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CHAS. THOMPSON, EDITH RANCHER, IS FOUND DEAD

Charlie Thompson, 64, well known ranchman, was found dead Friday morning of last week at his home west of Edith.

The body, lying in the yard a short distance from the house, was discovered by Hadley Richards about 8:30. Mr. Richards was on his way to do some farm work for his father-in-law, Ed Hickman, on a nearby ranch.

Authorities were called and County Judge Jeff Dean presided over an inquest. Dr. J. D. McDaniel said death evidently was caused by a heart attack. It is thought Mr. Thompson died before midnight. The electric lights were burning and a radio was turned on in the house. He had been in apparent good health.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in Paint Creek cemetery Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with the Rev. James C. Shipman officiating. Clift Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were R. A. Stroud, Elbert Davidson, Fennell Smith, Ralph Garvin, Hadley Richards and Earl Roberts.

Charlie was born Feb. 3, 1889, near Round Rock in Williamson County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Washington Thompson. His mother, the former Sylvania Elizabeth McGaha, was a native of Tennessee.

The family moved to Coke County 57 years ago. After the death of their parents, the Thompson children made their homes with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrison. Mr. Harrison was in the mercantile business and served as postmaster in Robert Lee before moving to the ranch near Green Mountain which had been Charlie's home for many years.

Charlie never married. He enlisted during the First World War and served with credit for three years in the Navy. He was a fireman. He was a good ranch operator, devoting most of his attention to sheep raising. Charlie was a good friend and neighbor.

Surviving are a brother, W. W. Thompson, and a nephew, W. L. Thompson, of Wichita Falls. He was preceded in death by a brother, Bert Thompson, and a sister, Mrs. J. E. (Leafy) Pate.

M. J. Krall has sold his Banner distributing business here to Bill Hughes of San Angelo. The new owner took charge the first of the month. Hughes formerly operated a Mead bread truck. He and his wife have moved to Robert Lee and are occupying one of the A. B. Sheppard apartments. Mr. Krall says his future plans are indefinite.

Coke County

Hospital News

May 27—Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr., dismissed.

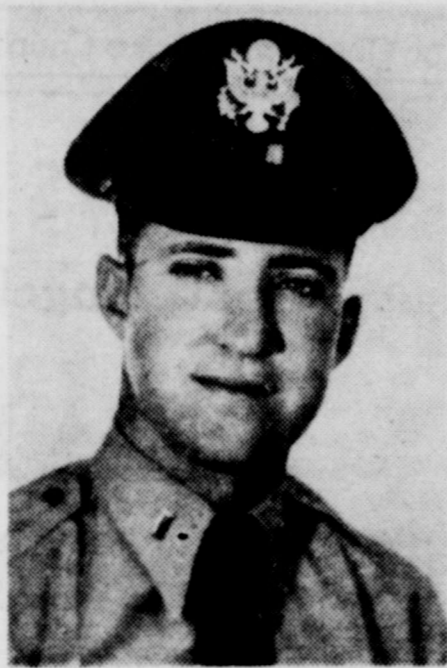
May 28—Hubert Buchanan admitted.

May 30—Mrs. Billy C. Green admitted. Mrs. C. A. Dukes dismissed.

May 31—Daughter born to Mrs. Billy Green at 1:25 a.m. Daughter born to Mrs. Robert D. Berry at 8:48 p.m.

June 1—Mrs. Joe Dodson dismissed. G. A. Harmon passed away at 8 p.m.

June 2—Mrs. Kate Cox of Bronte admitted. Mrs. M. M. Sparks dismissed. Son born to Mrs. Victor Wojtek at 11:45 p.m.



LT. L. C. IVEY, JR.

Cumbie Ivey, Jr. of Robert Lee was recently promoted to First Lieutenant in the Air Force. He is stationed at Barksdale AFB near Shreveport.

TWISTERS LICK MILES 16 TO 4

Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters stomped Miles 16 to 4 Sunday afternoon, with a nine run explosion in the ninth inning. It gave the Twisters an even break in Concho Basin League play, following the previous week's defeat by Texon.

John Stewart hurried for the first half of the game for Robert Lee, with George Ray of Coahoma going to the mound during the later innings. Ray was very effective and allowed by one safe blow.

Harley Jeschke pitched the first eight innings for Miles. However, it was not the Miles Bulldogs of old. Melvin and Harley Jeschke were the only former Miles standouts in the lineup.

Norman Roberts clouted a double and three singles for the Twisters and John Conley cracked out three singles. Roy Tinkler, Stewart, Lew Heuvel and Ray each got two hits.

Heuvel was back at his position at short, and Conley played third in the absence of Pete Hickman.

BCD THURSDAY NIGHT

The June meeting of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development will take place Thursday night, June 11, at the County Ag Building. The Observer was in error last week in stating the meeting would be next Tuesday night. During the summer the BCD will meet the second Thursday night of each month.

