committee contacts you and you have not decided on what practices that you are going to carry out for next year, the committeemen will not be able to contact you again, but you will need to go see your committeeman or you will not be able to carry out any practice under the 1953 program.

Anyone that does not contact his committeeman and sign-up by Dec. 1, 1952 will not be eligible to participate in the 1953 ACP program.

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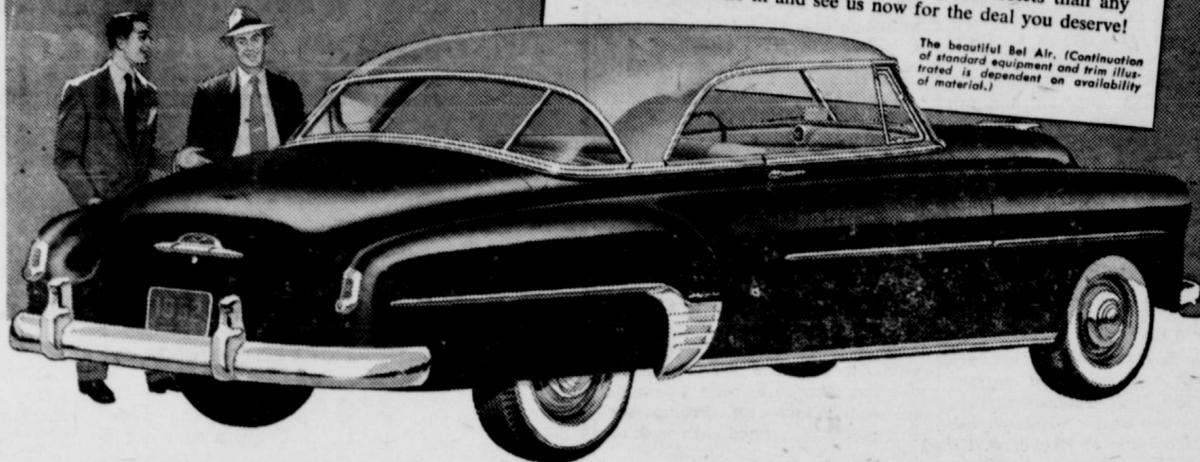
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**Announcement**

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**It will be a pleasure to serve you. See us for your Building Material Needs:**

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- ★ Title I Home Improvement Loans
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**McMillan Lumber Co., Inc.**

MELVIN MOODY, Manager

# **Sun Oil Company**

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Its People Are Playing in the**

## **PROGRESS — OF — COKE COUNTY**

A Company's strength lies in its people with their vast variety of skills-pooled for the common good, their hands and their hearts, their spirit and know-how, and the honest purpose of their work.

Coke County is home to many Sun people. They are doing their part as members of the successful Sun team.

They are loyal citizens, contributing to the social and civic life of their communities. They share in your pride over Coke County's rapid advancement in recent years, happy that they and their company have had a part in it.

**Petroleum Promotes  
Progress**

## WILL INCREASE CAPACITY OF SUN GAS PLANT

Work starts in earnest next week on an expansion project at Sun's Jameson gasoline plant at Silver, according to the superintendent, H. P. Pew.

The plant is now carrying an overload by processing 28 million cubic feet of gas daily. To relieve the load a new type Cooper-Bessmer compressor will be installed, and changes will be made to increase the horse power of the other five compressors.

Supt. Pew says Gasoline Plant Construction Co. of Houston will furnish the labor with Charlie Murphy as foreman. Jack Burgess will be Sun's construction foreman.

There are eight injection wells in the Jameson field in which gas is pumped back into the formation. Flaring is kept at a minimum.

The same contractor and crews have just completed an enlargement of Sun's re-pressuring plant in the Millican Field.

