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\$365 PRIZES TO EXHIBITORS IN JR. STOCK SHOW

Coke County FFA and 4-H youths pocketed a total of \$365 in cash prizes at their annual Junior Livestock Show here Saturday. A list of the donors will be published next week.

Grand champion lamb was shown by Martin Lee, 14-year-old Bronte FFA boy. He also copped showmanship honors in the fat lamb division and other prizes.

Milburn Wink, Robert Lee FFA youth, claimed both champion and reserve in the fat steer division. His champion was a Hereford and the reserve, an Angus.

Terry Frank Bryan, 10-year-old Robert Lee 4-H member, showed the champion fat barrow bred by his father, Wilson Bryan.

Breeders trophies went to Bryan, B. F. Bridges & Son of Bronte and Green Preslar of Sanco.

Showmanship honors went to Martin Lee, sheep; Billie Glenn Carwile, calves; and Byron Russell, hogs. The latter won his award showing another boy's pig.

Fitting and grooming awards went to Bobby Roberts, calves; J. Lee Ensor, sheep, and Terry Bryan, hogs.

Fred Campbell, Sterling county agent, judged the show. There were more breeding animals but a few less fat lambs and hogs than last year. Quality compared favorably with previous shows. Ed Cumble of Bronte was general superintendent.

Milburn Wink has entered his calves in the Houston Show and Bobby Roberts will take his steer to El Paso where he obtained it at a calf scramble last year. Coke county juniors will take part in both the San Angelo and Abilene shows later this spring.

Show results follow:

FAT STEERS

Lightweight: 1 and 2, Milburn Wink, Robert Lee FFA; 3, Bobby Roberts, Robert Lee FFA; 4, Billy Glenn Carwile, Robert Lee FFA; 5, Norman Roberts, Robert Lee FFA; 6, Kenneth Wink, 4-H.

Champion: Milburn Wink

Reserve: Milburn Wink

FAT LAMBS

Fine wool: 1, Martin Lee, Bronte FFA; 2 and 4, Freddie McDonald, 4-H; 3, J. Lee Ensor, Bronte FFA; 5, Bobby Walker, Robert Lee FFA; 6, Vick Collett, Robert Lee FFA; 7, James Harmon, Robert Lee FFA; 8, Jerrald Harmon, Robert Lee FFA; 9, Joe Ross, Robert Lee FFA; 10, Dwayne Arrott, 4-H.

Grand Champion: Martin Lee

Reserve: Freddie McDonald

Pen of three: 1, McDonald; 2, J. Harmon; 3, Ross; 4, Don Bill, Robert Lee FFA; 5, Wayne Caulder, Robert Lee FFA; 6, Roland McCArthur, Robert Lee FFA; 7, Arrott.

FAT HOGS

Lightweight barrows: 1, Tommy Hood, Robert Lee FFA; 2, Don Blue, Bronte FFA; 3 and 4, B. Roberts.

Heavyweight barrows: 1 and 2 Terry Frank Bryan, 4-H.

Champion: Terry Frank Bryan

Reserve: Terry Frank Bryan

Pen of three: 1, Bryan; 2, B. Roberts.

BREEDING PIGS

Boar: Bryan only entry.

Breeding Gilts: 1, Jerry Hurley, 4-H; 2, Bryan; 3, Aubrey Don Denman, 4-H; 4, Richard Spencer, 4-H; 5, Wayne Blair, 4-H; 6, Blue; 7, Sammy Joe Duncan, 4-H; 8, Bobby Hester, 4-H; 9, Arnold; 10, B. Roberts.



A. J. Bishop, Jr.

Bishop's Bill Closes Co. Hunting Season

AUSTIN, Jan. 27 — One local bill concerning Coke County has been introduced by Rep. A. J. Bishop Jr. of Winters and he has two more ready to go.

H. B. No. 161 closes the deer turkey and quail season in the county for four more years.

One bill he is preparing could ban the firing of pistols and rifles at any lake in the county (Robert Lee and Oak Creek Lakes). It would not affect shotguns. Bishop said he understood this is the first such bill, banning rifles and pistols at a lake, although there are others banning use of such firearms on highways.

The third bill would close fishing at Lake Sweetwater's new Oak Creek Lake until May, 1954. The lake, which is in Coke County, has not yet been stocked.

Representative Bishop was appointed to serve on the following committees: Agriculture, education, livestock and stock raising, military and veteran's affairs, commerce and manufacturing.

The 27-year-old Winters man is serving his first term in the legislature as representative from the 77 District composed of Coleman, Coke, Concho and Runnels counties.

TEAMS PLAY BRONTE

The Robert Lee girls and boys basketball teams will play in Bronte Friday night in conference contests. The games, which were originally scheduled to be played here, will be played in Robert Lee at a later date.

Coke County Hospital News

Jan. 21 — J. J. S. Smith, Mrs. F. C. Wojtek, Sr., admitted. Kelley Gaston dismissed.

