

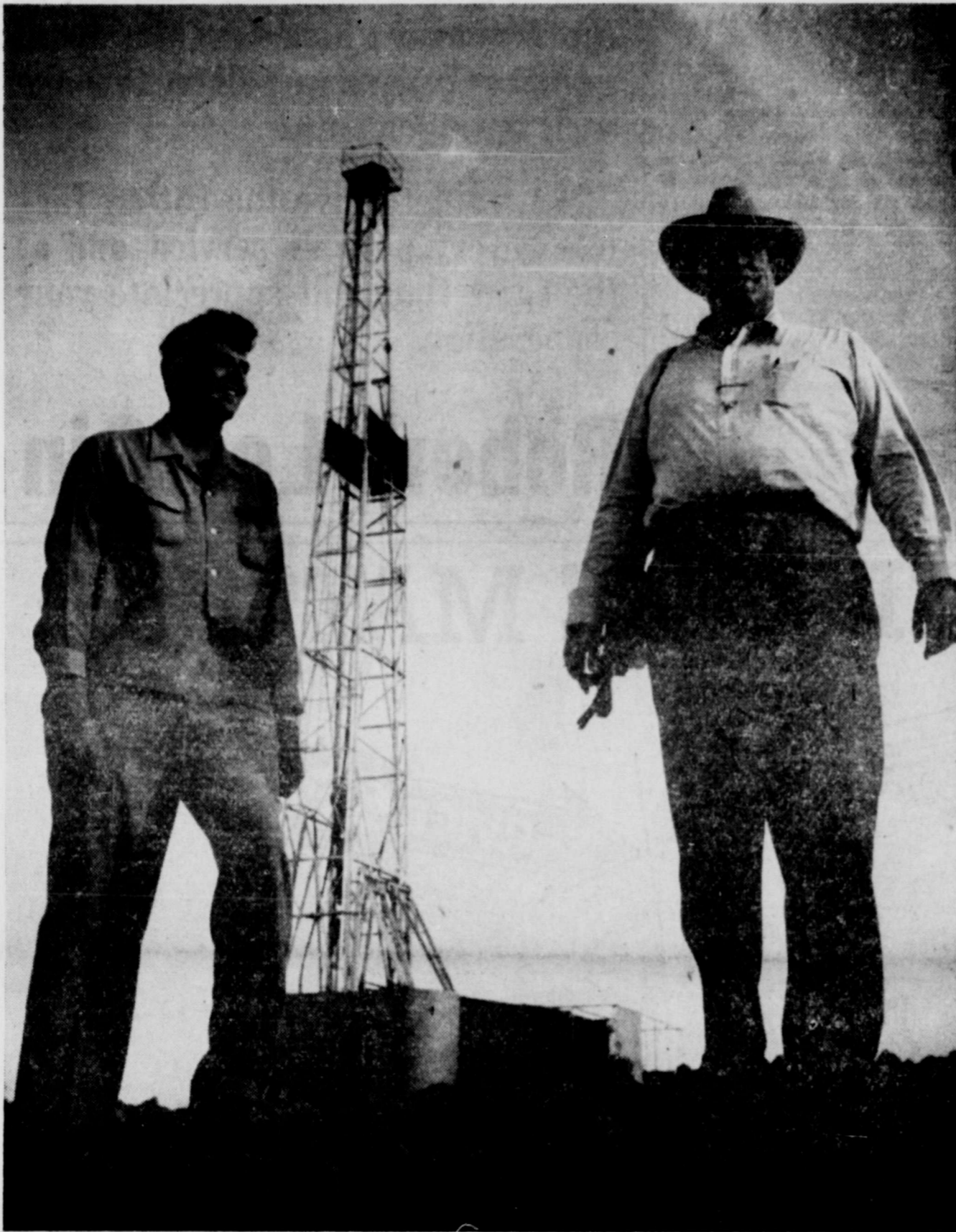
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SKINNY ADAMS IS COKE'S TOP OIL OPERATOR

In the accompanying photo Coke County people will recognize S. E. (Skinny) Adams and his son, Stanley.

The picture was taken on the Mrs. Pallie Phelan lease, west of Silver, when Mr. Adams was drilling his first oil well. The well was brought in Dec. 8, 1952, with a potential daily flow of 201 barrels.

Adams then drilled his No. 2 Phelan, an offset, which rated 166 barrels. Gauge of both wells was through a 9-64ths inch tubing choke.

Mr. Adams then farmed out several locations on the Phelan lease, but announces he will soon start drilling five more for himself.

"Skinny" is without a doubt Coke County's most prominent oil man. Being in the abstract business in Robert Lee he had first knowledge of oil leasing activities back a number of years ago. He helped lease up some important blocks for Sun, Union and other operators. He got a good start in the oil game when some of his royalty purchases at Silver turned out to be highly valuable.

Mr. Adams leased out his ab-

stract business a few years ago and moved to San Angelo where he is devoting full time to a large scale business of handling oil leases and royalties, in addition to looking after production from his own wells.

The son, Stanley, 19, is a freshman student at the University of Texas where he plans to major in law.

Kenneth Lackey attended the State Fair in Dallas over the weekend. He attended the Texas-Oklahoma football game in the Cotton Bowl Saturday afternoon, being accompanied by Aubrey Denman, who was at the fair with the 4-H turkey exhibitors.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Oct. 7 — Bobby Walker admitted.

Oct. 8 — Mrs. Vergie Walden dismissed.

Oct. 9 — Mrs. Clayton Caraway admitted.

Oct. 10 — Mrs. James C. Shipman, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey admitted. Mrs. Clayton Caraway dismissed.

Oct. 11 — Mrs. Vergie Walden, Mrs. Zelma Milam admitted.

Oct. 12 — Lewis A. Grimes, Don Fields, Rodney Hert admitted.

Oct. 13 — Rodney Hert, Lewis A. Grimes, Mrs. Zelma Milam, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey dismissed.

Oct. 14 — Mrs. Dick Skipworth admitted.

SUN'S TAX BILL IS \$221,199 IN COKE THIS YEAR

While some other major companies and several independents are now producing considerable oil in Coke County, Sun Oil Company continues far out in front as the county's biggest taxpayer.

Records in the County Tax Collector's office show that Sun will pay the enormous sum of \$188,868.60 this year. It will be divided as follows: State tax, \$62,795; county \$74,134; Silver school district \$51,766, and Water Valley school district \$172.

In addition Sun will pay taxes of \$32,330.70 into the Robert Lee Independent school district.

Humble is the second largest taxpayer and will pay \$23,205 as state and county taxes, in addition to a big sum assessed by the Bronte school district. In third place is Stanolind which will pay \$15,373.

Other oil companies and operators paying more than \$1,000 are:

S. E. Adams	\$1,530
Amerada	1,053
American Republics	1,307
Chester Hunter	2,976
The IbeX Co.	5,297
Kirk F. Johnson	2,290
New Seven Falls	2,158
Southwest Nat. Produc.	5,079
Union Oil Co.	3,621

COKE COUNTY HAS PRODUCED 16 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL

BASE BALL SUNDAY

Eola, top club in the Winter Base Ball League, is scheduled to cross bats with the Robert Lee nine here Sunday at 2:30. The Beiderman Brothers and other members of the Bryan Electrics are now playing with Eola. Ronnie Baker, fancy left hander, is scheduled to hurl for the locals. Last Sunday's game with Corner Drug was postponed.

Rodney Hert, school boy from Maverick, sustained a fractured arm in a fall at the Robert Lee skating rink Tuesday night. He was a member of a skating party from his home community. Rodney was an overnight patient at hospital here.

LORAIN WILL MEET STEERS FRIDAY NIGHT

Robert Lee Steers engage the Loraine Bulldogs in a gridiron tussle on the local field Friday night. Kickoff time in 7:30.

Loraine has a good club again this season. Last week they downed Ira 27 to 0 and they have been a consistent tough opponent against the best B teams in the area.

Robert Lee is hoping to bounce back from last week's contest in which they were licked 34 to 6 by the Hobbs Panthers. The score hardly compares the strength of the two teams, but the Steers were weakened by a number of absentees.

With Bobby Walker out for the season because of a neck injury, the lineup was also without the service of Tommy Hood and Victor Collett, who were showing turkeys at the State Fair. That ain't all. Two players were ineligible because of scholastic reasons, and Sammy Joe Duncan was sidelined early in the game with an injury.

You can't lose that many boys from a small squad without disastrous effects. Coach Jimmy Mancill is keeping his fingers crossed before the Loraine game. Duncan is still out, and the eligibility list will not be known until Friday. Some shifting has been going on this week, with Sherman Williams, James Robertson and Jack Gray being used in the backfield along with the regulars, Lynn Davidson and Hollis Lloyd.

The Hobbs Panthers have a strong outfit, but they scored on lucky pass plays, and the Steers had an edge of 9 to 5 in first downs. Robert Lee had the ball on the 1-foot line at one time, but lacked the punch to drive over the goal. They had three other good chances to score in addition to the touchdown in the last quarter when Lloyd completed a 5-yard pass to Ben Besent. The Steers have drilled hard this week on pass defense.