Curtain time for "Just Dancin'" is 8 p. m.

DISTRICT COURT OPENS MONDAY

Judge Joe L. Mays will open a term of District Court in Coke County next Monday. Non-jury cases will be taken up next week, but a grand jury will not be called at this time.

A panel of petit jurymen will be called for the following Monday, June 15, when some important lawsuits are expected to be tried.

A recent legislative enactment provides for continuous district court sessions for Coke County to start August 1st and February 1st each year. However, Judge Mays ruled that preparations had been made for a June term, hence he has designated this as a Special Term to extend over a period of five weeks.

COKE COUNTY TAXES TO BE CUT THIS YEAR

Coke County will have a tax cut this year of about 10 per cent, according to County Judge Jeff Dean. Decision to reduce the levy from 95 to 85 cents was made last week when the Commissioners Court was in session as a Board of Review. Increased assessed valuations due to continued oil activity, made it possible to bring about the tax reduction.

The cut of 10 cents will come off the Jury Fund which had a balance on hand Jan. 1st of over \$39,000. This year's levies will be as follows:

General	25
Court House & Jail	25
Road & Bridge	15
Road & Bridge Special	15
Jury Fund	05

Harry Pickett & Son, evaluation engineers, met with the County Equalization Board last week and presented figures estimating the county's assessed valuation this year at 20½ million dollars, a gain of 3½ million over 1952.

Valuation of personal property is down because drouth has nearly depleted farms and ranches of livestock, but oil properties in Coke County will exceed \$16,000,000.00

BIRTHS

WOJTEK—A son was born June 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek (Ronda Young) of Robert Lee at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 11:45 p.m. Charles Randolph tipped the scales at 9 pounds, 15 3/4 ounces. The Wojteks have three daughters, Vicki Ann, 10, Mary Alice, 6, and Rinda Elizabeth, 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Young and Frank Wojtek, Sr.

GREEN—Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carol Green (Wanda Jo Harvey) of Robert Lee are parents of a daughter born May 31 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 1:25 a.m., Peggy Ann weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. She has a brother, Carroll Wayne, 2 years old. Grandparents are Mrs. Ethel Green of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bird of San Angelo. Mr. Green is a pusher for Yucca doing oil field construction work.

BERRY—Parents of their first child, a daughter, are Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Berry of Robert Lee. Rona Dale, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, arrived at 8:48 p.m. at Coke County Memorial Hospital. The father is employed on construction work at the Jameson gasoline plant at Silver. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garrett of Carlsbad, N. Mex., and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Berry of Liberty Hill, Tex.

MILLICAN—Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Millican (Eva Jo Johnson) of Silver are parents of a son born June 1 at the Colorado City hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, nine ounces and has been named Johnny Lee. He has a brother, Jimmy Wayne, 4½ years old. The father is employed in oil field work at Silver. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Millican of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Johnson of Booneville, Ark.

TINKLER—A son was born May 31 at Pecos to Mr. and Mrs. Eckert Tinkler (Stella Clinton.) This is their first child. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and will answer to the name of Norman Clinton. Mrs. Mattie Tinkler of Robert Lee is the grandmother.



MISS PATTY TAYLOR

Miss Taylor was graduated from the University of Texas last week with a BS degree in Education and Physical Education major. She will teach in the Pearsall High School the coming year and during July and August will serve as a counselor at Longhorn Girls Camp on Buchanan Lake near Burnet.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, Patty has achieved high scholastic honors during her high school and university years. During the past year she was co-ordinator of one of the women's co-operative dormitories on the university campus.

Bobbie Hatley Weds Wichita Falls Lady

The marriage of Bobbie Hatley of Robert Lee and Jean Irons of Wichita Falls took place May 19 in Wichita Falls with Justice of the Peace Newman officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. May Irons of Tellico Plains, Tenn. She has a three-months-old son, Stevie, from a former marriage.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley of Robert Lee. For the past two years he has been employed in Wichita Falls. He was inducted into the service May 27 at Dallas and was sent to Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio.

His wife and little son arrived in Robert Lee last Thursday and will make their home here with Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley.

Curtain time for "Just Dancin'" is 8 p. m.

Notes

From The Oil Field



KRESTA HOLE ABANDONED

J. J. Lynn No. 1 Oscar Kresta, wildcat 1½ miles west of Robert Lee, has been plugged and abandoned after drilling to a total depth of 6,023 feet. Tests of the Strawn just below 5,400 feet and another lime section at 5,800 recovered salty sulphur water. There were no oil shows. The Moultray-Moore rotary rig is moving to Anson.

Liedtke & Liedtke 1-68 March, 15 miles southwest of Robert Lee, drilling at 5,276 feet in shale.

Honolulu 1 Webb, near Tennyson, 5,020 feet in lime.

ESCUE—Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Escue (Rita Braswell) are the parents of a son born May 6 in a San Angelo hospital. He weighed 9 pounds and has been named John Braswell. He has a brother, Freddie, 4½ years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell of Robert Lee and Mrs. R. B. Cross of San Angelo.