Jan. 22 — Joe Field, Jim Robertson, Mrs. Carl Brock admitted. Mrs. Sam Williams, Ira A. Bird, Modesto L. Gutierrez, Cornelius Doolittle dismissed.

Jan. 23 — Shirley Caulder dismissed.

Jan. 24 — Lavina Kay Yarbrough admitted. Mrs. Carl Brock dismissed. J. J. S. Smith passed away at 5:45 p. m.

Jan. 25 — Mrs. D. A. Neel, Mary Beth Walker, Mrs. J. D. Simpson admitted. Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick dismissed.

Jan. 26 — Mrs. Bob Patterson, Mrs. T. W. Farris admitted. Mrs. Bruce Clift, J. L. Robertson, F. M. Puentz dismissed.

Jan. 27 — Jo Clawson, James Morgan Russell, Mrs. Weldon Fikes, Herbert Armstrong admitted. Mary Beth Walker dismissed.

Jan. 28 — Herbert Armstrong, Lavina Yarbrough, Mrs. D. M. Millican dismissed.

MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN WILL END NEXT WEEK

Workers in the March of Dimes campaign are urged to put forth every effort to complete the drive by the end of next week. Thus far results have been far short of a year ago, and persons who have not been contacted are requested to leave their contributions at The Observer office, or mail a check to the March of Dimes, Robert Lee, Texas.

BENEFIT RAISED \$49.85

The Firemen's Auxiliary ladies made a net profit of \$49.85 from their benefit affair last Saturday. They served refreshments throughout the day at the former Cactus Cafe location, the building and its cafe equipment being donated by the owner, Cubie Ivey.

Mrs. Jack Cowley, auxiliary vice president, served as chairman of the event and was assisted by a splendid corps of workers. The March of Dimes committee extends its thanks to Mrs. Cowley and all those who helped.

Next Saturday ladies of the Home Demonstration clubs will hold a similar event at the same place. There will be tasty food, such as home made pies and cakes, coffee, cold drinks, etc.

MOTHER'S MARCH

Mrs. J. S. Ferrell, Robert Lee MOD chairman, again wishes to call attention that the Mother's March will be held Friday night from 7 to 8 o'clock. Persons who wish to make contributions to the polio campaign are requested to leave their front porch light burning, so solicitors will know where to stop.

The ladies hope to get a good response Friday night. While the business section has been canvassed, it is felt that all people have the same obligation to support this wonderful movement even though they do not operate a business establishment.

BIG EVENTS AT SILVER

Big turnouts are expected at Silver for two approaching March of Dimes benefit affairs. Saturday night, Jan. 31, a taxi dance is scheduled at Sun Oil Co. recreation hall. A huge crowd attended a similar dance last year and a lot of money was raised.

Friday night of next week, Feb. 6, the Silver community will join in an old fashioned Box Supper at the recreation hall. There will be many valuable prizes awarded at both events.

A committee at Silver is also canvassing the community for contributions, and Silver folks are hoping to at least match last year's record of raising \$500 for the March of Dimes campaign.

Mitchell Davis returned Tuesday night from Houston, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis, who spent three weeks there while Mrs. Davis received hospital treatment. Mr. Davis was accompanied on the trip to Houston Monday by Miss Myrtle, who will undergo further hospitalization.

S/Sgt L. C. Day was scheduled to sail for Japan Tuesday, according to a letter written from Camp Stoneman, Calif., to his mother, Mrs. Hattie Day. L. C. is an Air Force weather observer and expects to be stationed near Tokyo.

R. A. Stroud is completing a nice 5-room home on an attractive site east of the A. J. Bilbo residence. Mr. Stroud built the house at his ranch southwest of town and moved it to the present location.

COUNTY OFFICIALS GET PAY HIKES FROM \$300 UP TO \$600 PER YEAR

POLL TAX DEADLINE

This is the last week to pay 1953 poll taxes, as well as the final date for paying property taxes before they become delinquent. County school and city tax collecting offices report tax collections are brisk this week. Only 523 poll tax receipts had been issued here up to Wednesday noon. Normal number for off election is about 800.

FOR MARCH OF DIMES

Persons attending the Alamo Theatre Friday and Saturday nights of this week will have an opportunity to contribute to the March of Dimes. Manager Victor Woptek says the theatre will run an interesting movie trailer and ladies of the Firemen's Auxiliary will solicit contributions between shows.

\$9,000 TAKEN

DURING BRONTE BANK ROBBERY

Two armed robbers held up the First National Bank of Bronte Tuesday afternoon and escaped with \$9,000.

They entered the bank about 3:15 p. m., a short while after normal closing time, bound and tied Cashier Douglas Snead and Mrs. Willie B. Millikin, assistant cashier. No customers were in the bank at the time and few people were on the street.

After gathering up their loot the robbers tied the two bank officials in the vault. It was 15 minutes or more before Snead was able to free himself and notify Sheriff Paul Good.

The holdup was broadcast at once over the Highway Patrol radio network and roadblocks were set up on highways in all directions from Bronte.

