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MATHERS REEF WELL FINALED FOR 388 BARRELS

Sun 39 C. E. Mathers, on the west side of the Jameson field at Silver, has been completed for a daily flowing potential of 387.84 barrels of oil, no water. Gauge was through a quarter-inch choke with tubing pressure of 950 pounds and 1,650 pounds casing pressure. Gas-oil ratio 1.490-1.

Production is from the lime reef 6,464-74 feet. Casing was seated at 6,464 feet and the 10-foot open hole pay section was acidized with 2,000 gallons.

Sun Tub D-3 flowed 48.3 barrels of oil, no water, during a 12 hour test ending at 7 a. m. Wednesday. Gauge was through a 12-64ths inch tubing choke. Pressure was 475 pounds on the tubing, with a packer on the casing. Gas-oil ratio was 2,190-1.

TO DRILL ON ANDERSON

Ray-Harris was the contractor and will move its rotary rig to Sun A-1 Beatrice Anderson, a south offset to Sun's new Victor McCabe sand discovery, two miles north of Silver.

Sun Central Nat'l Bank-State Unit A-1 cemented 5 1/2 inch casing at 6,150 feet, total depth of hole, and was waiting on cement to harden. It will be perforated in the sand pay section.

Sun 2 Victor McCabe was drilling Wednesday at 5,020 feet in lime.

Sun 1 Mattie Jacobs was in lime and shale at 4,825 feet.

Sun Mathers 31 was drilling at 4,115 in shale.

Sun 4 Parramore in Nolan county in shale at 5,585 feet.

Sun 22 Homer Jameson was in shale and lime at 4,530 feet.

Sun 30 C. E. Mathers flowed 242 barrels of load oil during a 19 1/2 hour test ending at 7 a. m. Wednesday. There was no water. Gauge was through a 12-64ths inch choke. Tubing pressure 860 pounds, casing pressure 1,310 pounds. Gas-oil ratio 1,195-1. Production is from the Strawn sand with total depth of hole 6,215 feet.

BASE BALL PRACTICE

First practice session for the Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters has been set for Sunday afternoon starting at 2 o'clock. The managers announce that anyone wishing to try out will be welcomed. Efforts are being made to match a game for April 12.

Magnolia 1 Allen Completed in Sand

Magnolia Petroleum Co. No. 1 R. B. Allen, D. Conner Survey, Jameson Field, originally completed in the reef, has been recompleted in the Strawn sand section.

It flowed 212 barrels of 44 gravity oil in 24 hours, through 13-64 choke with packer on casing and 510-660 pounds on tubing from 150 perforations at 6,051-76 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 857-1. Top of the pay was picked at 5,864 feet.

Total depth was 6,454 feet, plugged back to 6,395 feet, and casing was set at 6,425 feet.

BIRTHS

KISER — Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kiser of Robert Lee are parents of a son born March 24 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 3 a. m. Garry Lee weighed 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces. There are five other children in the family. Mr. Kiser is an oil field welder.

THREE YOUTHS INDUCTED

Donald Mauldin, Elwood Snyder and Lowell Caston, all of Robert Lee, were inducted into the armed services Tuesday at Abilene. Also included in the group from Board 118 was Billy Warrington of San Angelo, a grandson of Mrs. J. A. Waldrop of Hayrick.

BCD LUNCHEON

In the absence of President Bob Vaughan, Vice President J. W. Service presided over the Board of Community Development luncheon meeting Monday. McNeil Wylie of Lubbock, who was in town for the day, was a guest. The proposal of the city levying a special assessment against all water meters was discussed at length. Since city funds are not sufficient to pay for a program of sanitation and health, the special assessment offers a method of raising the needed extra money. The BCD will sponsor a public meeting in the near future with the idea of getting a definite program established.

Youth Unconscious After Jumping From Speeding Jalopy

Claude Emerson, 17 year old Silver youth, remains in an unconscious condition at Coke County Memorial Hospital, following injuries received Thursday afternoon of last week.

Emerson was riding in a jalopy driven by Freddie Sam Snowden, when the gas feed became stuck and the former jumped out of the speeding machine. He had only a small wound on the side of his head, and it is thought no permanent injuries will result.

The auto belonged to Donny Stagner and it was being driven without his permission.