BRONTE LICKS TRENT

Biggest upset of last week was Bronte Longhorn's 13 to 7 victory over the Trent Gorillas. It was a 7-B conference game and Trent's first defeat of the season. Bronte journeys to Hobbs this week and Coahoma goes to Trent.

Coke County produced 5,324,193 barrels of oil during the year of 1952, according to figures compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

That was an average of 14,587 barrels daily, and brought the county's total crude production up to 16,247,794 barrels up to Jan. 1, 1953.

Coke County's first oil production started in 1942 in the Blackwell area, but the real development started when Sun discovered its No. 1 Allen Jameson at Silver in December of 1946.

At the end of 1944 Coke ranked 134th out of 150 oil producing counties in Texas. Last year Coke was in 53rd place among 194 counties.

120 NEW PRODUCERS

According to records of the Railroad Commission of Texas 129 new producers have been completed in Coke County during the first eight months of this year.

Coke tied with Upton County for second place in new producers for the 14-county San Angelo area. Runnels was at the top with 151 new wells.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kuykendoll of Midland were weekend guests of her sister, Mrs. Elsie Latham, and her mother, Mrs. W. M. Summers.



LT. JACK SNEAD

Lieut. Jack Snead Based at Okinawa

Lt. Jack Snead is now stationed at Okinawa with the U. S. Air Force, having arrived there Sept. 3. He is a radar observer on a B-29 crew and is taking both flying and ground school training.

Jack enlisted in the Air Force in June 1951, and finished a mechanics school at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, with top honors. Later he entered cadet training at Ellington AFB near Houston and studied radar and navigation. He completed the course at Sheppard AFB and was high man in his class when he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant last March.

Before going to the far Pacific he had additional training at Kelly Field and Topeka, Kans.

Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr. His wife, the former Glo Carraway, is remaining in Robert Lee with relatives.

1300 Rigs Are Required for Drilling Operations in Texas

To keep up one of the main sources of income in Texas — oil and gas production, it takes some 1,300 rigs, roaring and clanking in every part of the state, to put down wells at a rate averaging about 50 a day.

Latest figures, compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association from Railroad Commission and industry publications, show that drilling activity for the first eight months is about the same as last year on a statewide basis. Some areas, however, have hit substantial slumps and the overall dry hole risk was about 2 per cent steeper.

Plans for drilling, as reflected by 12,821 applications for permits, were more than 3 per cent higher than at the same time in 1952.

The drilling crews by the end of August had finished their work on 12,051 wells — 2 per cent less than last year — and 37 per cent were dry holes. The operators were rewarded with 6,977 oil producers, 6 per cent fewer than in the same period of 1952.

In the state's total drilling program, 2,844 attempts were made to find oil in new territory. The same heavy odds against these wildcat wells continued to prevail with about 85 per cent of them dry. (These figures are based on Commission definitions of wildcats which are not quite as restricted as the exploratory well definitions used by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists who show a nine.)

17,462 Wells in 1952

Faced with these stiff odds and higher drilling costs, operators had drilled about 4.5 percent fewer wildcats this year than last. At an industry-wide cost of 2,400 dry holes, however, 396 oil discoveries had been added to the state's list of producers.

During all of 1952, Texas operators chalked up 17,462 wells, 10,222 being oil producers, 738 gas and 6,502 dry holes. These included 4,041 wildcat attempts which found oil 587 times; gas 43 and nothing, 3,746 times.

It has been estimated that footage drilled in Texas in 1953 totaled 83 million, of which nearly 30 million feet were dry.

The state's ability to produce oil in billion-barrel a year quantities is keyed to the results of the search for oil and the development of discoveries.

Large Capital Investments

Large capital investments in expensive equipment and services, coupled with an annual payroll of some \$187 million, makes Texas drilling an important economic factor. Last year drilling operations employed some 43,127 crewmen — tool pushers, roughnecks and many others.

A drilling rig capable of cutting a hole 3,000-5,000 feet deep costs some \$150,000 and one that will go down 15,000 feet runs into the half-million bracket.

Because every well is a different problem, per-foot drilling costs vary widely, making an industry-wide average almost impossible. In areas like North Texas (which is a cheaper drilling area than, say, West Texas) a 3,200 foot oil well might cost around \$31,000. A dry hole there that deep (which does not require the equipment of a producer) would be some \$14,000. Out in West Texas many wells average better than \$100,000 and some come three-for-a-million

dollars.

Rig Operations Down in W. Tex.

A shutdown of the Spraberry area reportedly has caused a drop in the number of rig operations in West Texas. At present the area is increasing its deep drilling activities.

In Andrews County, far West Texas, there are about 40 rigs drilling to the 12,000 foot level. Each well will require about six months to finish.

The state's deepest hole was completed last Spring in Pecos County at 16,696 feet — and dry.

At the end of the first seven months of 1953 there were 1,299 drilling rigs operating in Texas, compared with 1,393 for the same 1952 period. Overall decline was over 6 percent.

In District 8 (West Texas) operating rigs jumped from 305 to 339, an 11 per cent hike.

Knee breeches for gentlemen went out of style after the French Revolution.

COKE TURKEYS TOP SHOW AT DALLAS FAIR

Benny Corley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Corley, Tennyson, came out with the coveted Grand Champion honors Saturday at the State Fair of Texas Junior Market Turkey Show. This is his second year in the turkey business. Benny is one of three boys in Coke with Sears Turkeys this year.

There are thirteen boys and one girl exhibiting 25 pens of turkeys. Of this group there were 15 blue awards, 9 red awards and one white. In the sale Tuesday the red and white awards sold for 20 cents and 10 cents above market price respectively. The blue award turkeys were sold at auction as were the Grand Champion.

The quality of Coke County turkeys was shown by the fact that only three pens of toms were sifted because of small blemishes. No hens were sifted. The average sifted for the show was 35 percent. Adult leaders helping the boys show their turkeys were Bob Cox, James Arrott and Aubrey Denman.

GIN NOTICE

We are now operating the gin every afternoon.

If it is necessary that you gin in the forenoon Phone 60 (McDonald Lumber Co.) and we will try to make such arrangements.

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Every resident of Coke County has benefitted directly or indirectly from oil. Oil properties this year will pay three-fourths of the County Taxes, and oil has been responsible for Coke County's assessed valuation of 4½ million dollars in 1946 jumping to \$20,397,930 this year.

Taxes from oil properties are making it possible for Coke County to have better roads and other worth while improvements, and in addition the industry is furnishing employment to hundreds of our citizens at good wages.

We congratulate the oil operators and royalty owners and everyone connected with this highly important business in the observance of Oil Progress Week, Oct. 11-17.

Coke County Commissioners Court

COKE COUNTY, TEXAS



SUN INJECTS WATER OR GAS INTO EARTH TO GET ADDITIONAL OIL

Oil men have learned that they can "grow" oil through the proper care and feeding of oil fields, according to OUR SUN, a Sun Oil Company magazine.

By using sound oil reservoir engineering methods — including the injection of water or gas into the earth where needed — they have recovered at least five billion barrels of oil that otherwise would never have been produced, an article in the magazine's Autumn issue states.

Figures drawn from reports of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission show that the continuation of present oil conservation practices should bring an estimated additional five billion barrels of oil to the surface.

Application of such oil-saving techniques has been made possible by discoveries resulting from extensive research programs conducted by the nation's competing oil companies.

Through these discoveries, oil producers have increased the yield from a field as much as four times. Where once only 20 per cent of the oil in a given reservoir could be produced, up to 80 per cent, in some instances, is recovered today.

This development has added substantially to the income of the landowners on whose properties oil is produced, and — at the same time — has expanded the proved underground oil reserves needed to supply the nation's increasing demand for petroleum for peacetime and defense purposes.

Major contributor to the "growing" of oil is a technique known as pressure maintenance. This technique is based on the discovery that injection of water and/or gas into oil reservoirs supplements natural energy forces in driving oil through porous rock formations to the producing wells.

The OUR SUN article cites three examples of effective conservation measures taken by oil men to achieve the wisest use of a vital natural resource. They are pressure maintenance programs in the Delhi field in Louisiana, the Bradford field in Pennsylvania, and the great East Texas field.

In all three fields, these pressure maintenance programs are assuring America much larger yields of oil and gas.

Throughout the industry, reservoir engineers are prescribing pressure maintenance projects as soon as the field is developed in order to recover a maximum amount of crude oil and natural gas. Even some fields, long considered "dead", are being put under pressure and persuaded to yield a "second harvest" — larger than the first.

Working through voluntary conservation bodies such as the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, oil men are moving oil from the reservoir at flow rates that insure the largest possible total recovery of oil. By so preventing physical waste and boosting recovery, oil men are serving the best interests of conservation.

Mrs. C. W. Tracey, accompanied by a daughter and grand daughter, came from Roswell, New Mex., this week to visit the former's sister, Mrs. Luther Sparks, and family.