No trace of the robbers has been found. They left a loaded .38 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver in the bank and officials are trying to trace its ownership through the manufacturer.

L. T. Youngblood, president of the bank, was in San Angelo at the time but hurried home when he learned of the holdup. The bank carried insurance and opened for business as usual Wednesday.

It appears the bandits had made a thorough job of "casing" the bank. A funeral service was in progress and a chilly north wind and blowing dust had driven most people off the streets.

The Bronte bank was robbed in the summer of 1936 by two masked men who got away without leaving many clues, after obtaining a few hundred dollars. They were apprehended later and are serving life sentences.

HD Ladies Sponsor Polio Drive Benefit

The Home Demonstration Club ladies will sponsor March of Dimes benefit Saturday beginning at 9:30 A. M. in the Ivey Building, next to the Ivey Motor Company.

Refreshments of pie, cake, donuts, coffee, etc. will be served and there will be domino games through out the day and early evening.

Marvin Jones came in from Valentine this week. He has been working in a gin here and may move his family back to Coke county.

Coke County officials have received a pay increase ranging from \$300 to \$600 annually, following action taken by the Commissioners Court last Friday.

County road workers, however, got only a raise of 10 cents an hour. Their new rate is \$1.10 which is said to be in line with wages paid by other counties. Otis Campbell, heavy equipment operator in Precinct 1 said the pay boost was too small and gave up his job.

Receiving raises of \$600 were the county clerk, sheriff, treasurer, commissioners and Sheriff Deputies J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler and Frank Keese.

Pay increases of \$300 a year were given the deputy clerk, other deputies in offices of the clerk, sheriff and county agent; also the constables and justices of the peace in Precincts 1 and 2.

County Judge Jeff Dean and his office assistant, Mrs. R. C. (Mary) Patterson, did not receive increases, since both have been drawing salaries higher than other county officials. Judge Dean gets \$4,000 as his annual salary as county judge, and \$2,600 as ex-officio county superintendent. The latter amount is paid from state school funds, as is Mrs. Patterson's salary of \$2,600 per year. Mr. Dean is also allowed up to \$1,050 traveling expense money from the school fund.

County Clerk Weldon Fikes now receives \$4,600 instead of \$4,000; Sheriff Paul Good's increase is from \$4,200 to \$4,800 (he has living quarters in the jail and uses a county owned car); the new county treasurer, M. Gertrude Gray, is to receive \$3,100 instead of \$2,500 paid her predecessor; the new county attorney, Frank Dickey, Jr., will get \$2,700 (his father drew \$2,100 and \$25 monthly office rent); the four county commissioners will now be paid \$2,400 per year plus a tax free expense account of \$600.

Deputy Sheriff Tinkler was raised from \$2,400 to \$3,000 and will get 7 cents a mile for using his auto. Frank Keese, parttime deputy at Bronte was raised from \$1,200 to \$1,800, and no car mileage. Mrs. Bobby (Joyce) Hood, first deputy clerk, was raised from \$1,800 to \$2,100 per year. Office deputies Billie Roberts, Mrs. Garland Good, Glo Caraway and Mrs. Franky Percifull got \$25 per month increases making them \$1,800 a year.

A \$300 a year boost for constables and justices doubled their previous salaries. The four men holding these positions are Justice C. E. Davis and Constable Vic Simpson in Robert Lee and Justice C. E. Bruton and Constable T. F. Sims, Sr. at Bronte.

Judge Dean states that under the law Coke county commissioners could draw a maximum of \$2,875 per year, while the maximum for other principal county officials is \$6,750. The new salary schedule adopted last Friday was optional with the commissioners, Dean added.

Tea with rancid butter is the staple diet in Tibet.

A cygnet is a young swan.

BIRTHS

DENSON — Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Denson of Robert Lee are parents of a son born Jan. 17 in the Bronte hospital. Russell Owen weighed 9 pounds. He has a brother, Jeffrey Randall, 3 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shook of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Denson of Wingate.

COKE RAINFALL ONLY 10 INCHES FOR LAST YEAR

Parts of the Coke County Soil Conservation District received about one-half of the normal in 1952; however, about forty percent of the District received between twenty-five and thirty percent of normal. This statement is made by A. V. Sheppard, work unit conservationist of Work Unit Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, rendering technical assistance to landowners applying soil, water and range conservation. The area in and around Robert Lee received 10.1 inches. The area from East and North of Sanco to Silver and across to Edith received about five to six inches; also part of the Tennyson area received about six inches.

The rainfall that area did receive in 1951 and 1952 was very ineffective as shown by the following table by months as released by the Soil Conservation Service. The small one-fourth to one-half inch showers and hard torrential rains as recorded in April when we received 1.95 inches of rain and hail in twenty-five minutes prove to be very little help to provide moisture to grow a crop of range grasses.