Emerson is the son of Mrs. H. H. Hart, who have resided in a house on the R. B. Allen ranch the past few months. The Harts are related to the E. E. Stagner family.

LAST CALL TO BUY CAR TAGS

Deadline for purchasing new 1953 motor vehicle licenses is next Tuesday, March 31. Tax Collector Paul Good's office reported Tuesday that just about one-half the county's auto and truck owners had purchased tags, meaning a mad rush for the few remaining days.

Last year 1,250 passenger cars had been registered by April 1, while 664 were reported Tuesday morning. Total passenger car registrations last year were 1,500.

The number of pickups registered early this week was 163 and 147 trucks. Up until last Saturday noon car tag collections stood at \$16,300-12. Car tag money for the entire year of 1952 was \$40,046.31. This money goes to the county road fund.

GREEN MT. MUSICAL

Ed Garvin announces a big program at Green Mountain school house Friday night of this week. A guest band from Lamesa is expected as well as Chester Derrick and the rest of the round up gang. Everyone is invited. The program starts at 8 p. m.

A/2c Foy Dell Smith writes from Japan that he located M/S Murl Day at a base only ten miles away, and was looking forward to joining Sgt. L. C. Day and John L. Bruton at a gathering of Robert Lee servicemen.

TRIMBLE SUIT FOR \$325,000 IS SET ASIDE

A district court judgement for \$325,000 in favor of Jack Trimble against E. P. Dannelley has been set aside by Judge Joe L. Mayes.

The court's ruling was made following a written request filed by attorneys for both parties. Marvin C. Hanz of San Angelo represented Trimble, while the defendant's counsel was D. L. Case of Dallas.

The damage suit was heard in a district court session here three weeks ago, at which time the defense attorneys failed to appear. It was later learned that the failure of the defendant to appear for trial March 2 was not due to purposeful neglect or disregard, but was because of a misunderstanding as to the date being set for trial.

The case will come up at the June term and will probably be tried before a jury. Trimble brought suit for \$325,000 for personal injuries sustained last July when he was struck by a car operated by Dannelley, on the highway 5 miles south of Robert Lee.

GIFT TEA FOR BRIDE

Mrs. Addison Davis will be honored with a Gift Tea Saturday from 3 to 5 in the home of Mrs. H. H. Chevalier. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Eddie Patterson, Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry, Johnibeth Sneed and Dorothy Greathouse. Mrs. Davis was Joan Hester before her recent marriage.

Guests over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyd and son, Kerry, of Artesia, N. Mex.

Senior Class Play Was Fine Success

A capacity crowd was on hand Tuesday night to witness the Senior Class Play. The three act comedy, "If Mother Only Knew," was well presented and much credit is due members of the cast and their director, Miss LaVerne Darter.

Receipts from the play will be used toward defraying expenses of the seniors' trip during the Easter vacation. Using a school bus and accompanied by Prin. Hollis Lloyd, Miss Darter and Emory Davis, members of the class will visit Galveston, Houston and other South Texas points and return via San Antonio.

They will return to Robert Lee Tuesday night, April 7, and thus be absent from only one day's classes.

Humble Finds Oil On Harris Ranch

Humble Oil & Refining Co. 1 Mrs. Helen Harris Weaver, Coke County Palo Pinto discovery in EL- & RR survey 7, eleven miles south of Robert Lee, swabbed 103 barrels of 43.2 gravity oil and 116 barrels of salt water in 24 hours through perforations between 5,336-52 feet.

Earlier, the project swabbed 100 barrels of oil and 160 barrels of water in 24 hours through the same set of perforations.

The section had been treated with 500 gallons of mud acid and 5,000 gallons of regular acid.

The Palo Pinto was topped at 5,271 feet on elevation of 2,180 feet, derrick floor.

Operator was tearing down rig and will put the well on the pump for further tests.



H. S. LEWIS, JR.

Postmaster Lewis Makes Fine Record

Signal honors were achieved recently by Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr., when he was given a 100 percent rating following a periodical check by the post office inspector. Such high ratings are very rare.

Mr. Lewis was appointed postmaster in Robert Lee in June, 1948, and has given excellent service.