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A. J. KIRKPATRICK, Publisher

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OIL PROGRESS WEEK

The period Oct. 11-17 is being observed all over the nation as Oil Progress Week. Coke County is certainly oil conscious.

Since Sun's discovery on the Allen Jameson Ranch near Silver late in 1946 the oil play has increased steadily, and the end is not in sight. Wildcat tests are under way and oil men predict the discovery of new fields in Coke County. Major companies and independent operators are continuing to develop their holdings in proven territory.

Oil has been a tremendous boost for Coke County. During these recent drouth years, we would have been in a sorry position if it had not been for the oil activity. The towns of Robert Lee and Bronte have held their own and many farmers and ranchers found good jobs in the oil fields when their crops and pastures burned out.

Yes, indeed, oil progress has been of tremendous benefit to Coke County. This week we salute the oil men and their employees on the progress of this great industry.

J. I. Murtishaw 92 Years Of Age

J. I. Murtishaw, one of the community's early day settlers, observed his 92nd birthday October 2.

Four of his children were here for the occasion including Mrs. Bert Smith and her husband of Nogales, Ariz., Mrs. Lee Augustine and her husband of Sterling, Mrs. Charles Boykin and her husband of San Angelo and Claude Murtishaw and wife of Bronte.

Mr. Murtishaw's health is not too good these days, but he is back at his home in Robert Lee and is being faithfully cared for by his wife. He is again being treated by Dr. J. D. McDaniel. For some time he was a patient in the Sterling City Hospital.

COMMUNITY BOOSTER

R. S. (Sherm) Anderson and his wife, Beatrice, are among the many good boosters at Silver. They have some good producing oil wells and own property across from Sun's office and production camp.

Mr. Anderson operates his own Humble service station and owns the buildings occupied by Sun Grocery and the Sun Cafe.

PERSONALS

Lawrence Cole received an arm fracture while working on the gas plant expansion project at Silver one day last week. It was Cole's first day on the job and he had been at work only three hours when the accident occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hughes spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hughes, in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Raymond Schooler entered a Lubbock hospital Monday of this week for eye treatment. She expects to be there several weeks.

Wayne Green and son, Robert, arrived the last of the week from Oregon for an extended stay. They went on to Baytown to visit Wayne's father, Lee Green, of California who is visiting there with another son, E. R. Green. Robert hopes to find employment at Baytown.



Henry Ford's farm background led him to experiment with the "auto plow" in 1905. By 1917, he was mass producing tractors.



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DON'T get overtired

DON'T get chilled

BUT DO keep clean

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AMERICAN LEGION'S NEW STATE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING



Above is the new \$205,000 state headquarters building of the American Legion, Department of Texas. Located two blocks north of the State Capitol building at 15th and Congress Avenue, the structure is of polished native Texas granite and cream colored bricks. It was dedicated July 7.

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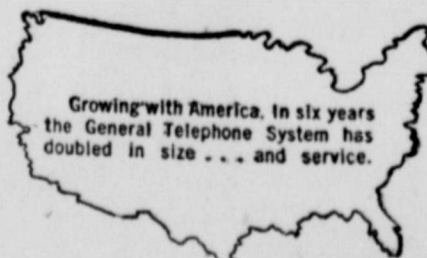
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18 EMPLOYEES LISTED BY SUN PIPELINE CO.

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 C. E. Palmer, Assistant Foreman
 J. W. Gallier, Connection Foreman
 J. A. Fuller, Field Gauger
 H. C. Barrett, District Mechanic
 G. W. Neal, District Clerk
 E. W. Taylor, Assistant Gauger
 O. S. Johnson, Assistant Gauger
 J. T. Stewart, Assistant Gauger
 C. A. Dukes, Assistant Gauger
 W. W. Dean, Station Engineer
 R. L. Martindale, Station Engineer
 L. K. McKinnon, Station Engineer
 A. H. Jones, Station Engineer
 S. A. Geraci, Mechanic Helper
 L. L. Farr, Pipe Liner
 J. E. Herford, Pipe Liner
 J. H. Spivey, Pipe Liner

The G. A. Jameson family of Big Lake were weekend guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson.

SILVER NEWS

Mrs. Bruce McFerrin visited last week in Amarillo with her sisters, Mrs. Jessie Clifton and Mrs. Lawrence Hendricks, and their families.

Several of the boys in the service are welcomed visitors with home folks here this week. Kenneth Preston is enjoying a 30-day naval leave and is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston. He is a Gunners Mate on the USS Alshain and has been on duty in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Monte Wilkes arrived Sunday for ten days. Upon his return to California he will be assigned to a destroyer for sea duty. Monte enlisted in the Navy the first of the year.

Members of the Air Force on leave have been T. J. Walls, J. Weldon Phillips and Clayton Bloodworth. They are stationed at bases in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Goad of Fritch visited kinfolks here last week. Mrs. Goad is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jameson, former Silver people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston returned recently from a vacation visit to Detroit, Toledo and other points in the Great Lakes area.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jameson were in Lubbock Sunday visiting their daughters, Donna Jean and Billie

Fred, who are students at Texas Tech.

Robert Key of Dallas is a new field clerk trainee in Sun's production office here.

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J. D. Gilbert, foreman of the Jameson gasoline plant, leaves this week for Philadelphia where he will attend a 5-weeks instrument school conducted by Sun Oil Co.

Oil Production

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Texas Gas Markets Are On Increase

A gradual increase in new markets for Texas natural gas was expected to continue during 1953 with the state still supplying more than half of the nation's requirements.

Some estimates have placed the increase for marketed natural gas production in the U. S. at 8 per cent for 1953, according to reports gathered by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association as an Oil Progress Week feature.

Texas marketed gas production in 1952 was 4.3 trillion cubic feet, a 10 per cent increase over 1951. Marketed production of gas in Texas has risen 282 percent since 1940.

Casinghead gas (gas produced from oil reservoirs) accounted last year for 27 per cent of total gas production in Texas, or 1.4 trillion cubic feet. By January 1, 1953, some 95,835 oil wells were producing casinghead gas, compared with 77,479 a year earlier.

Total gas well gas production reached 3.7 trillion cubic feet in 1952. By January 1953, there were 9,202 gas wells in Texas, a year's gain of 793 wells. During the first eight months of 1953, an additional 607 gas wells were brought in.

Additional gas discoveries have added to Texas' 105.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves, which is 55 per cent of the national total. Extensions were underway this year in the huge Panhandle gas field. Important gas fields also were being developed in South Texas.

Highly important in utilization of natural gas is the extraction of valuable liquid hydrocarbons. Texas has an estimated 3.1 billion barrels of natural gas liquid in reserve. Average recovery of these liquids per thousand cubic feet of gas has increased about 25 per cent since World War II.

The rise in field processing plants in Texas accounts for the increase in recovery of natural gas liquids. These liquids — natural gasoline, butane, propane, etc. — are utilized for motor fuels and various other uses, including domestic consumption.

Texas has 390 plants (gasoline, pressure maintenance, cycling, etc.) which process natural gas liquids. Major facilities include the natural gasoline plants (177), pressure maintenance (22), and cycling plants (33). The remaining are classified as scrubbers, dehydrating plants, drips, etc.

Output of natural gasoline and

cycling plants in Texas during 1952 was over 375,000 barrels daily of liquids. This figure is due for an increase when the many new processing plants begin operations.

During 1952 the Texas petroleum industry slated over \$111 million for new or improved field processing facilities. Included was a \$2 million natural gasoline plant in Crockett County.

Recent major projects planned or underway include Phillips Petroleum Company's \$5.5 million

propane, butane and pentane unit in Ector County; a 2 million cubic feet per day gas capacity natural gasoline plant in Clay County (Grimes plant); Peos Petroleum's plant at Peos with a 22,000 barrel daily output capacity; Reef Fields Gasoline Corporation at Sweetwater which has a natural gasoline plant with capacity to process over 33.5 million cubic feet of gas daily.

There were about 30 comparable projects underway in Texas earlier in 1953.

Mrs. Bob Stephenson came in from Big Lake last Thursday to preside over a session of the Robert Lee Chapter of Order of

Eastern Star. She reports the chapter made \$50.50 from the bake sale held Sept. 26. Funds will be used to purchase an electric signet for the chapter hall.

Four Years

I have been repairing Radios in and around Robert Lee the past four years, charging roughly half the standard rates, and giving a Guarantee that has stood up. A few diehards still send their work elsewhere. Just human nature, I guess.