DEATH CLAIMS G. A. HARMON COKE PIONEER

Death has come to G. A. Harmon, 88, well known Robert Lee resident who came to Coke County more than fifty years ago.

His passing occurred Monday, June 1, at 8 p.m. at Coke County Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient the past week. He had been critically ill several weeks suffering from a foot ailment and circulatory disorders.

Funeral services were held from the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Ray Lee. Also assisting with the service were the Rev. Fred Blake of Brownwood, former Robert Lee Baptist minister, and the Rev. Raymond Dunn of Coleman.

Funeral arrangements and burial in the Robert Lee cemetery were under direction of Clift Funeral Home. Pallbearers were David Key, Delmir Sheppard, Roy Taylor, Alfred Lofton, Lee Roberts, C. S. Brown, Frank Dickey and Johnnie Williams.

Born in Texas County, Mo., Mr. Harmon came to Texas at an early age. He married the former Sarah Ellen Powers Dec. 22, 1889, in Erath County. They immediately moved to the Green Mountain community west of Edith and three years later moved to Robert Lee which has continued to be their home for 51 years.

Mr. Harmon operated a mail line and was in the restaurant business. He served a number of years as county tax-assessor-collector and later held the same position with the Robert Lee school district.

He united with the Baptist Church many years ago. Mr. Harmon always worked hard despite the fact that he suffered from a limb ailment that caused him to use crutches the greater part of his adult life. He had great fortitude, and was loved and admired by a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon observed their 63rd wedding anniversary last Dec. 22, and the previous year the event was celebrated in grand style. For the past two years the couple has been cared for by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn. All of the children have been here during their father's final illness.

Surviving are his wife, four daughters and one son. The children are: Mrs. Andrew (Annie) Carriger, Midland; Mrs. Owen F. (Canaro) Epperson, Coleman; Mrs. H. C. (Georgia) McMinn, Robert Lee; Mrs. Paul (Nettie) Daffern, Fort Worth; and Delbert C. Harmon of Hobbs, N. Mex.

He also leaves a nephew, C. C. Harmon of Emmett, Ark. There are 19 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

SUN PICNIC AT SILVER

Employees of Sun Oil Co. and their families will enjoy the annual picnic sponsored by the company on Friday of this week at Silver. Sun folks from Coke, Mitchell and Scurry counties will be included.

There will be a softball game starting at 2 p.m. between the Sun teams of Snyder and Silver, followed by horse shoe pitching and women's games at 4. Bingo and kids' games are set for 5:30 and a barbecue supper served by the Sweetwater Chuckwagon Gang is announced for 7 o'clock. A dance will be held in Sun Recreation Hall at night.

GROUP REPUDIATES LEADERS WHO BETRAYED THE DEMOCRATS

AUSTIN—Return of the Democratic Party to Democrats by taking control of the party offices out of the hands of Dixiecrats and Republicans was announced as the goal of the Texas Democratic Organizing Committee at a meeting of the new organization's officers here.

Byron Skelton, Temple attorney who is chairman; Mrs. Lillian Collier, Mumford, vice chairman, and Creekmore Fath, Austin attorney, secretary-treasurer, explained following the meeting that the Texas Democratic Organizing Committee was created at a state-wide meeting of Democrats held at Lake Buchanan May 16-17. They said that 296 Democrats from 76 counties were present for the meeting. Headquarters for the committee have been set up in Austin with a mailing address of Box 198, Austin.

In a statement issued after the meeting of the officers, Skelton re-emphasized the fact that the organization was inviting all Democrats to participate. He cited the Buchanan meeting as the guiding following resolution adopted at the policy.

"Be it resolved that we, Democrats of Texas, convened at Buchanan Dam on May 16-17, extend our greeting, solicitations and congratulations to the 970,128 Democrats in Texas who voted for Adlai Stevenson and John Sparkman in 1952, and call upon their renewed endeavor and support in our task for 1954 to restore the official control of the Party to the Democrats of Texas.

"We invite and call upon all the citizens of Texas to join us in this movement in support of the great Democratic principles of our Party, however they may have voted in the past.

"We commend and endorse the Democratic leadership of our Party in both Houses of Congress, and in particular the able leadership of our two stalwart Democratic minority leaders.

"We repudiate the leadership of the Democratic Party in Texas of those official party leaders who have betrayed our Party to its enemies, and particularly those persons holding positions of trust as members of the State Executive Committee, and we call for and dedicate ourselves to their removal from Party office."

"We intend," Skelton added, "to return the Democratic Party to the Democrats. The so-called 'Democrats' who are on the State Democratic Executive Committee supported the Republican Party and its nominees. Our task is to mobilize the Democrats so that they will have the opportunity to get representation on the State Executive Committee next year at the Democratic State Convention."