He was badly wounded while serving with an infantry regiment in the Philippines during World War II and was discharged as a captain. Both Mr. Lewis and his wife are active in civic and church affairs.

YOUTH RALLY

There will be a district Youth Rally at the Pentecostal Church of God in Robert Lee on Wednesday night, April 1. The church is located east of the court house square. There will be delegates, singers, musicians and church officials from many surrounding towns.

Plan to attend and come early if you want a seat. Attend the regular services each Monday at 8 p. m. The pastor brought a message from the Book of Revelations March 23rd. Listen to KRUN at 8 a. m. Sundays.

ROBERT LEE MAN VICTIM OF FIRE

A verdict of "accidental death by suffocation" was returned by Justice of the Peace J. B. Holbery in the death at San Angelo early Saturday of Leonard E. Meredith, 51, former Robert Lee resident.

Meredith's burned body was found in a cabin at Willard Courts, 8 E. 30th St., in San Angelo, following a fire which destroyed the structure about 1:30 a. m. Saturday.

Holbery theorized Meredith went to sleep with a lighted cigarette in his hand. His body was found about two feet from the bed, indicating that he had attempted to escape the flames, Holbery said.

Mr. Meredith had been working for a construction company doing repair work on Highway 87 between San Angelo and Water Valley.

He was married to Lorene Childress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Childress of Robert Lee. The couple had been estranged for the past year but were not divorced. They have a 2-year-old son, Edward Lee.

A few years ago the Merediths operated for a time the cafe now owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn. They have lived in Robert Lee off and on for several years. His main occupation was highway construction work.

Other survivors include an older son by a former marriage, Leonard E. Meredith, Jr. of Weimar his mother, Mrs. Lucy Bristow of Rule, a step-brother and two step-sisters.

PEW RESIGNS FROM SILVER SCHOOL BOARD

School matters at Silver are getting hotter and hotter by the day.

As an anti-climax to the controversies centering around re-election of present teachers and the forthcoming trustee election April 4 Board President H. P. Pew filed his resignation with County Supt. Jeff Dean here Wednesday. It was to become effective at once.

In the meantime a special meeting of the Silver school board has been called for Thursday night of this week, when applicants for teaching positions were to be interviewed.

At a meeting two weeks ago the trustees split 3 to 3 on the matter of re-hiring the present teachers. Mr. Pew, president of the board and making the seventh member, did not choose to break the tie with his vote, and the hiring was deferred until this Thursday night.

A petition has been circulated this week requesting that Principal H. R. Gassiot and his wife, primary teacher be retained.

Two trustees are to be named at the April 4 election to succeed O. W. Newell and Homer Jameson, whose terms expire. Mr. Newell declined to be a candidate again. Three nominations filed with Judge Dean for the two vacancies are Homer Jameson, Raymond Bloodworth and J. D. Duplissey. Nominations had to be filed before March 25 in order to have the printed on the ballot.

Hale Kincaid, Sun Oil Co. production foreman, has been vice president and will become board chairman since Pew's resignation. Other members are Homer and Fred Jameson, O. W. Snyder, W. A. Preston and O. W. Newell.

RED CROSS DRIVE STOPS

The Red Cross fund drive here is temporarily at a standstill. Buster Farris, chairman for Robert Lee and the west side of the county, has advised the county chairman that he cannot continue. Something over \$100 was taken up in the business section a few days ago, but no workers are active at this time. Solicitors said they were disappointed because contributors were not giving as much as in other years, while the county quota has been increased considerable. County Red Cross Chapter officials are expected to help get the drive here under way again.

Mrs. Mabel Williams underwent minor surgery Monday at Coke County Memorial hospital. She returned to her home the following day.

Coke County

Hospital News

March 18 — Ronny Snoddy admitted.

March 19 — Carolyn Sue Millican, Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Claud Emerson, admitted.

March 20 — Mrs. Betty Neagle admitted. Ronny Snoddy dismissed.

March 21 — Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Betty Neagle dismissed.

March 22 — Mrs. Mabel Williams admitted. Mrs. C. A. Dukes, Carolyn Millican dismissed.

March 24 — Mrs. James A. Kiser gave birth to a son at 3 a. m. T. C. Clark admitted. Mrs. Mabel Williams dismissed.