Leave 'Em at Walker's Hardware

IRA M. BIRD

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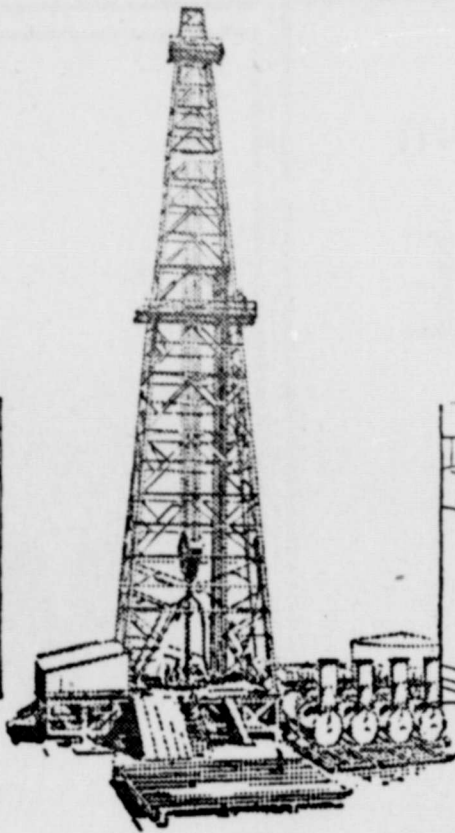
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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS



Gasoline

for Sunday driving... or Natural Gas

to cook next Sunday's roast?

Most people think only of gasolines, lubricants, and fuel oils when the petroleum industry is mentioned. The fact is, practically all oil producers are also natural gas producers. So today the driller of a wildcat, or exploratory well, calls his venture successful if the well discovers either oil or gas.

If it is an oil well, then he has helped to supply the country's increasing needs for oil and oil products; if it is a gas well, he has discovered additional supplies of an efficient, economical fuel for household and industrial use.

The petroleum industry's developments and conservation of the country's natural gas resources is a practical demonstration of the progress to which Oil Progress Week invites attention.

Beginning with the location of the well, advanced geological and geophysical studies of underground formations aid in the selection of likely oil or gas producing

areas, but still the odds against a wildcat well producing either gas or oil are eight to one.

If a natural gas field is discovered, reservoir engineers immediately begin their studies to determine the best producing methods to conserve the underground energy and to obtain the maximum production for the longest possible time.

If the gas that is discovered is "wet," it is processed in gasoline plants which remove the liquid part and send them to refineries for further processing into motor fuels and aviation gasolines, or to petrochemical plants to be converted into a long list of useful chemical products, among which are the plastics and synthetic fabrics with which you are so familiar. "Dry" gas, the residue from gasoline plants, and sometimes produced direct from the gas field, is the natural gas that burns in literally millions of homes throughout America and under the boilers of thousands of American industries.

So, whether a wildcat well discovers oil for gasoline or natural gas for the kitchen stove, it adds to the available energy resources of the most highly mechanized nation on earth; it supplies products essential for today's and tomorrow's high living standards; it gives additional strength to measures for National defense.



HUMBLE

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HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY
HUMBLE PIPE LINE COMPANY

RUPTURE

Shield Expert Here

H. M. Shevnan, widely known expert of Chicago, will personally be at the Cactus Hotel, San Angelo Friday and Saturday only, October 23 and 24, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Mr. Shevnan says: "The Zoetic Shield is a tremendous improvement over all former methods, effecting immediate results. It will not only hold the rupture perfectly no matter the size or location but it will increase the circulation, strengthen the weakened parts, and hereby close the opening in ten days on the average case, regardless of heavy lifting, straining or any position the body may assume. A nationally known scientific method. No under straps or cumbersome arrangements and absolutely no medicines or medical treatments.

Mr. Shevnan will be glad to demonstrate without charge. 6509 N. Artesian Ave., Chicago 45 Large incisional hernia or rupture following surgical operation especially solicited.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. ROBERTS

Death came at 9:50 a. m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Coke County Memorial Hospital to Mrs. R. C. Roberts, 79, well known Robert Lee resident. She had been in failing health since the death of her late husband last January 21.

The condition of Mrs. Roberts became worse three weeks ago and her daughter, Ruby Pettit, came to stay with her. She became critically ill a week before her death and was taken to the hospital where relatives and friends were at her bedside constantly.

Mary Ann Schumaker was born July 10, 1874, in Wharton County, Texas. She married Robert C. Roberts in Lavaca County on January 1, 1895, and they resided there until 1915. They then moved to Coke County and resided in the Valley View Community until the fall of 1937 when they moved to Robert Lee.

"Aunt Mary," as she was known to many, was a member of the Baptist Church and attended regularly until her health failed. She was a good wife and mother, a kind neighbor and was loved by everyone who knew her.

"Uncle Bob" and "Aunt Mary" were the parents of four daughters and three sons, all of whom Jackson of San Angelo, Mrs. Elsurvive, They are Mrs. Onie vie Collett of Robert Lee, Mrs. Ettie Rogers of Bronte, Mrs. Ruby Pettit of Big Spring, Allen Roberts of Hico and Alton and Lenn Roberts of Robert Lee.

She has one living sister, Mrs. Amelia Arnold, of Victoria, Tex.

There are 14 grandchildren as follows: Leo Rogers, Lonnie Rogers, Doris Pettit Lassiter, James Jackson, Elwerd Rogers, Lurlyne Pettit, Mary Ann Rogers Doggett, Victor Wayne Collett, Bobby Ferrel Roberts, Norman Dean Roberts, Doyle Rogers, Douglas Rogers, Durvis Roberts and Marlin Roberts. There are three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Robert Lee Baptist Church at 4 p. m. Sunday, with the Rev. James Shipman officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ray Lee, Methodist minister. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home. Grandsons were the pallbearers.

Yarbrough Will Remain on Soil District Board

Bryan Yarbrough has been re-elected for a five year term as Supervisor from Sub-Division 5 of the Coke County Soil Conservation District. His selection was made at meeting of land owners at the Court House in Robert Lee the night of Oct. 6.

A good sized crowd was present and a fine program was furnished by musicians from Green Mountain and Tennyson.

A talk on soil and water conservation was given by Jack Brock. Wilson Bryan was named temporary chairman of the meeting and the election was conducted by B. D. Gartman.

UP TO DATE FOOD STORE

Sun Grocery at Silver has been enlarged and modernized since it was taken over a few months ago by Vaughan S. Davis. Vaughan is an experienced groceryman and meat cutter and his wife helps out as checker and cashier. Silver residents appreciate having a modern food store so handy and Sun grocery is getting a large volume of business.



ALADDIN'S LAMP (1953 MODEL)

We take our hats off to America's Oilmen because of their continuous, faithful service to this community and to the nation. As part of a service-conscious competitive industry, they are proving daily that our progress and oil progress go hand in hand. Today you can actually measure that progress by improved gasolines that power your car, more efficient fuels for home heating and hundreds of other oil products that make living more comfortable every day.

This week we are glad to join oilmen everywhere in observing Oil Progress Week. But by serving you and the nation so well over the years, America's oilmen have made every week of the year Oil Progress Week.

Our Congratulations to Coke County Oil Men and Their Employees

VAUGHAN CHEVROLET CO.
FRALEY & WARD
ALAMO THEATRE
ROBERTS GROC. & MARKET
FARRIS CITY DRUG
ADAMS ABSTRACT CO.

ROBERT LEE STATE BANK
BAKER'S GROCERY & MKT.
IVEY MOTOR CO.
BRUCE CLIFT
ROACH'S DEPT. STORE
BAHLMAN CLEANERS

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48 EMPLOYEES IN PRODUCTION DEPT. FOR SUN

Sun Oil Company has a total of 48 permanent employees in the Production Department at Silver. The list follows;

Higginbotham, J. B., Asst. Fld. Supt.

Kincaid, Hale, Foreman
McDougle, B. B., Foreman
Mowbray, Jack, Foreman
Walker, W. F., Foreman
Walker, W. F., Foreman
Hughes, Robert L., Foreman
Branch, W. H., Jr. Petr. Engr.
Ford, J. G., Jr. Petr. Engr.
Hornback, C. V., Jr. Petr. Engr.
Martin, E. B., Petr. Engr.
Gibbert, A. P., Chief Clerk
Byrd, J. H., Fld. Clerk
Keith, J. D., Prod. Clerk
Ramsey, O. H., Fld. Clerk
Smith, C. R., Fld. Clerk
Stone, W. E., Fld. Clerk
Williams, R. L., Fld. Clerk

Trainee

Clifton, J. A., Oil Tester
Bradham, O. F., Gang Pusher
Shingleton, W. S., Gang Pusher
Brasuel, G. R., Roustabout-Dkm.

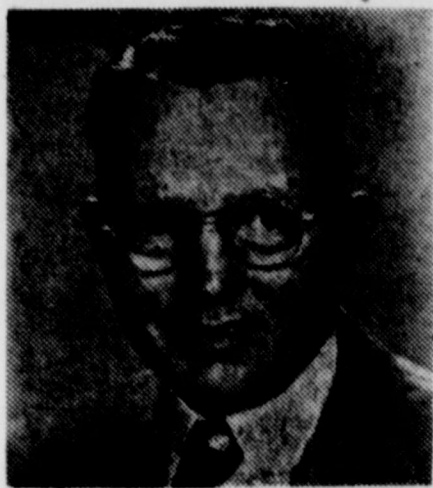
Shoemaker, W. D., Roustabout-Dkm.