## Discuss Plans For Turkey Show Nov. 1

Coke County 4-H Club Turkey Growers and their parents met Tuesday night in the County Agent's office to make final plans for the Annual Coke County Junior Market Turkey Show. Committees were set up and other agreements were reached concerning price of turkeys, number to show, etc. It was agreed that the price of show turkeys be set at about 4c above market price at time of the show and that a difference of 2c be made between hens and toms.

The show will be held at Robert Lee, November 1. Everyone is urged to arrange your turkey through the show, by so doing encourage your home 4-H Boys and Girls.

The eye responds more quickly to stimuli than the ear.

H. J. Gartman writes to have his Observer sent to Sterling City. He is receiving treatment at the Sterling hospital while his wife is staying their with son, T. Gartman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and daughters, Gloria and Gayle Margaret, were guests last week in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace. They went on to Littlefield to visit his folks this week. Mr. Allen is in the Stanolind division office at Ft. Worth.



## Notes From The Oil Field

R-H-K Drilling Co. is rigging up on Seaboard's No. 1 Marvin Simpson, four miles northwest of Robert Lee. The wildcat will be two miles south and slightly west of Murphy No. 1 Cortez Russell, failure drilled late in 1949.

Baker & Taylor Drilling Co. spudded this week on Davon Oil Co. No. 1 Chapman on the Divide 15 miles west and slightly south of Robert Lee.

Location is 1,980 feet from the north and 1,985 feet from the west lines of Section 302-2-H&TC. It is about four miles southwest of the Millican Field.

Chester Hunter, well known Dallas independent oil operator, has completed his second producer on J. B. Walker, Jr., southwest of Silver. An official test has not been recorded, but Hunter told The Observer Tuesday, the well was flowing 8 or 9 barrels per hour through a one-eighth inch choke.

Kewanee No. 1 Wendland, southwest of Robert Lee, was reported early this week drilling below 5,400 feet in lime.

Southwestern No. 2 Phelan west of Silver was coring in sand Tuesday at 6,155 feet.

Southwestern No. 2 Russ Mathers was drilling at 6,370 feet.

Clark & Dale Drilling Co. was rigging on LaGloria No. 1 A. E. Moore at Silver.

## SUN PRODUCERS IN COKE COUNTY NOW NUMBER 200

Sun Oil Company has a total of 206 producing oil wells which are under supervision of the area office at Silver. Most of them are located in Coke County.

There are 10 different fields, with the wells being divided as follows:

Jameson (Reef) .....	138
Jameson (Sand) .....	17
Millican (Edith) .....	37
Arledge .....	3
Lygay .....	3
Tom Green County .....	6
Nolan Co. (Paramore) .....	1
Bloodworth (5,000 ft sand) .....	1
South Lygay (Blanks Perkins) .....	1

## Personals

Mrs. J. C. Slaughter arrived Sunday from Missouri where she spent some time with her son, Ray Ledbetter. She entered Coke County Memorial Hospital here Monday for treatment for asthma, and is much improved.

Grave concern is expressed over the condition of W. B. Bessent, who is suffering from a heart ailment. He returned from the Winters Clinic last Thursday and Sunday entered Coke County Memorial Hospital. He is being kept under an oxygen tent. Several of his children from a distance have arrived including Allen Bessent and family of Parker Dam, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Welch and son of New Blaine, Ark., and Warren and Alvin Bessent of Pecos. Mr. Bessent, a long time resident of the community, recently passed his 81st birthday.

## Robert Lee Observer

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J. W. McMinn, 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn was hospitalized here Monday with pneumonia and the following day his father was taken to the hospital with a similar ailment. Both patients were doing fairly well yesterday. The McMinn's operate Mac's cafe in Robert Lee.

G. C. Allen and Cumbie Ivey of Robert Lee, L. T. Youngblood of Bronte and Frank Cannon of San

Angelo represented the Upper Colorado River Authority at the Texas Water Conservation's annual convention in Mineral Wells on Monday and Tuesday.