March 25 — J. D. Boykin admitted. T. C. Clark, Mrs. Kiser and infant dismissed.

Active Fire Dept. Brought Cut In Insurance Rates

PROPERTY OWNER—NOTICE

Did you know that you paid one third more for fire insurance in 1952 than you did for city taxes? City taxes collected amounted to \$6,257.55 while insurance premiums were \$9,913.00.

Did you know that in 1953 fire insurance costs for residence property is approximately 46 per cent less than costs for the same valuation than it was in 1952 for residence property within the corporate limits of the City of Robert Lee? Your fire insurance key rate for 1952 was \$98 per \$100.00 valuation in 1952. The key rate for 1953 is \$52 per \$100.00 valuation. Complete information on what you are now paying and what your savings are can be obtained by asking your local fire insurance agent.

The above savings and the added protection already gained are a direct result of efforts and planning by your local Fire Department, your County Commissioner and a fire prevention wise City Commission. New fire plugs have been installed within the city limits to meet State fire protection specifications and all equipment has been brought up to date including a new fire siren that has been installed on the water tower and is being connected with the telephone switch board.

Your fire department is organized on a voluntary basis and is composed of civic minded men who are contributing their time and effort to your protection and entire-

ly without cost to you.

There are certain fire protection steps and aids that are brought to your attention here and for which cooperation is earnestly solicited.

The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief are authorized to inspect property and make recommendations for changes to be made in order to reduce fire hazards. Those who do not cooperate in making recommended changes are subject to fine.

When an alarm is sounded if you are not an active member of the fire department please do not go to the fire. The law states that those persons not actively engaged in fighting a fire shall not approach closer than 300 feet. Violations of this law are also subject to fine.

Please cooperate with the above laws and you and your neighbor will both profit. Help eliminate fire hazards and keep our city clean.

Each member of your fire department is compensated for his loss of time and his effort by some fun and entertainment and the personal satisfaction of knowing that he is doing something for his neighbor. The department is always in need of new members. If there are any who would like to join come around to the fire house on the first or third Monday night of the month.

The only cash cost of the fire department is the \$50.00 per year for insurance against injury for the members. This has been raised in the past by soliciting contributions. This is one of the extras on which you voted in the city ballot which was mailed to you in February of this year. This semi-annual premium was paid out of the Fire Department's funds for the first half of 1953.—Contributed by Your Volunteer Fire Dept.



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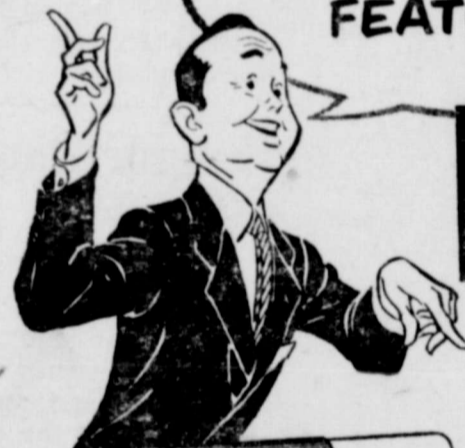
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Charles Wootton, Singer

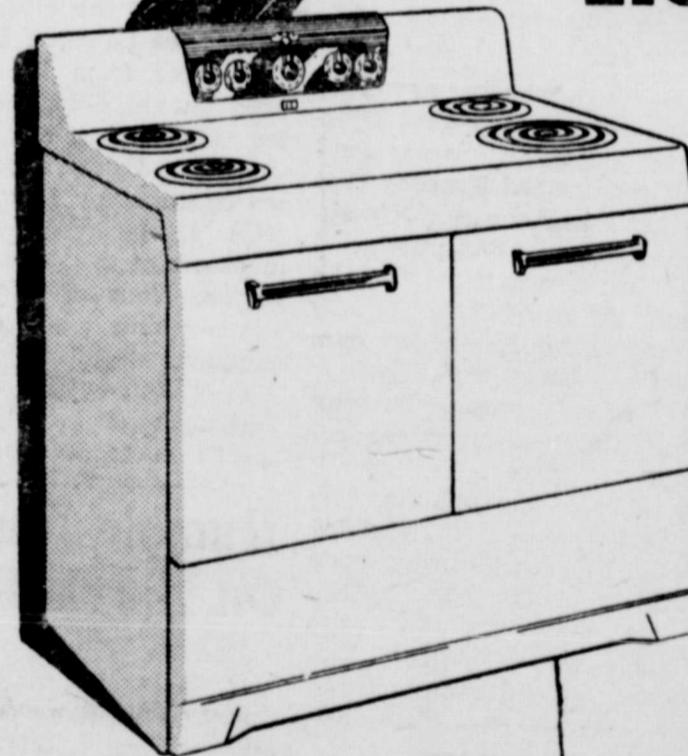
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boren and daughter, Kathy, came from Kermit for a weekend visit with Mrs. Boren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo.