Boggus, Earl, Pumper
Fugate, G. C., Pumper
Gatlin, O. W., Pumper
Godwin, R. H., Pumper
Haigood, C. M., Pumper
Heuvel, L. E., Pumper
Higginbotham, O. W., Pumper
Holleyman, W. P., Pumper
Houtchens, L. W., Pumper
Kennedy, C. A., Pumper
Lacik, F. E., Pumper
Lindsey, E. E., Pumper
Lindsey, E. E., Pumper
McArthur, E. C., Pumper
Miller, M. D., Pumper
Paul, W. W., Pumper
Preston, W. A., Pumper
Ramsey, C. A., Pumper
Smith, J. D. Jr., Pumper
Walker, C. G., Pumper
Dixon, T. H., Roustabout
Green, Garlan H., Roustabout
Rhea, Bobby R., Roustabout
Service, John W. Jr., Roustabout

McKinnon, D. B., Roustabout
Key, Robert M., Field Clerk
Trainee

Haigood, M. L., Roustabout.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritch Brown came up from Star County for a weekend visit with home folks in Coke County. Mr. Brown is an engine operator for Sun Oil Co. at the Delmita plant.



JAKE HIGGINBOTHAM
Sun Production Superintendent

Firemen Obtain Cut In Insurance

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department has received the certificate confirming Robert Lee's representation at the Texas Fireman's Training School held at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, where the courses of General Basic and Fire Marshal were completed with a satisfactory grade.

J. C. Wallace, Jr. represented Robert Lee in the General Basic course, while Sam Jay took the Fire Marshal's course.

The attendance of this training school means that property owners will receive an additional 4 per cent decrease on the key rate on property insurance in the City of Robert Lee.

SILVER HAS TWO CAFES

D. L. Lowe is now operating two first class restaurants at Silver. Some time ago he leased the Silver Spur Cafe from the Bob Odoms, and recently the Sun Cafe with brand new equipment in the R. S. Anderson building. Both cafes cater to the oil workers business. Mr. Lowe lived at Sanco and Robert Lee when he was a very small child. Most of his adult life has been spent in Mitchell County.

Mrs. Sam Powell attended the State Fair in Dallas Saturday, making the trip with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams of San Angelo. Stanley Adams met them there at the Texas-Oklahoma U football game. He is a student at the University in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Hickman and daughter, Bonnie, of Killeen visited over the weekend with his parents, Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. T. McAdams was honored with a pink and blue shower Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. H. Ivey, with Mrs. Melvin Childress a co-hostess. Mrs. McAdams is the former Betty Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell.

Jameson Runs Roustabout Crew

J. P. Jameson, young Silver ranchman, has worked up a successful business in the oil fields

of his home community. He operates a Roustabout Service and employs at present 14 men. He does all kinds of road work, ditching and other services in the oil fields known as roustabout work. J. P. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jameson.

OIL PROGRESS Serves YOU

We salute Oil Men of this area and West Texas on a job well done. In Peace and War—the Oil Industry is always first.

YOUNGER Construction Company

A. B. PROWSE, Foreman
SILVER, TEXAS



They Look to Us

The oil operators and drilling contractors look to us to provide them with materials that help produce more oil for you and the nation.

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

McMILLAN Lumber Company, Inc.

PHONE 123

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS



We're proud of the wonderful oil development in this community and congratulate the oil companies and their employees.

Mr. & Mrs. R. S. ANDERSON
SILVER, TEXAS

SUN PIPELINE HANDLES OIL IN COKE AREA

While only 19 producing days are permitted during October, Sun Pipeline Co. expects to gather and deliver 496,544 barrels of Coke County Crude oil during the month.

The oil will be pumped to the West Texas Gulf Pipeline station in Scurry County. While the greater portion of the oil will be produced by Sun wells in the Jameson and Millican fields it will also include all the oil produced in the western half of Coke County and as far east as the McCutchen field.

Sun purchases crude from other producers in this area. The oil is transferred by water and pipelines to their big refineries at Philadelphia and Toledo.

Sun Pipeline Co. at Silver has been handling more than a half million barrels per month until production was further cut back in October. Last month 20 producing days were allowed.

Coke county wells in the Jameson and Millican fields have a daily allowable of 111 barrels from the reef and 102 barrels from sand formations.

Jesse L. Duplissey, district foreman for Sun Pipeline Co. at Silver, contributes the following interesting sidelight:

"This is the time of year when oil men set aside one week — Oil Progress Week — to give the American people an accounting of the oil industry's importance in the Nation's economy.

"We of the pipe line division of the industry believe we share largely in this importance.

"For instance, night and day all over the country we move crude petroleum from the oil fields and finished products from the refineries to market swiftly, silently, safely and out of sight.

"You have seen the long strings of railroad tank cars carrying petroleum from one point to another. Class 1 Railroads of America transport about 331 million barrels annually, according to the most recent figures. On the other hand, trunk pipe lines, which you may never have seen, moved 2741 million barrels, or eight times as much."

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

El Valle Garden Club held its October meeting Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Marvin Simpson, with Mrs. F. C. Clark and Mrs. J. K. Griffith serving as co-hostesses. Landscaping and importance of garden design were discussed by Miss Jonell Black, home demonstration agent. An autumn flower arrangement was presented by Mrs. W. B. Clift. Yearbooks were distributed. Members were reminded to plant sweet peas, larkspur, pansies, verbena, stock and to divide pansies.

ARTHRITIS?

I have been wonderfully blessed in being restored to active life after being crippled in nearly every joint in my body and with muscular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis, hand deformed and my ankles were set.

Limited space prohibits telling you more here but if you will write me I will reply at once and tell you how I received this wonderful relief.

MRS. LELA S. WIER
2805 Arbor Hills Drive
P. O. Box 2695
Jackson 7, Mississippi



**If it tastes like oil...
it's good news for YOU!**

When a drilling foreman tastes oil on a core sample from the depths of a well, it usually means that he's about to bring in a successful oil well. That's great news for a production company because drilling for oil is mighty risky—there are many costly dry holes for every producing well.

But it's good news to everyone

in the area where the well is located, and also adds much to the economic welfare of our state and nation.

Coke County has rapidly gained one of the top positions among West Texas oil producing localities. We congratulate Coke County on its good fortune, and anticipate that aggressive oil men will bring about increased development in future years.

S. E. (Skinny) ADAMS

Oil Properties

Hotel Cactus Annex

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

SUN GAS PLANT AT SILVER HAS 42 EMPLOYEES

J. M. Shimer, Superintendent
 J. D. Gilbert, Plant Foreman
 E. R. Pace, Plant Engineer
 J. A. Warren, Plant Chemist
 R. D. Hull, Construction Eng.
 J. B. O. Burgess, Construction Foreman
 A. D. Kennard, Jr. Gas Engineer
 B. G. Edwards, Chief Clerk
 R. J. Overturf, Production Clerk "B"
 G. C. Garner, Field Clerk "A"
 R. L. Absher, Field Clerk "A"
 A. T. Holt, Dist. Oper. 1/C
 O. W. Newell, Dist. Oper. 1/C
 P. A. Post, Dist. Oper. 1/C
 O. L. Snyder, Dist. Oper. 1/C
 Henry Baker, Engine Operator 1/C (Relief)
 T. W. Lyle, Engine Operator 1/C
 C. E. Butcher, Engine Operator 1/C
 G. E. Conner, Jr., Engine Operator 1/C
 E. L. Shipman, Jr., Engine Operator 1/C
 T. A. Davis, Engine Operator 1/C
 O. L. White, Engine Operator 1/C (Relief)
 E. R. Hargis, Operator 2/C
 C. B. Jacobs, Operator 2/C ..
 L. A. Weigle, Jr., Operator 2/C
 W. D. Davis, Operator 2/C
 W. S. Reed, Repairman 1/C
 D. H. Caldwell, Repairman 2/C
 S. T. Brasher, Repairman 2/C
 C. N. Aldridge, Repairman 2/C
 N. K. Cheatham, Compressor Station Operator
 Jerome Sirus, Loading Rack Man



JOHN SHIMER
Supt. Sun Gas Department

Mr. Shimer returned to Silver recently to resume his former position as superintendent of Sun's Jameson gasoline plant. He served in that capacity prior to being transferred to Dallas two years ago. Shimer obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Southern Methodist University. He has been with Sun Oil Company 12 years.

H. W. Howlett, Field Meter Man
 E. P. Good, Field Meter Man, (Assistant)
 J. E. Hollis, Roustabout
 R. M. Tunnell, Roustabout
 W. G. Craig, Roustabout
 H. W. Smith, Roustabout
 R. N. Corbell, Roustabout
 H. G. White, Roustabout
 Murrey Marie, Roustabout
 Tommy Kirkpatrick, Roustabout.

Sun 1 Clara E. Walker drilling ahead. No shows in core from 6,242-52 feet.

Silver News

E. R. Pace and R. D. Hall of the Jameson plant will be in Dallas this week to attend a school of instruction for gasoline plant operators. The school is being conducted by Sun in cooperation with the A & M College Extension Service.