Month	Year	
	1951	1952
January	0.00	0.20
February	0.50	0.30
March	1.10	0.70
April	0.40	2.90
May	2.90	1.00
June	3.75	0.30
July	0.25	0.60
August	3.40	0.00
September	0.90	1.40
October	1.20	0.00
November	0.00	1.90
December	0.00	0.80
Totals	14.40	10.10

RANGE PLANNING

District cooperators are urged to make plans now to develop their range management plans for this year and next, W. E. Burns, Coke County Soil Conservation District Supervisor, said. When planning their operations, district cooperators should consider the low vigor our grass is in, how long it will take for

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the grass to begin to grow following adequate rain, and the high rate of runoff during rainfall. All landowners and operators should plan to defer one third of their range during the growing season in 1953, Burns said.

Have your terraces been maintained lately? Are they ready to catch and hold water when the drouth-breaker comes. By maintenance it is meant working the terraces in such a way that the proper effective height and width is kept, or increased.

Reasons for maintaining:

1. To keep terraces at adequate height and width at all times to hold and soak up rainfall and prevent erosion.

2. Insurance against terrace breaking and gully formation.

3. Insure maximum amount of water storage behind terraces at all times.

CATHOLIC STUDY CLUB

The Ark and Dove study club met last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Frank Dickey, Jr., in Robert Lee.

The study of the mass was continued under the direction of Father Fidelis of San Angelo. It was voted that Catechism instruction classes for all Catholic children in the vicinity are being taught on Monday afternoons in St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Bronte.

Light refreshments of date bars and hot tea were served by the hostess to Father Fidelis and Mmes. Frank Dickey, Sr., A.V. Hughes, A. M. Neel, John Walker and Jack L. Price. The meeting adjourned after listening to the last of a series of talks over Radio Station KG-KL by Father Fidelis. The programs were sponsored by the Franciscan Fathers of San Angelo.

The club will meet this week in the home of Mrs. Jack Price in Bronte.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our thanks and appreciation to all who were so nice to our brother and uncle, Frank Preslar, during his illness and death; and to Dr. McDaniel and the hospital attendants. We also thank those who were so kind and helpful to us the family. — Green Preslar, James H. Preslar, Nephews and Nieces.

Mrs. Carroll Russell returned last Friday from Riviera, Texas, where she spent a week at the bedside of her father, J. D. Hallmark, who was very ill. He was considerably improved when she departed for home.

Called here last week to attend the funeral of Frank Preslar were his brother, Jim Preslar, of Hagerman, N. Mex., a nephew, Trevor Cameron, of Jordantown, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman of Denver City.

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SANTA FE LINES

Give Now to the March of Dimes

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

LETTUCE Nice, firm heads each 10c

Carrots, cello bag 2 for 29c

Bell Peppers Extra Nice lb 12½c

Pillsbury Flour 25 lbs 2.19

With 69c Mixing Bowl FREE

SHORTENING Mrs Tuckers 3 lbs 69c

Crushed Pineapple tall can 21c

HUNTS PEACHES large 2½ can 29c

Sun Spun CATSUP large bottle 17c

Lakewood Preserves, Peach or Apr., 2 lb jar 47c

Meadolake OLEO lb 27c

Pork Chops Lean & Tender lb 49c

SLICED BACON lb 49c

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

A Bank Book Is a Sign Board That Is Found Only On the Road to Success



Robert Lee State Bank

DEATH CLAIMS J. J. S. Smith, 93, A RESIDENT HERE FOR 68 YEARS

Death came Saturday to J. J. S. Smith, 93, one of the earliest settlers of this community. He came here in 1885.

His passing occurred at 5:45 p.m. at Coke County Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient only a few days. Cause of his death was influenza and complications.

Funeral services were held from the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Monday in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Ray Lee. A brief life history of the deceased was given by Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough. Burial was in the Paint Creek cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral home. Pallbearers were Fred Roe, Delmir Sheppard, R. L. Read, Bailey Russell, Linzy McDorman, Jeff Dean, Hubert Buchanan and R. M. Page.

BORN IN 1859

John James Screven Smith was born near the little town of Macon, Noxubee County, Miss., on July 12, 1859. His parents were Margaret Elizabeth Spann Smith and John James Screven Smith, Sr.

He left an aristocratic heritage in the Old South to become a Texas sheep herder. When he was 21 he went to South Carolina where he worked as a foreman on a farm owned by his uncle and received \$12.50 per month. The following year he came to Texas and took a job herding sheep in the vicinity of the present town of Miles.

He came to Coke county in 1885, the territory still being a part of Tom Green County. He worked at Hayrick for a time and later in the Edith locality. Gradually he accumulated sheep and horses of his own and also acquired considerable ranch land. In the 90's he homesteaded in New Mexico and lived there until he proved up his claim.

He was married to Miss Rebecca Muldrow of Bishopville, Lee County, South Carolina, on Oct. 10, 1890. The bride came alone to West Texas and the ceremony was performed at Ballinger in the home of Hubert Pearce. His wife died in 1935 and in July, 1939, he married Mrs. Lura Vowell Trimble, widow of his half-brother, Monte Trimble.