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Roach's

Robert Lee Wins 1-Act Play Contest

Robert Lee high school won first place in the Interscholastic League one-act play contest at San Angelo College auditorium last Friday night. Wall was second and Miles placed third.

Jack Brock, high school English teacher, coached the production, a tragedy entitled, "Afterwards." Those taking part were Garland Davis, Annette Simpson, Hollis Lloyd, Jonibeth Snead, Bill Havins and Milburn Wink. Davis, Simpson and Snead were chosen on the all-star cast.

The winners will compete in an area contest later this spring.

Mrs. Curtis Walker Named By PT-A

New officers elected by the Robert Lee PT-A at its March 19 meeting are as follows:

Mrs. Curtis Walker, President
Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr., 1st Vice Pres.

Mrs. John Petty, 2nd Vice Pres.
Treasurer, Mrs. Nathan Geer
Secretary, Mrs. L. E. Wink

Mrs. Victor Wojtek, retiring president, will be in charge of installation of the new officers at the May meeting.

The March program was featured by Mrs. Jeff Dean who spoke on the United Nations. She studied this subject while working on her master's degree at Sul Ross last summer. Pupil participation was furnished by Mrs. C. G. Walker's second grade.

ARK AND DOVE

The Ark and Dove Catholic Study Club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jack L. Price in Bronte.

The meeting opened with the oral readings of "Bible History" concerning the "call of Abraham." The main topic of discussion was "Abraham's Spirit of Self-sacrifice" in relation to the self-sacrifice of Christians today. The meeting came to a close with the reading of the Mass of the day from the Lenten Missel.

Tea was served to Father Fidelis and Mmes. John Walker, A. V. Hughes, A. M. Neel, R. A. Stroud and Frank Dickey, Sr.

Next week's meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Frank Dickey, Sr. in Robert Lee.

Elton Archie of Hartsville, Wyo., last week purchased three Quarter Horse brood mares from J. F. Jr. and Victor McCabe. A former resident of West Texas, Mr. Archie has been in Wyoming 14 years. He is a cousin of Charlie Cooper.

Eight to ten weeks is the average life of the housefly.

Mrs. Stewart Evans, the former Janet Bilbo, is here for an indefinite stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. She had been in California several weeks near her husband, who was in training at Camp Roberts. After getting overseas orders he accompanied his wife back to Texas and visited his parents in Mertzon. He departed Monday for the West Coast.

Coke 4-H Girls Visit College in Abilene

Forty eight 4-H girls from Robert Lee made a trip to Abilene on March 13 in observance of National 4-H Week.

During the day the girls visited on the campus of Abilene Christian College. A tour was taken through McKenzie Hall, girls dormitory, where they saw the parlor, dining room, kitchen and some of the girls rooms. The student activity center was also open. The group then went through the Home Economics Department and visited classes — a freshman foods class where meats were being prepared, tailoring class where they saw the construction of men's shirts taking place.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed at noon at Fair Park. After lunch, the girls enjoyed visiting the zoo.

For the afternoon activities the group made a tour through the T. S. Langford and Sons Manufacturing Company where uniforms are manufactured. The group saw how large scale sewing is carried on.

The adults taking cars were: Mrs. Gene Baker, Mrs. Calvin Sparks, Mrs. Nathan Geer, Miss Gladys Waldrop, Mrs. Leon Nixon, and Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. Also accompanying the group were Mrs. H. H. Chevalier, Mrs. Tom Rives and the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Jonell Black.