In accordance with instructions at the meeting, a five-dollar annual certificate plan will be used to finance the organization work along the same lines as that used in the Stevenson-Sparkman campaign. The certificates will be available for distribution by May 29. A goal of 20,000 five-dollar contributors, or two per cent of the voters for the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket in each county, has been set for this year, Skelton announced. Each five-dollar contributor, if he desires, will receive a subscription to the Democratic Digest, published monthly by the Democratic Na-

tional Committee.

Plans for a state-wide meeting of the organizing committee by November 1 are being made, Skelton said, but he emphasized that the meeting will not be a "convention." The only conventions of the Democratic Party are those set by law, and the committee's meeting will be a state-wide gathering of members to set up an organization to work from that time until the Democratic convention in September, 1954.

"Response to the first news about the organization has been most gratifying," Skelton said. All three officers said they had received communications totaling in the hundreds in the week since the Lake Buchanan meeting.

Texas Democrats who voted for Stevenson-Sparkman have been marking time since the election, Skelton added, and now that so many who voted Republican want to come back home to the Democratic Party we intend to see that they come back to a Democratic Party run by Democrats and not a Democratic Party run by Dixiecrats and Texas Regulars for the Republicans. We are at work on the membership of the Democratic State Organizing Committee and will have an announcement of its members in the next thirty days.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

The Green Mountain Women's Home Demonstration Club wishes to thank all the ladies who helped with quilting and sent materials. Would also like to thank the Alamo Theatre for the advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Read returned Sunday night from a few days' trip to New Mexico where they visited Mrs. Read's brother, John Williams. The latter has been ill but continues to look after his 55-section ranch.

Here's Pointers On THE DRAFT LAW

ARTICLE V.

On a local draft board is placed the responsibility, under applicable laws and regulations, of deciding which men should be deferred because of their civilian activities.

The three categories of men considered are: (1) farmers or farm workers, (2) college or university students, and (3) men in industrial and all other civilian activity.

In the case of students, deferment until end of the school year is ordered by law, if the student is mailed an order to report for induction while he is in school satisfactorily taking a full-time course of instruction, provided he has never received such a statutory deferment before.

If the student has previously received such a deferment, then further deferment is up to the local board. The board can consider information outside the scholastic as well as scholastic information. The widely-publicized draft test for college students can be ignored by local boards under draft regulations if the board so desires. Score on the draft test and class standing of the student are provided as information for the board.

Here are three things the board considers when it is looking at a case of possible deferment for farming or other civilian activity: (1) Is the man engaged, except for a seasonal interruption, in the activity? (2) Can he be replaced by persons with his qualifications or skills? (3) Would his removal cause a material loss of effectiveness in the activity?

In the case of farmers or farm workers, the chief question asked is: Is he employed in the production for market of a substantial quantity of agricultural commodities necessary to maintenance of national health, safety or interest?

All such deferments are for limited periods.

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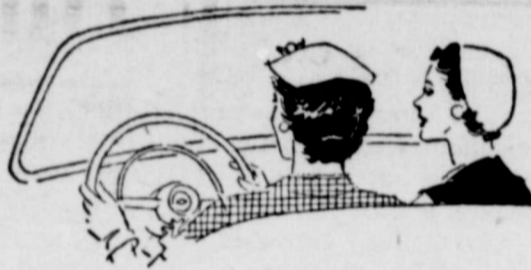
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COKE WILDCAT STAKED NEAR MAVERICK

Thos. D. Humphrey & Sons, Ltd. has filed application to drill its 1 W. A. Halamicek, a 5,500-foot rotary wildcat, in southeastern Coke County, four miles southwest of Maverick in Runnels County.

Location, on a 640-acre tract, is 3,720 feet from the northeast and 1,200 feet from the southeast lines of 19-Adams, Beaty & Moulton survey.

The prospector is two miles south east of Sunray 1 Glenn, plugged and abandoned Oct. 30, 1950, at 5,919 feet.

It is also five miles northeast of Honolulu 1 Webb, active wildcat drilling below 4,080 feet in shale at the latest report.

NEW FIELD

The Texas Railroad Commission, Oil and Gas Division, has announced the designation of a new field in Coke County.

It will be the Wendkirk field. Discovery well is F. Kirk Johnson 1 H. G. Wendland, finished for a daily flowing potential of 95.12 barrels of 41 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 250-1.

Location is 330 feet from the northeast and southeast lines of 8-J. D. O'Daniel survey, 5 1/2 miles southwest of Bronte.

2 BRUNSON PRODUCERS

Humble has finished two new producers on J. L. Brunson in the Bronte 4800 field. 6-B Brunson rated a calculated daily flow of 498.6 barrels of 40.5 gravity oil. Gauge was through a quarter inch choke.

No. 8 Brunson was completed for a flowing potential of 484.12 barrels of 47 gravity oil. It is two miles southwest of Bronte.