"Uncle Scrib," as he was known to his wide circle of friends and kinfolks, was a good man, a loyal friend and helpful neighbor. He was an active member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, and six step-children: Mrs. Ernest Varnadore, Mrs. Verna Donaghue, Mrs. Josie Keithley, and Curtis, Edward and Jack Trimble. He also leaves a brother, James R. Smith of San Antonio; a half-brother, B. L. Trimble of San Angelo; two half-sisters, Mrs. Neva T. Shoemaker of Laurel, Miss., and Mrs. C. C. McCorquodale of Mobile, Ala., and a double cousin, Dick Smith of Amarillo. L. S. Smith of Robert Lee is a nephew of the deceased.

A BILL

To be entitled

An act prohibiting the shooting or discharging of any rifle or pistol in, along, or across any lake in Coke County, State of Texas, prescribing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency.

A BILL

To be entitled

An act applicable only to the Sweetwater Oak Creek Lake, Coke County, State of Texas, providing for a closed season and an expiration date; regulating the manner and methods of taking fish, minnows and frogs from said lake; prohibiting the sale of fish or minnows taken from said lake; prohibiting the transportation of minnows beyond the border of Coke County; providing that nothing in this Act shall permit trespassing and placing the burden of proof; providing for enforcement of the Act; providing that the general laws of the State shall govern as to length, number, or type of fish taken from said lake; providing that if any provision of this Act shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision; and declaring an emergency.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy extended during the illness of our husband and father. Especially we want to thank those who sent flowers and the many gifts of food. — Mrs. C. H. Webb and family.

Guests Saturday night in the S. B. Plumlee home were his sister, Mrs. J. B. Turner, of Eastland, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Kittie Plumlee, of Dallas, and a nephew, Marion Whatley and wife of Eastland. S. B. Plumlee, Jr. and family of Snyder were also callers Sunday evening.

AN ACT

providing that it shall be unlawful to kill deer, and wild turkey and quail in Coke County for a period of 4 years from and after passage; repealing all conflicting laws, providing a penalty and declaring an emergency.

SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

Harry McKinnon is out of the hospital now after being injured in a fall. His many friends are glad he is doing so nicely.

Pfc. Carl Sparks was due to arrive Feb. 10 but has been delayed, and will not start from Korea until Feb. 4. His parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Sparks.

Friends were grieved to hear of the death of Bill Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robertson who were former Silver residents. Bill was killed in a car wreck.

Miss Juanita Sparks, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ray Sparks, has recovered enough from her illness to return to Lake View High of San Angelo and take mid-term tests.

Rev. Sparks has received word from the Buckner's Orphans Home that they have received the box of clothing sent to them by the T. E. L. class of the Silver Baptist church. The class has boxed other clothing for Korea but so far the proper method of mailing them has not presented itself. We are hoping the Rev. Sparks will find the way because of the great need for these

clothes in Korea.

The Silver school attendance is almost back to normal. We are glad the pupils having had flu have been able to return to their classes.

Visiting in the camps with their many friends have been the Howard Robichauxs and their son, Charles. The latter is a student at A&M college. The Robichauxs visited with the J. D. Gilberts, Hunter Howletts, J. D. Duplisseys, and the Ollie Newells.

Claude G. Walker, pumper for Sun Oil Co., visited his family at Mexia and in Lean county the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace and children and Mrs. Wayman Roberts of Robert Lee visited the Horace Bloodworths. Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Robertson are daughters of the Bloodworths.

Radioman Don and Mrs. Larsen, stationed at Goodfellow field in San Angelo, spent the afternoon with Rev. and Mrs. Sparks. Juanita Sparks returned to San Angelo with the Larsons.

Attending the FFA and FHA party held Monday, Jan. 26, at Colorado City Junior High School from Silver were Mary Ann Snyder, Gwen Fuller, Beth Newell, Pansy

Post, Virginia Sue Arnold, Billy Preston, Barbara Clifton and Kay Stewart. The costumes were made to resemble "Dog Patch Style" and many a good laugh was had by all.

The Silver Baptist church is having a Bible Study course which started Jan. 26 and will run thru the 29. Rev. Sparks is hoping that all those able have attended since there was a nursery directed by Mrs. Juanice Jameson.

The Carl Grubenmans were given a farewell party Sat. night, Jan. 24 at the Recreation Hall. The party was sponsored by the Jack Mowbrays, Bobby Beggs, and the Doug Keiths. The Grubenmans have been transferred to Proton, Texas. They were presented a chafing dish and a Fry-rite by their many friends. Mr. Grubenman is employed by Sun Oil Co.

Pfc. Gorman Walker recently enjoyed a 10-days army leave and visited here with his father, Baylor Walker, and family. He is stationed at Camp Leroy Johnson near New Orleans, La. Gorman's wife, who is living in San Angelo, also visited here last week.