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SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

A card party honoring the birthdays of Mrs. R. K. Beggs and Mrs. Oscar Higginbotham was given recently in the home of Mrs. Walter Paul. She was assisted by Mrs. Johnny Clifton and Mrs. Jake Higginbotham. Birthday cake and coffee were served to Messrs. and Mmes. Oscar Higginbotham, Paul Gilbert, L. W. Houtchins, Charles L. Price, Charles Butcher, R. K. Beggs, Jake Higginbotham and Johnny Clifton.

Mrs. Earl Boggus has gone to Temple to go through the clinic.

Mrs. J. C. Ford has returned from Houston where she visited her parents.

Mrs. C. A. Dukes has returned to her home in Millican field after being treated for ten days in the hospital at Robert Lee. She is much improved from a throat ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Houtchins recently entertained five couples at dinner at their home. Guests who enjoyed the delicious meal were Messrs. and Mmes. J. W. Gallier, Bill Davis, Oscar Higginbotham, Walter Paul and Don Yarbro.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Moore and Edna, former residents of Silver, visited friends in Tubb Camp Monday evening.

A/2c Wayne McMillan, brother of Mrs. W. L. Dean, visited here Sunday. He has just returned from duty in Japan.

J. D. Duplissey, Sun Pipeline foreman, has gone to Beaumont to attend a company meeting.

First practice session for the Sun fast ball team has been set for March 31 at 4:30 p. m. Silver expects to have a good team, with some new talent now in camp.

Mrs. L. K. McKinnon has been in the Colorado City hospital suffering from influenza.

McDonald Lumber Co. of Robert Lee has begun the construction of a new pumpers residence for Sun on the Tubb lease.

Dave Millican has just about finished planting and is hopeful of getting another good rain soon. His early crops include sudan, maize and hegari.

R. D. Hull, Sun construction engineer, has been transferred to Silver from Dallas. He will assist Jack Burgess in handling the expansion program under way at the Jameson gasoline plant.

E. L. Shipman is a new employee at the gas plant, having been transferred from Delhi, La. He is an engine operator 1st class and takes the position formerly held by Pete Screws.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Johnnie S. Menielle, Deceased.

No. 658, County Court Coke County, Texas. Lucille Menielle Elette, Administratrix thereof, filed in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, on the 19th day of March A. D. 1953, her Account of the condition of the Estate of said Johnnie S. Menielle together with an Application to be discharged as administratrix from said administration.

Said Account and Application will be heard and acted on by said Court on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of Posting or Publishing this citation, the same being the 6th day of April, 1953, at the Court-house thereof in Robert Lee, Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in the Account of said Estate are required to appear by filing a written answer and contest said account and application should they choose to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this the 25th day of March, A. D. 1953.

Weldon Fikes
Clerk of the County Court,
Coke County, Texas,
By Joyce Hood
Deputy

(SEAL)

BAPTIST REVIVAL

A Pre-Easter Revival is scheduled to start March 28 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church and continue through April 4th. The Rev. Lawrence L. Trott of Denver City will be the evangelist. Singing will be in charge of Charles Wootton. Services will be daily at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. The Rev. J. C. Shipman is local pastor.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner is spending the week at Kilgore in the home of her son, Winston Gardner, and family. During her absence Mrs. A. J. Bilbo is helping in the Robert Lee post office.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark had as their guests last week their little grandchildren, Robbie Ann and Frank Craddock, of Medina. Mr. and Mrs. Clark took them back home over the weekend.

Sylvia Partin came to Robert Lee for a weekend visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr. and family. She is a student at McMurry College in Abilene.

Mrs. J. C. Slaughter was reported ill last week with a heart attack. She is staying at Abilene with her daughter, Mrs. Noel Percifull, and family.

Noah's Ark was built of gopher wood.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Green Mountain Goat Breeders association takes great pleasure in presenting as the social event of the season, at its monthly Musical Festival, Build M Cheap Samuelson and his tragic violin. Be sure to come dressed up.

Among selected works from Duendofsky, Smikenkin-sky, Shukenfeller and Glub, will be heard "Thou Smellest Not Like a Rose" from the Barnyard Symphony, Paganini's concerto in too many flats, "The Old Grey Mare" and many other favorites.

There will be no extra admission charge. Just the usual collection for the commissioners and their dependents.