Attending a district meeting in Big Spring Tuesday for Sun production superintendents and foremen were Jake Higginbotham, Paul Gilbert, Ben McDougle, Hale Kincaid, Clyde Hornbeck and Doug Keith.

Sun Oil Notes

Sun 22 Brannan drilling Tuesday at 3,420 feet in shale and sand.

Sun -3 J. B. Walker, 5,560 feet, shale.

Sun 35 C. E. Mathers testing. Total depth 6,125 feet.

Sun A-2 Victor McCabe, 5,225 feet, shale.

Attending the Ram football game in San Angelo Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay.

GREEN MT. HD CLUB

The Green Mountain Home Demonstration Club held a called meeting Monday. Roll call was answered by naming some item of food which had been prepared that day. Club members voted to improve the Community Center as their project for the year. It was also decided to have a Halloween Carnival on the night of Tuesday, Oct. 27, and ladies are requested to bring cakes. Eight members were present. Next regular meeting will be Oct. 20.

A SALUTE TO Oil Progress Week

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And to the oil operators and drilling contractors in this area whom we serve.

Ernest Clendennen

Welding Service
SILVER, TEXAS



We, too are doing an important job in aiding production of more oil for this area.

We congratulate the Oil Industry on its outstanding Progress.

Permian Mud Service

R. D. GARRETT, Field Representative
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS



Our Gratitude ---and Thanks

It has been our pleasure to serve the oil men of Coke County. We are constantly trying to improve our service and customer relations, and take pride in assisting this locality promote a highly important and still growing enterprise—OIL.

McDONALD Lumber Company

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Lumber Cement Drilling Mud Builders Hardware

SUN EXPANDS GAS PLANT TO MEET DEMAND

Expansion of Sun Oil Company's gasoline plant at Silver is continuing, with 100 workmen being employed by the contractors, Gasoline Plant Construction Co. of Houston.

John Shimer, plant superintendent, says that within the near future four new compressor engines will have been installed. Three of them are enormous big machines of latest type, while a smaller engine was added as a super charger for other compressors.

The new machines will provide 5,000 additional horse power to the plant and will increase the processing capacity from 30 to 50 million cubic feet of gas daily. Installation of a 400 h. p. refrigeration plant will aid in the plant's recovery of liquids such as butane, propane and casing-head gasoline.

Mr. Shimer announces that Sun has started on its contract to deliver dry gas to Lone Star Gas Co.

Sun is not making any definite announcements, but it is understood another compressor-engine is to be installed at their gas plant in the Millican field west of Edith.

Completion of new wells in the northwest part of the county has made it necessary to enlarge the plant at Silver, and additional expansion may be expected during the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Coke Austin and son, Tommy, were over from San Angelo Saturday and stopped by to renew The Observer. Mrs. Austin reports that her son, Bud, left Friday night by plane for San Francisco after a 30-days leave spent with home folks. He is a Class A Gunner on the USS William Mitchell, a navy transport. Bud is scheduled to make one more trip to Japan after which he will attend a gunners school in Maryland.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular monthly session of the Coke County Commissioners Court was held Monday. Commissioner J. W. Service acted as chairman in the absence of Judge Jeff Dean, who was in Austin attending a school superintendents meeting. Quarterly report of County Treasurer Gertrude Gray was examined and approved. The usual grist of county bills were paid. Commissioners discussed road and bridge repairs in Precincts 1 and 2 where heavy damage resulted last summer from flood waters. Repair work is going ahead rapidly.

Mrs. Arrott Heads Coke HD Council

Coke County Home Demonstration Council met here Oct. 14 with all clubs being represented. Eleven members and one visitor were present.

Bids to print the 1954 yearbooks were received and voted on. Advanced dress making, cereals and living room improvements are to be the main programs in the 1954 yearbook.

County HD Council officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. C. E. Arrott, Chairman.
Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr., Vice Chm.
Mrs. Lowell Roane, Secy-Treas.
Gladys Waldrop, Parliamentarian.

Mrs. E. E. Watson and daughter, Glenda, were over from Abilene Saturday visiting among their many Robert Lee friends. They came over to bring Mrs. A. J. Bilbo, who returned from a stay with the Jarvis Littlefield family at Afton, Okla. Mrs. Watson is the former Mrs. Mamie Littlefield.

Loretta and Mary Lou Gullette, Violet Brown, Amanda Scoggin, Nita Sparks and Mary Walker, all of Silver, enjoyed a sight seeing trip to New Mexico over the weekend. They visited Carlsbad Caverns and attended Sunday church services in Hobbs, New Mex.

Mrs. Effie Roe recently returned from a trip to Stigler, Okla., where she visited her son, Fred L. Roe, Jr., and her brother, Delbert Walling and wife. In company with Mrs. Walling she visited at Hot Springs, Ark., and Joplin, Mo. Mrs. Roe says there is good grass in the Stigler area, which is not far from Muskogee.

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REV. HAWKINS AT SANCO

Rev. W. E. Hawkins will preach at Sanco, Sunday, Oct. 18, at 3 p. m. Everybody is invited to hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Scott and children of Abilene were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashworth near Edith.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy extended during the illness and death of our loved one. Also we are grateful to the doctor and staff of the hospital. — The Roberts Family.

Oil Field Hauling

We are happy to congratulate the oil operators and drilling contractors on the fine progress they are making in Coke County and West Texas. It is our pleasure to serve them in rig moving and hauling oil field supplies and equipment.

I. & H. TRUCKING CO.

Paul Isbell

Lawrence Higgins

This Week's SPECIALS

RUTABAGA TURNIPS - - - - Lb. 6c

CABBAGE, Firm Green Heads - - - - Lb. 6c

Cane Sugar 5 lbs 47c

PURE CANE MILK, White Swan - - - - 2 Tall Cans 25c

WHITE SWAN PORK & BEANS, 303 Cans - - 2 Cans 23c

Maxwell House

Coffee 83c



PEACHES, Cal-Top - - - - Lge. 2 1/2 Can 27c

COCONUT, White Swan - - - - 4 Oz. Can 17c

CRUSHED PINEAPPLE - - - - No. 2 Can 25c

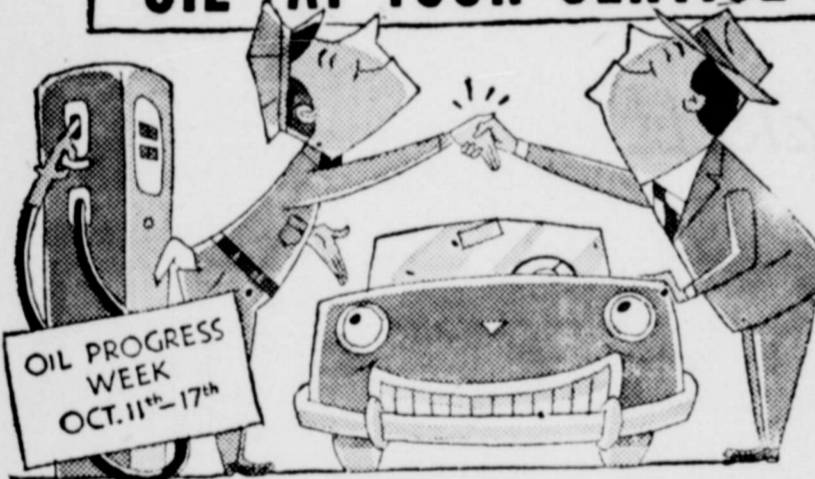
MIDWEST BACON - - - - Lb. 63c

Sirloin Steak lb 53c

Fresh Fryers lb 55c

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

OIL-AT YOUR SERVICE



It will soon be time to change oil and get your car ready for winter driving. See us for antifreeze.