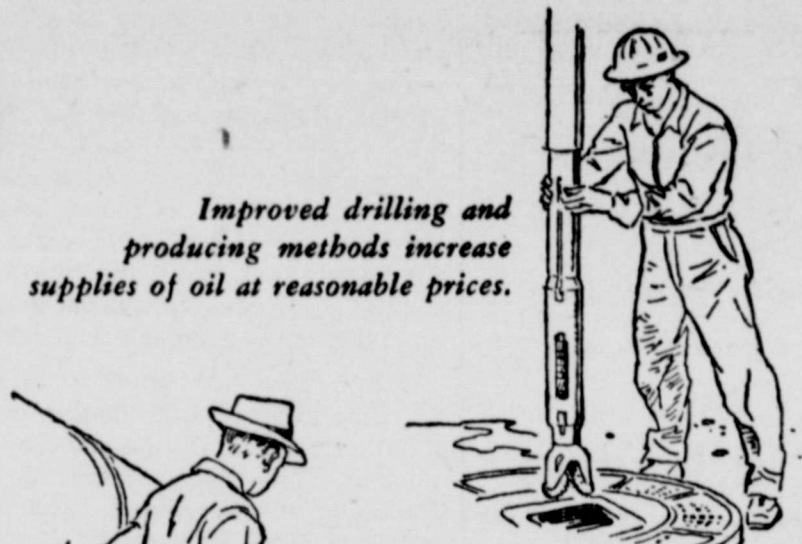
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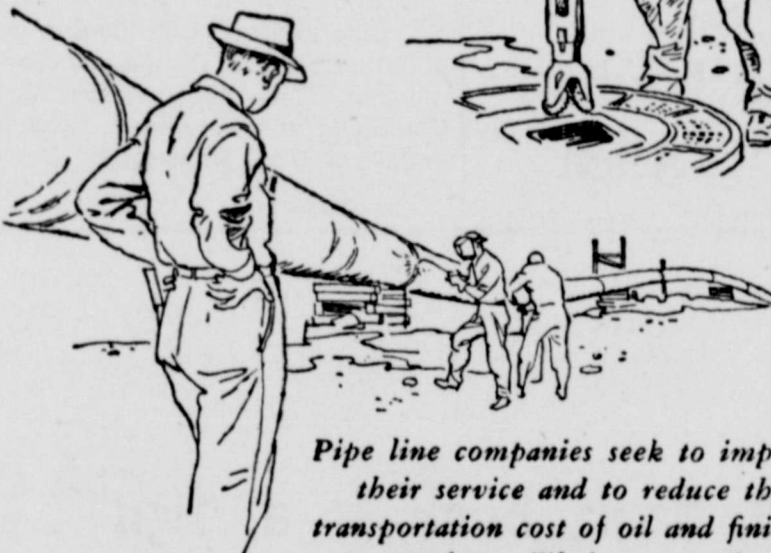
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The U. S. oil business is one of the most highly competitive industries in this country and, for that matter, in the world. Every time you buy a gallon of gasoline or a quart of motor oil, there are at least 100 companies that would like you to buy from them.

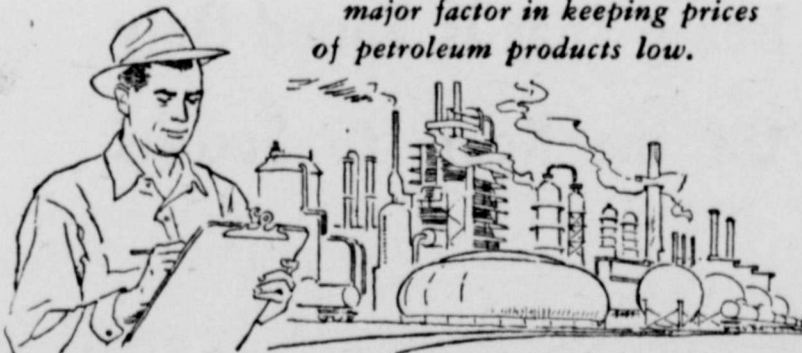
Your purchase stimulates competition far beyond the service station driveway where you make it. It stirs scientists to find more oil for your use. It urges production men to produce oil more efficiently and economically and with less waste. It extends through low-cost transportation pipe lines to refineries that seek better ways to make more and better petroleum products to compete for your business.

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COKE'S 18 FIELDS PRODUCED 5,263,610 BARRELS OIL IN 1952

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The North Bronte 5300 (Gardner) field was opened June 24. The discovery well, Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1 M. A. Rawlings, was completed for a daily flowing potential of 298.38 barrels of 49.5 gravity oil through a three sixteenths-inch tubing choke and perforations between 5,298-343 feet.

PRODUCTION BY FIELDS

A large portion of the county's production came from the Jameson area, with its Strawn lime and sand pays. Total production from the Jameson area was 3,493,398 barrels of oil.