ANOTHER COKE WILDCAT

Inca Drilling Co. of Abilene has filed application to drill a 4,000-foot rotary wildcat, its 1 Wilson Estate, in northern Coke County,

four miles southwest of Blackwell in Coke County.

Operations on the project will begin June 1.

Location, on a 200-acre tract, is 1,550 feet from the north and 1,980 feet from the west lines of 227-1A-1&TC.

The prospector is 1 1/2 miles west and slightly south of the abandoned Blackwell field which produced from the Cisco from between 3,821-28 feet.

MARKERS

It is 5/8 mile northwest of Stanolind 1 Carter, abandoned in November, 1951, at 6,600 feet. Plugged back total depth was 3,978 feet. The Cisco was topped at 3,870 feet and the Strawn at 6,435 feet on elevation of 2,152 feet.

It is also one mile southeast of Union 1 Frost et al abandoned April 9, 1949, at 7,061 feet.

Betty Sue Mitchell Weds W. T. M'Adams

W. T. McAdams and Betty Sue Mitchell, popular Robert Lee young couple, were united in marriage Friday night, May 15. The ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. James C. Shipman.

Attendants were Barbara Casey and Buddy Millican. Parents of the bride and groom were present for the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell. She has been prominent in school activities and was a band majorette.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams. He is employed at Sun's gasoline plant at Silver.

You are invited to "Just Dancin'" Friday, 8 p. m., Bronte auditorium. See you there!

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tausch of Brenham, Texas visited the Sam Javs over the week end. They returned home Tuesday morning. Other guests were Delmar Hiller of San Angelo and Tommy Williams of Kerrville.

Personals

Mrs. Dale Brown visited home folks a few days last week. She is residing in Rolla, Mo., to be near her husband who is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. Mrs. Brown accompanied friends to Ft. Worth and came to Robert Lee by bus.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Chevalier and daughter, Ann, are enjoying a two weeks vacation with relatives in East Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee. During their absence G. O. Richardson is looking after the two Baker & Taylor drilling rigs at Silver.

Good reports come from Mrs. Ed Gray, who is recuperating in the home of her son, Glenn Gray, in San Antonio. Mrs. Gray had a severe attack of toxic poisoning some time ago and was taken to San Antonio for treatment.

See Robert Lee pupils in Dance Recital at Bronte Friday night.

Ben Snead, well known Bronte youth, is making a good recovery at the Fort Bliss army hospital where he underwent a serious hernia operation a month ago. His mother, Mrs. B. D. Snead, and his grandmother, Mrs. T. M. Freeman of Edith, have been at his bedside. Mr. Snead brought them home from El Paso Sunday.

Ervin Escue and family moved back to Robert Lee from San Angelo last week. He is employed as a driver for Isbell & Higgins Trucking Co.

Add Davis has taken a position with the Meade Bakery Co. and is driving one of the bread trucks on the Bronte-Robert Lee route. A recent high school graduate, Add is said to be the youngest route man employed by the company. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Davis.

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Oil Accounts for Half of West Texas Income

ABILENE, (Spl.)—Oil accounts for about \$1,300,000,000 or 54 per cent of the total value of production of the oil wells, farms and ranches of West Texas, R. F. Windfohr of Fort Worth, president of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, writes in the current issue of West Texas Today, magazine of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Production of the oil industry, livestock and farming industries generate about \$2,400,000,000 a year in sales to form the bedrocks of the region's economy, Windfohr wrote.

The regional chamber of commerce reported that West Texas production put nearly \$60,000,000 in to the treasury in 1952 and paid \$162,500,000 to royalty owners.

132-County Area

Production of the entire 132-county area totaled 520,220,214 barrels. Gross market value was \$1,300,000,000, computed at average price of \$2.50 per barrel. The state production tax is 4.6 per cent.

Because it produces such a large part of the region's wealth all West Texas businessmen, whatever their line, have a direct relationship with activities of the petroleum industry, Windfohr declared.

In the past 25 years petroleum reserves, production and service facilities have been built up in West Texas to sustain for many years to come a large part of the gains which have been made in West Texas production and business activity, he said.

"However," he added, "there is considerable uneasiness in the industry today about the prospects for continued expansion at the rates enjoyed in the past decade."

No Ingenuity Shortage

The oil industry leader made these other comments:

There seems to be no shortage of optimism or ingenuity among West Texans but some economic factors over which they have no control is disturbing the oil men.

The discovery of oil reserves—the basis of the whole operation—requires tremendous investments of capital with the foregoing expectation that much of it will be lost in dry holes. In the West Texas Chamber of Commerce territory there were about 11,591 wells drilled last year, or a total of more than 50,000,000 feet of hole. Probably something like \$500,000,000 was required for this effort and about one-third of the investment wound up in dry holes.

It probably will be insignificant to most West Texans the industry is planning some 700 fewer wells in that area in 1953. This would mean a reduction from last year of some 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 in drilling expenditures.