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IN THE PAST YEAR... New freight stations, with new towveyors, at Chicago and San Francisco... Great new construction started to raise Santa Fe rails in Kansas and Missouri above the highest flood stage of recorded history.

IN THIS YEAR... New micro-wave communication system put in service between Gal-

veston and Beaumont, Texas... New freight classification yard will be opened at Belen, New Mexico.

AND IN THE NEXT YEAR... More curves will be clipped, more grades reduced... 119 new diesel units will go to work... New modern diesel shops will be completed... 3600 new freight cars will be placed in service... New electronic communication and control equipment will be installed... and El Capitan will be re-equipped with all new chair cars!

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PROGRESS THAT PAYS ITS OWN WAY

Sen. Johnson Says Tidelands Claim Goes Back to 1836

(Lyndon B. Johnson, Senior Senator from Texas, presents his personal comments on matters affecting Texas every two weeks. His news letter, mailed directly from Washington, will be a regular feature carried in this column.)
Dear Folks:

Congress is getting around to the so-called tidelands issue again and we hope that this year we can finally get justice for our State.

It's hard to find an issue that has been so confused by propaganda and wild claims as this one. Sometimes it's impossible to keep all conflicting statements straight. I think that as Texans we ought to take care of this once and for all.

In the first place, the argument has nothing to do with "tidelands." The real issue is the so-called "submerged lands" under the water below the low tide mark. We Texans claim those submerged lands for a distance of ten and one-half miles (three marine leagues) out from the shore line.

That claim goes back to 1836 when Texas fought to win its independence from Mexico. Once we were an independent Republic, our legislature set our boundaries seaward at a point beginning three marine leagues from the mouth of the Sabine River.

When we decided to enter the United States nearly a decade later, we had a public debt of \$10,000,000. We offered to turn our public lands over to the United States if it would pay that debt. This offer was turned down so we reversed it and offered to pay our own debt if the United States would let us — as a state — keep our public lands.

That offer was accepted and written into the Annexation Agreement by a resolution of Congress. We paid our public debt and nothing has happened since then to change the resolution of annexation. It has never been repealed or amended by Congress.

For nearly 100 years, nobody questioned that the obvious fact that our public lands included the submerged lands ten and one-half miles out to sea. That was the position taken in one court decision after another. As late as 1945, the Interior Department took the position that the submerged lands just off the shore belonged to the states.

But about that time, some federal officials realized that there might be valuable oil in the submerged lands. They entered suit and finally got a Supreme Court decision that the Federal Government had "paramount rights" in the matter. They did not — as some people claim — get a decision that the "title" belonged to the Federal Government. The Supreme Court refused to pass upon that question.

What we are trying to do now is to get the title cleared up and the rightful ownership of Texas confirmed. It is an issue that means a lot to us. The revenues from such lands are set aside for the education of our children and they are important.

But even more important is the question of justice to Texas. There are far greater questions involved in this issue than mere money. Those lands are ours by solemn and binding agreements. Our title has been confirmed by Treaty, by Congressional resolution, and by Court decisions dating back over the years. We cannot permit them to be taken away at the last minute.

We of the Texas Delegation are determined that Texas shall receive its just due. We will fight this out to the end and I believe we will win.

Sincerely yours,
Lyndon B. Johnson

CARD OF THANKS

for the cards, gifts and prayers and We wish to thank our friends other acts of thoughtfulness during our daughter, Paula's, recent operation at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. — Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reeves.

Drafts and notes differ in that the former is a written order to pay; the latter a written promise to pay.

NOTICE

To those holding claims against the Estate of Benjamin Frank Preslar, Deceased:

I, J B Walker, having been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of Benjamin Frank Preslar, deceased, on February 16, 1953 in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, do hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence is 521 Angelo Boulevard, San Angelo, Texas in Tom Green County, that address being where I receive my mail.

Executed this the 18 day of March 1953.

J. B. WALKER
Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin Frank Preslar, Deceased.

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SCHOOL NOTES

The public is invited to turn out Friday night to witness the one-act play, "Afterwards," to be presented at the school auditorium at 7:30.

This play won first place for Robert Lee high school in the district meet at San Angelo last week, and it is considered one of the best dramatic productions ever given here. There will also be miscellaneous numbers to make up an interesting hour long program.