Encouraging reports come from the bedside of Mrs. M. W. (Buster) Farris, who is a patient in a Brownwood, where she underwent major surgery early last week and for a time her condition was critical.

Your Progress and Oil Progress go Hand in Hand



Oil Progress Week is October 12th-18th

We are happy to play an important part in developing oil production in West Texas, and extend our congratulations to the oil men and employees.

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We congratulate the Oil Industry on its outstanding Progress.

## Permian Mud Service

R. D. GARRETT  
Field Representative

## WHAT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT MEANS TO US

(Prize Winning Essay written by Billie Allen, Robert Lee High School Senior.)

Our fire department is a wonderful organization. It is the most useful organization in our town.

The fire department helps prevent fires by furnishing fire extinguishers, sponsoring fire drills in our schools, and by inspecting our town.

The members of the fire department are always ready to help those who need help at anytime. They are willing to fight fires any hour of the day or night. They never hesitate to go to a fire any place. Once at a scene, they are ready to go to work. They are calm men who think and work very fast, and risk their own lives to save anyone who is trapped in a burning building. Fire plugs have been placed in convenient places throughout the city; therefore the fire truck can be filled quickly. The firemen never leave the scene of a fire until the last spark is out. They also know how to adjust the pressure which is very important in fire fighting.

The members of our fire department volunteer for this important job. They have regular drills and courses on various subjects that are included in fire fighting. These men are very dependable.

Our members take excellent care of the equipment. The truck is kept in very good condition. It is ready to go anywhere at anytime, and as fast as is necessary.

Our fire department and its auxiliary prepare gifts and donations for the needy families in our town. Christmas they collect old toys, repair and paint them, and distribute them among children of needy families who would not get to enjoy a nice Christmas otherwise.

The fire department sprays our town to help rid it of flies and mosquitoes. It sponsors clean-up drives. As citizens, it is our duty to co-operate with the fire department in every way that we can to help build a better record for our town.

## Officers Elected By Green Mt. HD Club

The Green Mt. Home Demonstration club met at the Community Center for its regular meeting Oct. 7. One new member, Mrs. Finis Millican, was enrolled, and the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Ed Garvin, President  
Mrs. Sam Duncan, Vice President  
Mrs. Fred Ashworth, Sec., Treas.  
Mrs. Joe Garvin, Council Delegate

Mrs. Finnell Smith, Alternate Delegate

Mrs. Finis Millican, Reporter  
Mrs. Wilburn Millican Clothing Demonstrator.

Six members were present and two visitors. The visitors were Mrs. Hendry of Sterling City and Mrs. Mary Weir of Sanatorium. It was voted to have all day meetings and quilt, each one bringing a covered dish for lunch. Two quilts were quilted, one for Mrs. Ed Garvin and one for Mrs. Sam Duncan. — Mrs. Finis Millican, Reporter.

## Anderson Takes Over Silver Station

R. S. Anderson this week took over operation of the Silver Service Station which has been under lease by Ramey Jameson. Mr. Anderson and his wife own the property.

Anderson said he will continue to handle Humble gas and oil products and he hopes to give the community a first class station.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson also own and operate the store at Silver and are among the leading community boosters. They have some producing wells on their property which lies to the north and east of Sun's Jameson and Tubb camps.

Charles Goodyear first manufactured rubber overshoes.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT

The monthly session of the Coke County Commissioners Court took place here Monday, with routine matters occupying most of the day. A quarterly report by Treasurer Ruby L. Pettit was approved and placed on file. Permission was granted for Southwestern Natural Production Co. to construct a suspension foot bridge across the Colorado River west of Silver. The Company holds an oil lease on the Arnold property which extends on two sides of the river and they are now engaged in drilling for oil in

that area. The suspension bridge would be used in case of high water.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Millican motored Sunday to Hico for a visit with their son, Talmon, and wife. Mrs. Millican remained for a visit and plans to visit her sons in Austin and San Antonio before returning to Robert Lee. She has not been well lately and it is thought the trip may be beneficial.