Price Raise Needed

The abnormally high production of rates of 1952 have given many producers record gross income. Their drilling costs and operating costs, caused by the avid search for reserves, however, have more than offset, relatively, their gain in volume. The result is that many producers had higher gross income in 1952 than in 1951, but lower net return.

Right now the industry has pressing need for the kind of stimulation that would come from a relatively higher price for crude oil.

Unfortunately for Texans, the heaviest withdrawals of oil from the state have been under arbitrary price controls, while stocks have been built up both by domestic production and increased imports until recent decontrol of prices resulted in no immediate relief to the domestic producer.

Personals

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough left Tuesday for Alpine to confer with Sul Ross College authorities in regard to graduate work. She had not decided whether she would enroll for summer classes.

Ronnie and Dickie Snoddy sang duet at the high school baccalaureate services in Bronte Sunday.

Personals

Reports are not encouraging from Geo. A. Hale, who is being cared for in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joy Blalok, at Baytown.

Mrs. V. H. Simpson underwent major surgery two weeks ago at Shannon Hospital. She is recovering satisfactorily and is now recuperating in the home of her son Glenn, in San Angelo.

Hubert Buchanan, well known Robert Lee barber, has been a patient the past week at Coke County Memorial Hospital. His ailment has not been definitely diagnosed, but is regarded as serious.

Waymond (Copey) Davis was home from Fort Hood a few hours Saturday. He was accompanied back to his base by his brother, Garland, Kenneth Lackey, Ronnie Baker and Don Fields. The group visited Waco and other points Sunday.

McNeil Wylie of Lubbock was an overnight guest Monday of his brother, and greeted Robert Lee friends the following day. He is taking things easy these days and his health seems improved. Mrs. Wylie, who teaches English in the Lubbock High School, will take summer work at Texas Tech.

Bunyan Millican of Silver is recovering from an appendectomy which he underwent Monday of last week at the Colorado City hospital.

Dixie Taylor returned Sunday to Austin to take summer work at the University of Texas after a week's vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. Dixie will be co-ordinator in a girls co-op dormitory. She is a home economics major.

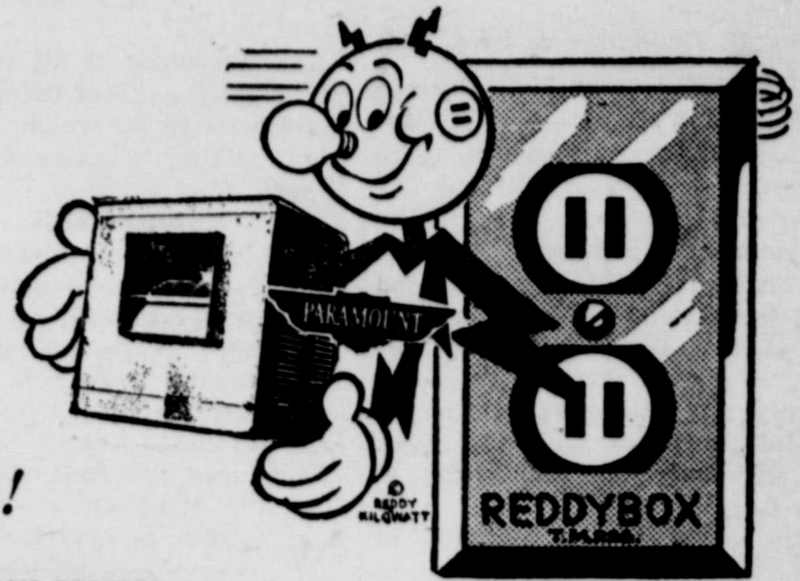
Pritchard Brown, who is employed by Sun Oil Co. in Starr County, has gone on a two weeks' Naval Reserve training cruise. During his absence his wife is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown.

Foy Askins and family are back from a vacation visit with the former's parents at Berryville, Ark. Foy says crops are good there, but the season is late this year.

Robert Lewis Jay and Sam Ed Skipworth leave Sunday for Alpine where they will attend a 10-days Band Clinic at Sul Ross College.

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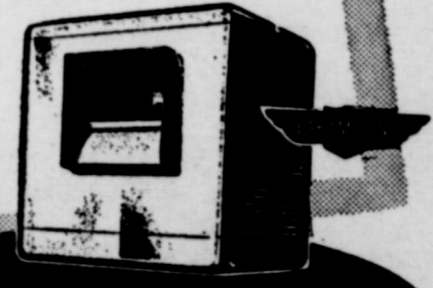
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Do you remember what year S. W. T. Lanham ran for Governor of Texas and W. R. Smith was the Democratic candidate for Congress? Or who was elected County Judge in a three-way race between W. F. Robinson, Gid Graham and M. H. Davis?

Johnnie Williams has found an old election ballot that had been put away by his father, I. C. Williams, who came to this locality in 1884. A lot of the candidates will be familiar to old timers, but it may be difficult to recall just what year that election was held. There is no date on the ballot.