Other fields produced as follows:

Arlodge (Marble Falls), 3,615, barrels; Bloodworth 5700 (Strawn sand), 8,415 barrels; Bronte (Canyon), 509,065 barrels; Bronte 4800 (Goens), 112,227 barrels; North Bronte 5300 (Gardner), 19,840 barrels; Fort Chadbourne (Strawn, Fort Chadbourne field production is carried on Runnels County production records, since the field was opened in that county).

Fort Chadbourne, West (Strawn), 101,879 barrels; Charles Copeland (Ellenburger), 2,981 barrels; Goens Lime, 30,322 barrels; San Benito (Marble Falls), 4,557 barrels; Lygay (Strawn), 47,536 barrels; Lygay, South (Strawn), 3,433 barrels; Lygay, South, (Caddo) 33,268 barrels; McCutchen (Cisco), 178,738 barrels; McCutchen, West (Cisco), 6,145 barrels; Millican (Strawn) 705,892 barrels; and Wendland (Ellenburger), 1,442 barrels.

CAMBRIAN STRIKE

A significant development during 1952 was the discovery of flowing Cambrian oil in three Humble Oil & Refining Co. Bronte area wells. Two of these wells flowed Cambrian oil at the rate of 25 barrels hourly on tests. Both were completed from the Goens, however, and will not produce the Cambrian pay. The third well, Humble's No. 18 Hickman, flowed Cambrian oil at an estimated rate of 70 barrels hourly on a test. This well is testing the entire Cambrian section to determine thickness and extent of effective pay. It, too, will be completed from the Goens and will produce the Cambrian.

It is believed that Humble will drill a number of new holes to establish discovery Cambrian production in the field.

Another interesting development, this one in the North Bronte field, was the logging of six pays in two Humble wells, the 1 and 2 Rawlings. These wells, completed as lower Gardner producers, also showed for production in the Canyon sand, Palo Pinto, Goens, Jennings, (Upper Gardner) and Ellenburger.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends for every kind deed and word of sympathy spoken; also for the beautiful flowers. We do not realize our friends so much until trouble and grief come our way. — Mrs. R. C. Roberts and Children; also the Grandchildren.

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NOTICE OF BIDS FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORY:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the County Judge of Coke County, Texas, for Depository of said Coke County and Coke County Common School District Funds for the next Two (2) years in accordance with Article 2544 (2440) Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, of Texas at the February Term, beginning on the 9th day of February, A. D. 1953. Said Court will receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in said County that may desire to be selected as the Depository of said County.

Any Banking Corporation, Association or individual banker in said County, desiring to bid, shall deliver to the County Judge on

or before the first day of the Commissioner's Court, at which the selection of the Depository is to be made, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association, or individual banker offer to pay on the funds of the County for the term between the dates of such bids and the next regular term for the selection of a depository.

Said bids shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the County's revenues of the preceding year as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid should be accepted he will enter into bond as herein provided, and upon failure of said banking corporation, association or individual banker that may be selected as such Depository to give the bonds required by law, the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages and the County Judge shall re-advertise for bids, said Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids proposed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 14th day of January, A. D. 1953.

Jeff Dean, County Judge
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UCRA OFFICERS ARE RE-NAMED

Directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA) re-elected their three officers at their annual meeting here last Thursday. Renamed were Chairman L. T. Youngblood of Bronte, Vice Chairman Frank Cannon of San Angelo and Secretary-Treasurer Gerald C. Allen of Robert Lee.

Other directors attending the session held in the directors room of the Robert Lee State Bank were Bob Bruce of Ballinger, Cumbie Ivey of Robert Lee and Rufus Foster of Sterling City, with Carl Runge, general counsel, sitting in.

Mr. Allen reported that the Mountain Creek Lake, at the east edge of Robert Lee, an \$84,000 UCRA project, has a two-year supply of water. Besides serving Robert Lee citizens, a considerable amount of water from the local reservoir is being trucked to Bronte. Robert Lee has repaid \$6,650 of the project at \$350 per month.

Mr. Youngblood reported the pipeline from Oak Creek Lake to Bronte is completed and the filter plant will be finished in two weeks. The UCRA financed the \$240,000 pipeline-filtration system on a basis similar to the Robert Lee undertaking.

Mr. Allen said the UCRA has just made another \$66,844.38 annual payment to the Corps of Engineers. It contracted to pay the federal storage in the North Concho Lake at San Angelo. With the latest payment, \$229,168.79 of the debt has been paid, Allen showed.

BRONTE TAKES CAGE TOURNEY

Bronte boys and girls basket ball teams romped away with the Robert Lee tournament which ended Saturday night. In the boys' championship game Bronte defeated Sterling City 39 to 30. Bronte girls won their final contest 33 to 20 over Mertzon.

Loraine won consolation honors in the boys' division, with Sterling City taking the girls' consolation. Trophies were awarded to the championship, runnersup and consolation winning clubs.

Robert Lee boys took a first round 53 to 34 victory from Water Valley but lost out in the semi-finals 47 to 34 to Sterling City. Norman Roberts scored 20 points against Water Valley.