Admission will be 15 cents, with the funds being used to defray expenses of contestants taking part in future events.

LITERARY EVENTS

Supt. B. C. Goodwin announces that Robert Lee will take part in

the district contest for Literary Events, scheduled next Tuesday at San Angelo College. Robert Lee is expected to be well represented.

EASTER VACATION

Robert Lee schools will have an Easter vacation starting at 4 p. m. Thursday, April 2, and continuing until Tuesday morning, April 7.

STATION SHUT DOWN

Pan American pipeline pumping station between Robert Lee and Sterling City is laying off its crew of four men, and in the future it will be operated automatically. Three of the pumpers have resided in Robert Lee. Elton Donelson has been transferred to Eldorado and Dewey Lester to Snyder. Paul Reeves expects to get transfer orders this week.

Personals

Buck Ivey, Mel Moody and the Rev. J. C. Shipman spent a couple of days the last of the week fishing near Menard. Their wives joined them for a picnic dinner on Saturday and the group returned home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis left Monday where Mrs. Davis will have a periodical checkup at the University Hospital. They made the trip with their son, Bob L. Davis, of Vernon.

Paula Reeves is back home and doing nicely after undergoing surgery on her arm March 10 at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. She is the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reeves of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Scott and sons, Jerry and Larry, visited the Henry and Clell Varnadores in Arkansas last week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Royce Smith and little son, James Royce, Jr. They saw plenty of moisture while there and the meadows were pretty and green. The Scotts now reside at Winters.

Lt. and Mrs. Jack Snead visited over the weekend with home folks in Robert Lee. They enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Monterey, Mexico and have taken an apartment at New Braunfels. Lieut. Snead reported this week at Randolph Field where he will receive combat training as a radar specialist on B-29 bombers.

Mrs. Ray Nolle is now employed at the Farris Drug Store, succeeding Mrs. Donald Mauldin, who has accepted a position as extra clerk in the office of County Clerk Weldon Fikes. Mrs. Nolle is residing in Robert Lee with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pettit, while her husband is with the armed forces in Japan.

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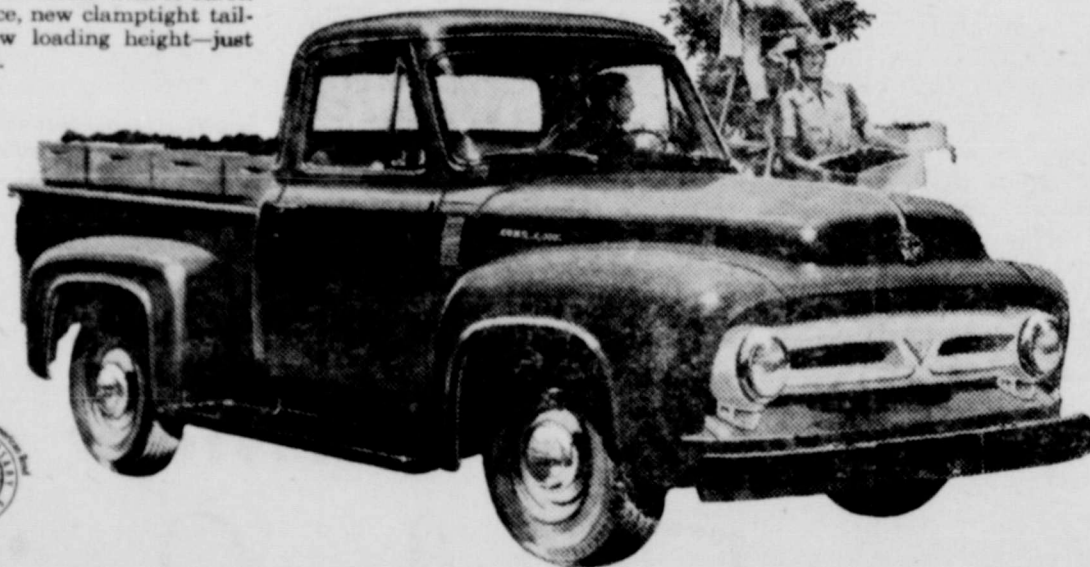
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