Neither Lanham nor Smith were opposed. The candidate for State Senator was J. W. Hill, Claude Hudspeth for State Representative and D. D. Wallace for District Attorney.

Other candidates were:
County Clerk—J. W. Barnett, S. C. Wilkins.

County Attorney—J. D. Jowers, G. W. Perryman and C. C. Merchant.

County Treasurer—J. A. Green, P. S. Stark, C. L. Hughes.

Sheriff and Tax Collector—Lee J. Good, John J. Fry and W. B. Green.

For Tax Assessor—H. V. Schintz, J. F. Robbins, W. W. McCutchen.

For Hide and Animal Inspector—E. B. Cox, Will Vowell.

Commissioner, Prec. 1—W. R. Pruitt, B. F. Hall, T. C. Baldwin, Warren Graham.

Commissioner, Prec. 2—B. A. Taylor, M. H. Havins, J. D. O'Daniel, Jr.

Commissioner, Prec. 4—W. R. Boykin, F. M. Pritchard, Ainslie Turner, A. C. Gardner.

Commissioner, Prec. 4—J. H. Campbell, Jack Adkins.

When was that election held?

More than 50 years ago? Any information will be gladly received at The Observer office.

Hogs Hit Highest Price Since '48 At Fort Worth Market

Fort Worth — Swine growers could enjoy a rueful smile Monday as hogs hit the highest peak since November 1948 at Fort Worth. Choice butcher hogs sold at \$25.25 to \$25.75. The joy was tempered by the fact that several years of low prices for hogs had thinned down the hog population to where while the price was good, the numbers were few.

Most hog breeders are frantically trying to restock since a short time ago it was announced that the hog population was smaller than the numbers of cattle on the nation's farms. The ideal relationship is generally conceded to be 20 percent more hogs than cattle in the country.

Cattle buyers were highly selective. The fed beeves were scarce and good and choice drylot cattle ruled strong. Grassers were weak to lower. The cows ruled steady to 50 cents lower. Bulls held steady.

Good and choice fat Spring lambs \$24.00-26.50; medium to good \$18.00-24.00; cull and common \$12.00-16.00. Stocker and feeder Spring lambs, shorn lambs and yearlings \$12.00-18.00. Cull old crop lambs \$8.00-12.00. Two-year-olds \$10.00-14.00. Old wethers \$8.00-10.50. Fat shorn old crop lambs and yearlings \$17.00-22.00. Ewes \$4.00-6.00. Old bucks around \$4.00.

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Personals

A new Observer subscriber is Mrs. Donald Mason, 3701 Barnes, Houston. Mrs. Mason is the former Olene Cole of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McArthur and children left last Friday on a month's vacation trip. They will visit kinfolks in Macon, Georgia, and High Point, Greensboro and other places in North Carolina. Mr. McArthur is a pumper for Sun Oil Co. in the Millican field west of Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phelan returned Friday from Wichita, Kans., where they were called early in the week by the illness of a 10-year-old granddaughter, Barbara Hendrickson. The child's mother is the former Dane Arnold, a daughter of Mrs. Phelan. On their return home Mr. and Mrs. Phelan enjoyed traveling over the new Oklahoma Turnpike from Tulsa to Oklahoma City.

E. I. Cummins arrived the first of the week for summer training with the Coke County Soil Conservation Service. He will be a senior at Texas A & M. Mr. Cummins comes from Tolar.

GREEN BROTHERS HERE

W. M. Green of Grants Pass, Oregon, accompanied by his son, Robert, has been here the past week visiting kinfolks and boyhood friends. He made his headquarters in the home of his uncle, Green Preslar. His brother, E. R. Green, of near Houston was also here a few days.

The Green boys were raised in the Sanco community, their mother being the youngest of the Preslar girls. Their father is now living at San Marcos, Calif., near his son, Kay.

W. M. is employed in a planing

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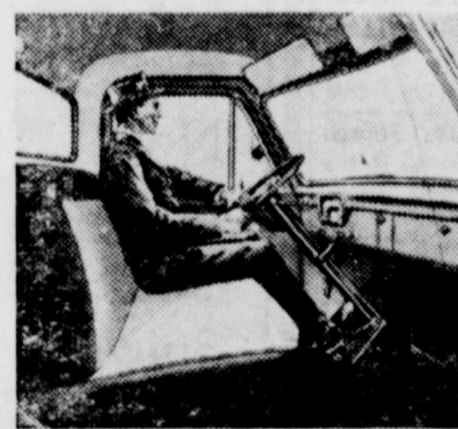
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mill at Grants Pass. He reports the plant has been shut down temporarily because continued rains have made the lumber too wet to process.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner enjoyed a Memorial Day holiday visit with the D. L. Buchanans in Colorado City.

Jerald Ivey returned Monday to Corpus Christi after a holiday weekend visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Buck) Ivey. He is employed this summer by the Gasoline Plant Construction Co. at Corpus Christi. Jerald plans to enroll at San Angelo Junior College in September.