One-stop service—Texaco Gas and Oil

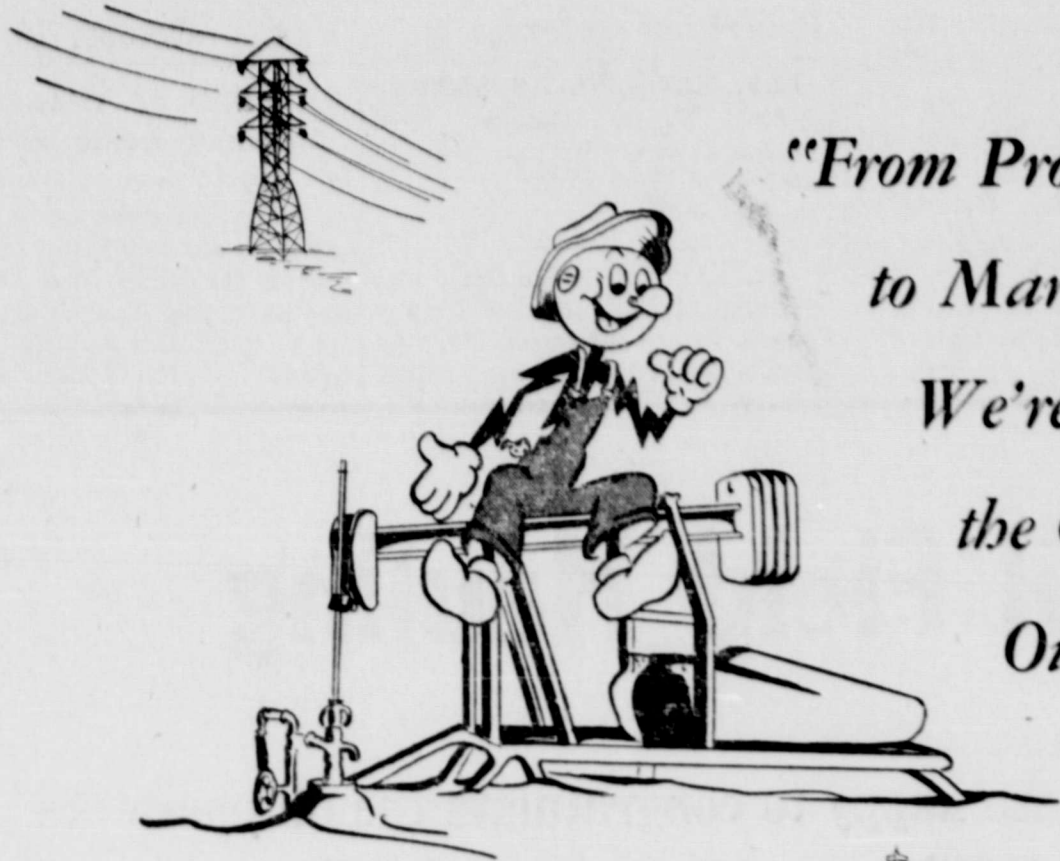
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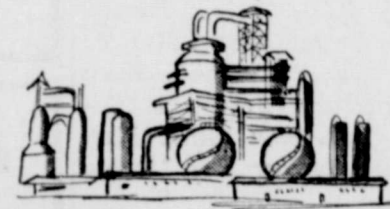
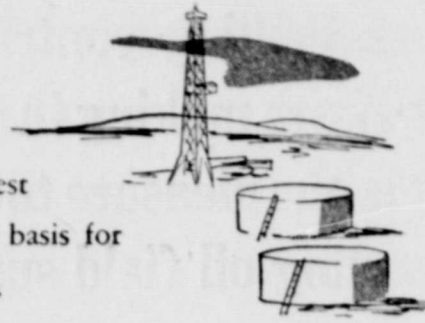


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We're Proud to Serve
the Great West Texas
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A pioneer in serving the Oil Industry, the West Texas Utilities Company has recently put into service — as a part of a \$40,000,000 construction program — new electric generating facilities providing an additional 95,000 horsepower of electrical energy to serve the Oil Industry and West Texas.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**



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41 First Graders Enrolled Here For All Time Record

Robert Lee public schools have an enrollment of 41 in the primary department, the largest of first year pupils in history.

When it was apparent that Mrs. Sam Powell, primary teacher, had more students than she could handle, the class was divided and a dozen of them are now being taught by Mrs. Jeff Dean.

A roster of 1st grade pupils follows:

Ann Arbuckle, Murray Anderson, Linda Arledge, Charles Askins, Dawn Boykin, James Calder, Tony Dean, Joe Dodson, Dennis Gartman, Eva Gloria, Richard Gloria, Susan Griffin, Rickey Hatch, Kay Havins, Betty Hughes, Linda Heuvel, Robert Isbell, Randy Jones, Michael Krall, Eddie Lee.

Also Bobby Mahon, Mary Ann Lara, Linda Mattingley, Richard McElhane, Edith McGinley, Carolyn Millican, Jan Pharis, Shirley Roe, Janie Sheppard, Martha Sheppard, C. L. Sparks, Jr., Elbert Taylor, Paul Torres, Estolita Torres, Luther Lara, Freddie Washington, Mary Alice Wojtek, Arlelado Jaso, Arturo Pena, Jessie Valensuela and Lolita Ybarra.

Mrs. Joe Garvin of Edith was called to Dallas last Thursday by the death of her brother-in-law, L. E. Forrest. She was accompanied to Dallas by her brothers, C. R. Keeney of Eldorado and John and O. S. Keeney and wife of San Angelo. Mrs. Forrest is their sister.

Thomas Y. Pickett

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PRISON RODEO DRAWS 20,000

HUNTSVILLE — The biggest rodeo staged in the entire Southwest set new attendance records here Sunday, October 4th, when 20,000 spectators saw mad ram-paging Brahma bulls and wild bucking horses win the first performance of the "Battle of the Outlaws."

This is a new attendance record for the famed Prison Rodeo's opening day.

The wild prison livestock emerged from the day's fray victorious over the stripe-clad cowboys. Of the 63 inmate riders

who came out of the chutes only 17 managed to stay atop their bucking, gyrating mounts the required 8 seconds to qualify for a contest ride. The remaining 46 went sprawling in the dust. To contestants and spectators alike the stock used in this year's show proved to be the wildest and toughest ever put into the arena during the 22 years of the rodeo.

Folks who wish to see the rodeo this year are urged to make their reservations early by sending a check or money order to Rodeo Ticket Office, Huntsville, Texas, for reserved seats at \$2.40 each and specifying the date they plan to attend. Best chances for

choice seats are for the third and fourth performances, Sunday, October 18th and 25th. All shows begin promptly at 2 p. m.

You Are Invited To

Services at The

CHURCH OF CHRIST

In Robert Lee

SUNDAY SERVICES — Bible Study 10:15 to 10:55 a. m. Worship at 11:00 A. M. Young Peoples Class at 6:00 P. M. Evening Worship at 7:00.

Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7:00

OWEN COSGROVE, Minister

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Dinner Meeting Of Sanitary Group

Robert Lee was host to the Fort Concho Sanitary Association last Thursday night. The meeting was held at the High School cafeteria where guests were served a steak dinner by the Home Economics Class.

Represented at the meeting were San Angelo, Winters, Balingier, Bronte, Big Lake, Ozona, Eldorado, Menard and Robert Lee.

A. C. Burke of San Angelo gave a talk on the effects of al-

gae in the water system and San Angelo's Water Supt. Johnny Williams conducted a survey on the daily consumption and the needs of each water department.

The next meeting will be held at Menard. Gav Walker of Big Lake is president of the association and Mrs. Sam Jay is Secretary Treasurer.

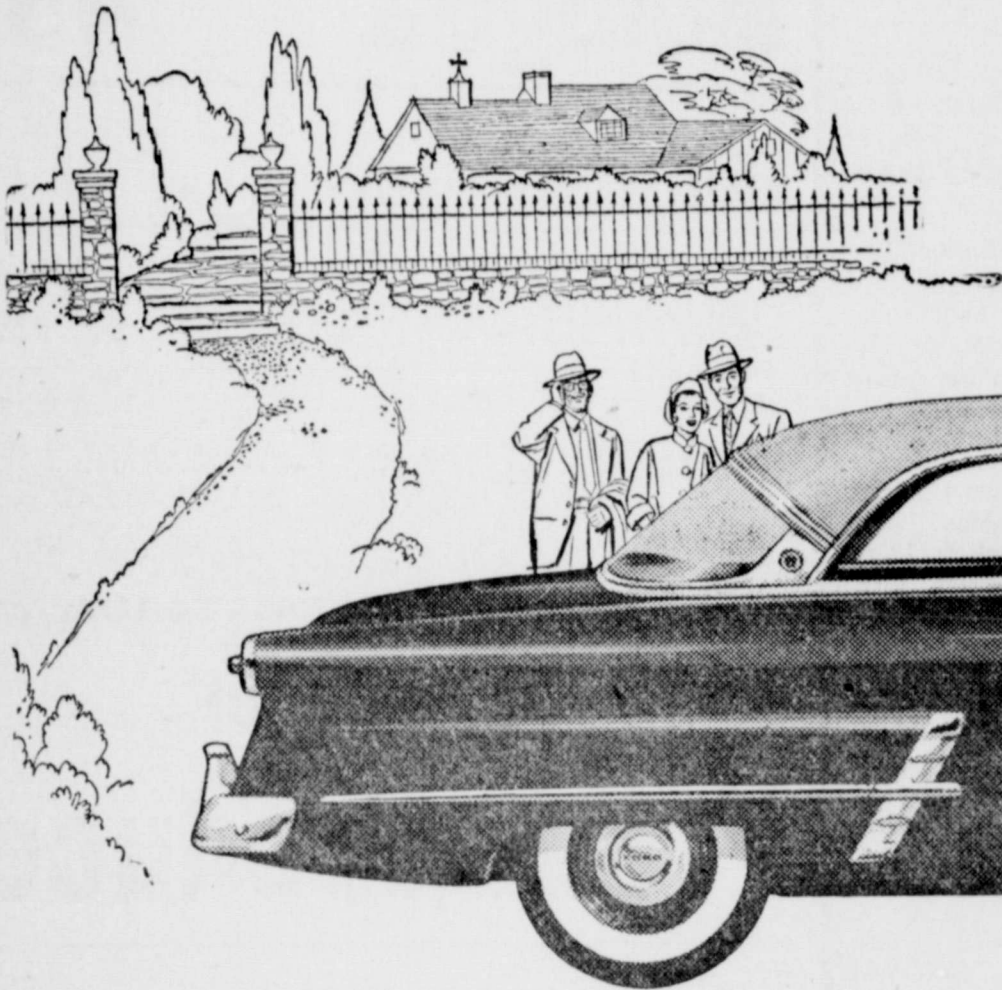
Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good, their son, Eddie, and Miss Billie Roberts were State Fair visitors Saturday and witnessed the Texas-Oklahoma football game in the Cotton Bowl.