Robert Lee girls dropped their first contest to Water Valley by a score of 26 to 7. They were defeated by Sterling City in the consolation semi-finals 36 to 10.

The tournament was a fine success and good crowds were in attendance throughout. Coaches selected the following all tournament teams:

GIRLS

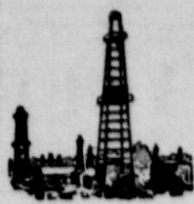
Sutherland, guard, Sterling City
Wrinkle, guard, Bronte
Peterson, guard, Loraine
Bryant, forward, Mertzon
Abbott, forward, Water Valley
Davis, forward, Sterling City

BOYS

Smith, Sterling City
Havins, Robert Lee
Scott, Bronte
Stephenson, Bronte
Price, Loraine

BRONTE HERE FRIDAY

Bronte returns here Friday night for a pair of games which count in the district standing.



Notes From The Oil Field

Allen Guiberson No. 1 Feldman on the Price Ranch, 4 miles northwest of Sanco, has been unable to get production after testing two sections of the Caddo.

Humble No. 1 Weaver, south of Robert Lee, cemented surface casing to 375 feet, then ran an intermediate string to 3,000 feet. Hall & Stewart of Midland have the drilling contract.

Empire No. 1 Sam Powell, 4 miles south of Robert Lee, has been abandoned at 6,515 feet in the Ellenburger, topped at 6,428 feet.

Seaboard No. 1 Stone on the March Ranch southwest of Robert Lee, was drilling below 4,400 feet.

Laan-Pex No. 1 J. L. Reid Estate, 8 miles north of Robert Lee, was making hole below 5,200 feet.

C. H. Webb, 77, Dies At Bronte

Funeral services for C. H. Webb, 77, who died Monday night in the Bronte hospital, were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday at the Methodist church with Rev. J. E. Fuller officiating.

He was assisted by the Rev. C. W. Coleman, Kickapoo Community Baptist church pastor, and the Rev. Maynard Rogers, pastor of the Bronte Baptist Church. Burial was in the Bronte cemetery. Cliff Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Webb came to Bronte from Bell County in 1935. He was born in Stephenville in June of 1875. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a retired stock farmer.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Otho of Houston, Clayborn and Lester, both of Bronte; five daughters, Mrs. Jesse Richardson of Amarillo, Mrs. F. H. Parker and Mrs. Lenn Roberts, both of Robert Lee, Mrs. Arthur Landry of Medford, Ore., Mrs. Howard Rosser of Big Spring; a sister, Mrs. W. R. Pery of Waco; 20 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Personals

Mrs. Palmer Leeper returned home Monday night from Dallas where she had been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Callamae Cargile. The latter underwent a delicate spinal operation at Baylor hospital early last week and is making a good recovery. She expects to be removed to the Sweetwater hospital next week.

The condition of Mrs. Frank Wojtek, Sr., is very critical at Coke County Memorial Hospital where she has been a patient the past week.

Mrs. Stewart Evans, the former Janet Bilbo, is a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. She has finished the first semester at Sul Ross College in Alpine and will motor to California next week to join her husband who is stationed at Camp Roberts.

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SUN COMPLETES 2 ON MATHERS

Sun 37 C. E. Mathers has been finished for a daily flow of 252.8 barrels of oil, no water. Production is from the Strawn sand. Gauge was through a 1/4-inch choke with tubing pressure of 575 pounds and casing pressure of 450 pounds. Gas-oil ratio 1,938-1.

Morris & Hamilton had the contract and moved to Sun 21 Brannan where surface casing was seated at 520 feet.

Sun C. E. Mathers 43 has been finished for a daily flow of 29.72 barrels of oil and 4 barrels of water. Gauge was through a 1/4-inch choke. Tubing pressure 275 pounds, casing pressure 500 pounds. Gas-oil ratio 6,180.

Production is from the lime reef. Sun D-2 Tubb was preparing to cement oil string. A drillstem test in the reef 6,440-77 feet recovered 210 feet of clean oil, 180 feet of oil and gas cut mud and 120 feet of salt water. A good oil show was previously reported in the sand.

Sun 45 Mathers was drilling Wednesday at 5,050 feet in shale.

Sun J. B. Walker 11 was in shale at 4,583 feet.

Sun E-2 Tubb continued swabbing after being treated with 8,000 gallons of sand oil.

Sun 44 Mathers was drilling in shale a 5,113 feet.

Sun No. 1 Victor McCabe north of Silver was drilling at 5,835 feet in shale and sand.

Carl Grubenman, Jr., area petroleum engineer at Silver for the past four years, has been transferred to Premont, Texas. He expects to move his family there next week.

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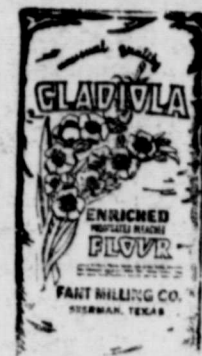
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