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Jeff Chandler-Scott Brady-Susan Ball in
YANKEE BUCCANEER In Technicolor Also cartoon

SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

Mrs. Perry Post has returned home after being a patient in the Colorado City hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gallier and daughters have gone to Orlando, Fla., on a vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Rabon Martindale and J. A. Fuller and family are on vacation.

Miss Gwen Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fuller, was graduated from Colorado City high school Monday night.

Miss Kay Stewart enjoyed the Colorado City band trip to Lubbock June 2. She has been selected as one of the band's majorettes for next year.

Sun Oil Co. employees are holding their annual picnic at Silver June 5. Bingo, a ball game, barbecue supper and dance will be on the docket for the enjoyment of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Screws and family were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Connor for several days.

On vacation are Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snyder and daughters, Mary Ann and Peggy.

Sun Oil Co. Notes

Sun A-2 Beatrice Anderson continued testing. During 24 hours it flowed 40.5 barrels of oil, no water, from perforations in a lower sand section. Previously it flowed 129 barrels of oil, no water, in 18 hours from a top section.

Ray-Harris rotary rig was released and moved to Sun A-3 Anderson. It cemented surface casing at 522 feet and was drilling Wednesday at 929 feet in redbeds and shells.

Sun 4 Victor McCabe at 5,425 feet in shale and fishing.

Sun C-2 Tubb coring at 5,922 feet.

Sun A-6 J. B. Walker in shale at 3,610 feet.

Sun B-1 Central Nat'l Bank at 5,705 in shale.

Sun Mathers-Walker-State Unit 1 drilling Wednesday in shale and lime at 4,499 feet.

BAKE SALE SATURDAY

A Bake Sale, sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs, will be held Saturday, starting at 10 a. m. in the Ivey Building. Your patronage will be appreciated.

Cynthia Schooler came down from Odessa last Wednesday to be with the G. A. Harmon family during Mr. Harmon's final illness. The families were old neighbors in the Edith community.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the City of Robert Lee, Texas, will be in session at the City Hall on Saturday, June 13.

Any person or persons having business with the Board are hereby notified of the date and are requested to appear.

MRS. SAM JAY, City Secretary

City of Robert Lee, Texas

DANCE RECITAL AT BRONTE

Madelon Tidwell Price presents her dancing pupils in Recital Friday evening, June 5, in the Bronte high school auditorium. Curtain time is 8 o'clock.

The recital, entitled "Just Dancin'" is a musical extravaganza in four parts — "Just Dancin' at the Palace", featuring vaudeville numbers; "Just Dancin' at the Met" with the more classical ballets; "Just Dancin' at the Circus", highlight of the show with brilliant costumes and special lighting; and "Just Dancin' with Madelon", concluding the show with tap specialties and just plain "hoofing."

Students from Bronte, Ballinger, Winters and Robert Lee will take part. Robert Lee pupils who will appear include Betty Hughes, Billie Joyce Patterson, Diane Samuelson, Bonnie Quisenberry and Kathy Preslar.

"Just Dancin'" is sponsored this year by the Bronte "B" club whose members urge everyone to attend. Admission is 25 and 50 cents.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Ray Lee of Robert Lee and Rev. J. E. Fuller of Bronte were returned to their pastorates at the annual Methodist Conference in San Antonio which closed Sunday. The Rev. Fred J. Bruks was also returned as superintendent of the San Angelo district. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brock of Robert Lee attended the conference as lay delegates.

Big Circus scene with special lights in "Just Dancin'" Friday night.

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Bryan Electric	2	0	1.000
Goodfellow	1	1	.500
Robert Lee	1	1	.500
Corner Drug	0	2	.000
Miles	0	2	.000

Last week's results:

Robert Lee 16, Miles 4.
Texon 5, Corner Drug 0.
Bryan Electric 9, Skyhawks 6.
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Robert Lee vs Skyhawks at Goodfellow Field.
Miles vs Corner Drug.
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Personals

Capt. and Mrs. Nathan Douthit and little son, Les, motored up from Harlingen for a holiday week end visit with Mrs. Douthit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. Capt. Douthit is stationed at the Harlingen AFB and has recently signed up for five more years of duty. He is a pilot.

Mrs. S. B. Plumlee accompanied relatives to New Mexico the last of the week and is visiting at Roswell in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roland Coppin, and family. She also visited another daughter, Mrs. G. R. Smith, and family at Carlsbad.

Mrs. D. D. McDonald writes to have The Observer sent to Wichita Falls during the summer months while her husband will be externing at the State Hospital there. Mrs. McDonald is the former Addie Fish of Robert Lee.

See "Just Dancin'" Friday night. Bronte auditorium.

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and for the many acts of kindness extended in our bereavement. Everything has been deeply appreciated.—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thompson and son, W. L. Thompson, and Family.

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