Most-liked low-priced car

... among people who want more for their money
when they buy ... and more money when they sell!

There's a big reason why more folks are buying more Fords than ever before. No other low-priced car offers so many of the things people want and need for today's driving. In fact, to get such "Worth More" Ford features as a V-8 engine, completely automatic transmission and fine-car power steering in any *other* car, you'd have to step well up from the low-price field.

Of course, Ford owners will discover that Ford's worth more when they *sell* it, too. Surveys of used car prices show year-old Fords returning a higher proportion of their original cost than any other car.



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... more and more people are considering Ford
as the one fine car in the low-price field!

It's hard to believe that a car which is built like the finest still sells in the low-price field. Yet a Ford with its hulltlight Crestmark body, its Full-Circle Visibility (most in its field), its new fine car ride and roomy luggage locker (roomiest in its field) delivers at a figure that keeps it right down in its price class.

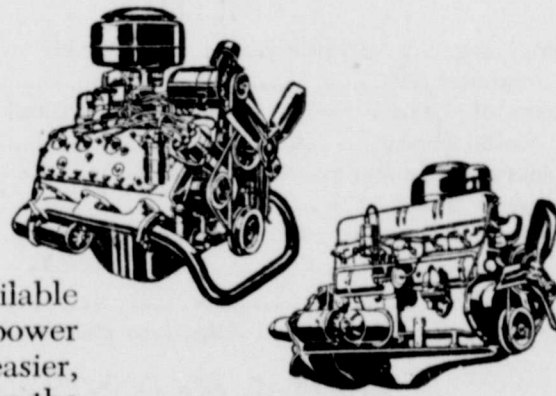
Ford's the only low-priced car which offers you a choice of a completely automatic transmission (Fordomatic), Overdrive or Conven-

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Ford's V-8 is the same type of engine powering America's finest (and costliest) cars. And Ford's Mileage Maker Six is the most modern Six in the industry.

IVEY MOTOR COMPANY

If you're interested in  used cars, be sure to see our selections!

BRONTE MAN IS HOLDUP VICTIM

Claude Murtishaw, well known Bronte business man, was the victim of a holdup Tuesday afternoon.

He was knocked out by a blow on the head when two San Angelo youths attacked him after having their car refueled at his service station. They were frightened away when Mrs. Murtishaw arrived from rear rooms where they have living quarters.

The pair were arrested in San Angelo a short time later, as they were driving a stolen car in which they made the trip to Bronte. They are being held in San Angelo on the car theft charge, but will also be charged in Coke County for the assault on Murtishaw, Sheriff Paul Good says.

Mr. Murtishaw has been in the Bronte Hospital where it is said his condition is good, and the injury is not expected to prove serious.

Claude is a former Robert Lee resident and is the son of J. I. Murtishaw. Mrs. Eugene Wojtek of Robert Lee is his daughter.

Mrs. Dick Skipworth underwent minor surgery Wednesday afternoon at Coke County Memorial Hospital.

BIRTHS

LEEPER—Mr and Mrs. Towner Leeper of Austin are parents of their first child, a son, born Oct. 7 at Austin. David Palmer weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces. His arrival elevated Mr. and Mrs. Leeper to the title of grandparents. Towner is a law student at the University of Texas.

Clendennen Does Oil Field Welding

One of the busiest men in the Silver area is Ernest Clendennen, who operates an oil field welding service. He has been in Silver five years and has seen numerous other welders come and go. Now he is the only one in this field.

Ernest has four portable welding rigs in service. He operates one himself and the others are in charge of Teddy Pitcock, Cecil Landers and Bill Gibson.

Activity outside the Sun block west of Silver has made business good, Clendennen says. Ernest has a wife and two sons, Allen, 8, and Jimmy, 4 years old. They will soon occupy a new home which they are erecting near the welding shop.

Want Ads

WANTED — Cotton pullers needed at once. Good thick cotton, customary prices for pulling. D. A. NEEL, Friendship Community. 1p

FOR SALE — Full blooded Cocker puppies, blond and black solid colors. See them at the home of Mrs. E. A. Burgess.

NOTICE
My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission.
—Fred McDonald, Jr.

FOR SALE — Modern home, two 13x13 ft. bedrooms, 12x19 living room, 12x12 kitchen, 13 ft. bathroom and two extra lots. Priced reasonable. If interested come and look it over. C. W. Bessent. 17fc

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE — The Farmall Agency at Colorado City, well located on Highway 80. Beautiful \$75,000 brick building, 4 years old. Total deal around \$150,000. This is no ordinary property. Come and see it.—BOB MANUAL, Colorado City, Texas.

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

FISHING Tackle headquarters, Lone Star Aluminum Boats and everything needed by fishermen and campers. LEEPER Supply Co.

FOR SALE — Seed oats. Ferguson. \$1 per bushel. R. H. Sims, Bronte. 172wc

UPHOLSTERING & FURNITURE REPAIRS — We are prepared to do all kinds of Upholstering and Furniture Repair Work. Will pickup and deliver anywhere in town. — MRS. ROY TAYLOR.

FOR SALE OR RENT: 3 bedroom house, bath and butane, half block from town. J. C. Strickland, 321 Iris St., San Angelo. Phone 213063.

AEROMOTOR Windmills woodrod, cylinders and fittings necessary to complete your water job. LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

FOR SALE — Nearly new house, 3 rooms and bath, redecorated inside and out. See Will Percifull. 1p

ALAMO THEATRE

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS
MOTION PICTURES ARE YOUR FINEST ENTERTAINMENT
EVENING SHOW 6:30 — SUNDAY MATINEE 1:30

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 & 17

Richard Widmark in

“DESTINATION GOBI”

(Color by Technicolor) Also Cartoon & News

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 19, & 20

Matinee Sunday 1:30 & 3:20

Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Lizabeth Scott in

“SCARED STIFF”

Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 & 22

Robert Ryan, Anthony Quinn, Mala Powers, Suzan Ball in

“CITY BENEATH THE SEA”

(Color by Technicolor) Also Cartoon

Reserve District No. 11 State No. 1684

Report of Condition of

Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business Sept. 30, 1953

A state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by Federal Reserve Bank of this district.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection.	397,552.24
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	443,666.00
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	120,827.12
Corporate stocks (including \$2,100.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	2,100.00
Loans and discounts (including \$455.74 overdrafts)	297,358.99
Bank premises owned \$1.00; furniture and fixtures \$1,779.52	1,780.52
Other assets	2,008.63
Total Assets	1,265,293.53

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,106,245.23
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	5,740.91
Deposits of states and political subdivisions	29,136.71
Deposits of banks	35,930.75
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	1,033.74
Total Deposits	\$1,178,087.34
Total Liabilities	1,178,087.34

(Not including subordinated obligations shown below)

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	35,000.00
Surplus	35,000.00
Undivided profits	17,206.16
Total Capital Accounts	87,206.16

Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts 1,265,293.50
This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$35,000.00.

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 161,000.00

I, T. A. Richardson, cashier of the above named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. T. A. Richardson.

Correct-Attest: G. C. Allen, R. C. Russell, L. C. Ivey, Directors

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of October, 1953.

Frank C. Dickey, Jr., Notary Public

SWIFT'S

Pure Meat lb
Wieners 45c

SWIFT'S

Summer lb
Sausage 45c

SWIFT'S NO. 1

No. Quality lb
Salt Pork 45c

SWIFT'S

Pure Meat lb
Bologna 45c

24 OZ.
MORTON'S SALT - - - 12c

2 BOXES
POWDERED SUGAR - - - 25c

2 BOXES
BROWN SUGAR - - - 25c

OUR VALUE NO. 303
CUT BEANS - - - 2 for 37c

PLENTY OF

Fresh Produce

DEL MONTE
PRUNES - - - 2 Lb. Box 57c

WELCH'S
GRAPE JUICE - - - 24 Oz. 39c

STOKELY'S
TOMATO JUICE - - - 46 Oz. 33c

Colorado 2 lb bag
Lima Beans 49c

BAMA 24 OZ.
APRICOT PRESERVES - 49c

NORTHERN
NAPKINS - - - 80 Count 15c

BRIGHT AND EARLY
TEA, With Glass - ¼ Lb. 35c

ROBERTS GROCERY & MARKET