A pound of ice occupies more space than a pound of water.

## Home Owners and Those Who Want to Build New Houses

We are now prepared to arrange financing for FHA Title I Loans for Remodeling and Repairing your home. Borrow up to \$2,500 with three years to pay.

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## OCT-12-18 THIS IS OIL PROGRESS WEEK



# Progress 1952

Texans have a natural interest in the oil industry, which is so important in our State, and in the progress made since Oil Progress Week was last observed.

Here are a few quick facts:



**New Wells**—During the twelve months ending August 31, 1952, the Texas oil industry drilled 17,000 new wells, at a cost of over \$700 million. Most of the heavy expense of drilling these new wells was paid from earnings plowed back into the development of the State's oil resources.

**Transportation**—The total mileage of Texas' trunk pipe lines for oil and finished products is over 29,000. This low-cost transportation system is a major factor in the maintenance of the low prices you pay for petroleum products.

**Production**—Production has reached a record level. Texas currently is producing about 46 per cent of all the crude oil produced in the U. S. In the year ending August 31, Texas production totaled about 1,015 million barrels. There are now 133,800 producing oil wells in Texas.

**Reserves**—Proved oil reserves in Texas of 18 billion barrels represented 57 per cent of the U. S. total at the beginning of 1952. During 1951, the last year for which figures are available, proved reserves increased two billion barrels. These are developed oil reserves and the figure is important: developed reserves supply our needs currently and provide reserve capacity that is immediately available when we need it.

**Refining**—The Texas refineries will have a big year. They now employ, in round numbers, 46,000 Texans, and process about 28% of all the oil refined in the U. S. The daily refining capacity of all Texas refineries exceeds 2,000,000 barrels. A program to expand and improve these facilities has been general throughout the industry.

**Taxes**—The Texas oil industry continues to be the largest tax-payer in the State. Through the year ending August 31, gross production taxes alone on Texas oil and natural gas amounted to more than \$137 million; in addition, the industry pays large amounts in other taxes.

### HUMBLE

#### TEXAS OPERATIONS

Twelve Months Ending August 31, 1952

Wells Drilled . . . . .	891
Average Production, in barrels daily . . . . .	330,100
Employees in Texas, August 31 . . . . .	17,775
Baytown Refinery:	
Average crude runs to stills, barrels daily . . . . .	249,310
Humble Pipe Line Co. operates 5,895 miles of trunk lines for oil and finished products, which had transported a daily average of 722,600 barrels in the year ending August 31.	

In brief, the Texas oil industry during the past year continued to do its part in meeting the demand for oil. It has expanded pipelines to provide low-cost transportation. It has improved facilities for making more and better petroleum products for your use. Today, two gallons of gasoline do work that required three gallons in 1925; and the gasoline costs no more than it did then.

**HUMBLE OIL & REFINING CO. \* HUMBLE PIPE LINE CO.**

## ODESSA FIRM BUYS CRAGIN LUMBER YARD

The Cragin Lumber & Supply of Robert Lee has been sold to McMillan Lumber Co., Inc. Mr. Cragin retains ownership of the real estate and buildings.

President and principal owner of the concern is Hugh McMillan of Odessa. The company has yards in Odessa, Midland and Lovington, N. Mex., and specializes in oil field lumber and drilling mud.

The change became effective Oct. 1 with Delvin Moody being transferred here from Odessa as manager. A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Moody has had wide experience in the lumber business and was with Long-Bell for five years.

His wife is the former Geneva Cribbs of Fletcher, Okla. They have four children, Ronald, Sandra Kaye, Rebecca and Stephen. The Moody family will move to Robert Lee this weekend.

S. B. Cragin, Jr., who has been in charge of the business here the past year leaves this week for Odessa where he will be employed in the McMillan lumber yard. He and his wife take with them the

best wishes of local friends.

M. V. Hemphill will continue at his present position as bookkeeper.

S. B. Cragin, Sr. established the business soon after Coke county's oil play got under way five years ago. He has been in San Angelo the past year, and recently disposed of his interest in the Tucker Drilling Co., to his partner, W. F. Tucker. In the deal Cragin became owner of producing royalty in a Sleichner county oil well which is bringing in \$1,800 per month.

### MRS. GRAY HONORED

Mrs. Jack Gray, wife of the Robert Lee school band instructor, was honored with a pink and blue tea on Monday of last week in the home of Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. Assisting hostess was Mrs. Calvin Sparks. A make believe radio program was enjoyed with Mrs. Jeff Dean as announcer. Appearing as talent were Barbara Casey, Glenda Littlefield, Butch Davis and Mrs. Jack Brock, who presented a gossip column.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Clark were called to Vernon early Monday by the serious illness of the former's brother, Hershell. The latter suffered a heart ailment and his condition is further complicated by virus pneumonia. Hershell is a former resident of the Ft. Chadbourne locality.

## Personals

Arriving Wednesday morning for an extended visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Dickey was Miss Paulita Palafox of Mexico City. She left home Wednesday morning by plane, with stops in San Antonio and San Angelo, and arrived in Robert Lee at 4 p. m. Mrs. Dickey spent most of her childhood in Mexico City and for some time made her home with the Palafox family.

Clift ambulance was used Wednesday to remove Weaver Mitchell from Shannon hospital to his home north of Bronte. His condition is considered serious. Mr. Mitchell is the father of Mrs. Paul Good.

Wallace Clift is back at his home in Robert Lee after spending some time in Austin where he wrote the State Bar examinations recently. He is interested in a government position in Washington, D. C.

Glenn R. Waldrop writes to have his Observer sent to 100 West 7th, Roswell, N. Mex. Glenn and his family will be out there a year while he is looking after cattle owned by Foster S. Price.

Nathan Geer returned early last week from a trip to Kansas where he was called by the illness of his mother. Her condition was much improved when he returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone were called to Ft. Hood last Thursday to be with their son, Cpl. Richard Boone, who underwent surgery at the army hospital. Surgeons removed a pilonidal cyst from his spine. The ailment was caused by a fall which Richard received while on duty in Korea early in the year. Richard's wife is residing in Killeen near the army base.

WANTED—Baby sitting at night in your home. Call 55w. Mrs. Pearl Mayo.

FOR RENT—Furnished house, 4 rooms and bath. B. W. Bessent.

BUCKS FOR SALE—Yearling Rambouillet bucks \$266 each with papers. See B. W. Waldrop at Hayrick. 19w3p

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SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY, OCT. 19-20-21

Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:20

Burt Lancaster-Charles Bickford-Phyllis Thaxter in  
**JIM THORPE—ALL AMERICAN** Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, OCT. 22-23

Fred McMurray-Dorothy McGuire in  
**CALLAWAY WENT THATAWAY** Also Cartoon



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**Pork & Beans 19c**

Whole Kernel Corn Can  
**Kounty Kist 17c**

Washington Delicious Lb  
**APPLES 21c**

Tokay 2 Lbs  
**GRAPES 25c**

HONEY BOY Can  
**Salmon 47c**

No. 1 Tall Can  
**Mackerel 19c**

**Trellis Peas 2cans 29c**

Dinty Moore 2 Cans  
**Vienna Sausage 29c**

Kimbell No. 2 Can  
**CHILI 59c**

Libby 14 oz bottle 2 For  
**CATSUP 49c**

Size 303 Can 2 For  
**Pie Cherries 49c**

Dinty Mocre 24 oz can  
**BEEF STEW 53c**

PACE 2 Lbs  
**SAUSAGE 89c**

HORMEL Lb  
**WIENERS 59c**

**Bacon Squares 37c**

# ROBERTS

Grocery and Market