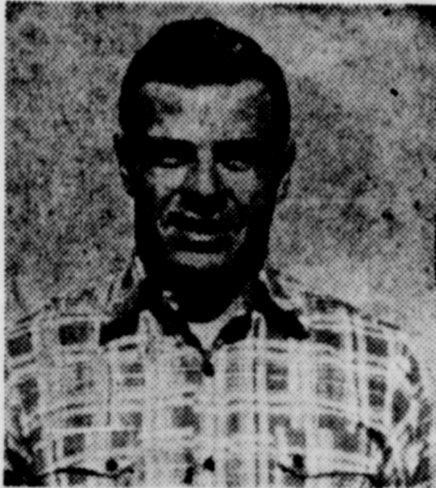


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COACHING BROTHERS—Johnnie Mack Hickman, left, formerly of Robert Lee and one-time football star at San Angelo College and Tulane, is the new head football coach and athletic director at Levelland. His brother, Fred Pete Hickman, former SAC athlete and coach at Thomas A. Edison Junior High in San Angelo, now is head coach at Sanderson.

JOHNNIE HICKMAN SIGNED FOR \$6,000 LEVELLAND COACHING JOB

Johnnie Mack Hickman, former well known Robert Lee resident, has been named athletic director and head football coach at Levelland High School. He recently signed a three-year contract calling for about \$6,000 a year.

He has been backfield coach at Lufkin the past two years where he will be released in time to report at Levelland March 1. Johnnie Mack, 29, is a son of Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman of Edith.

He was selected by the school board from four coaches under consideration for the position vacated last December by Truett Rattan. They were all strong candidates, according to reports.

Born near Bronte, Hickman grew up in the Edith locality and graduated from Robert Lee high school where he excelled in scholastics and athletics. In 1946 he entered San Angelo College and played under Pete Sikes, who considered him one of the finest backs he had ever seen in junior college football. He was the leading scorer and ground gainer for the Rams and played both offense and defense.

Johnnie later enrolled at Tulane University in New Orleans where he played three years, mostly as defensive fullback, and obtained his degree with a major in physical education.

His first coaching experience was at Oak Grove, La., high school as head coach for one year, then moving to his present position at Lufkin.

He married Miss Virginia Masters of Mertzon. They have three children, with twins born to the couple a month ago.

Johnnie's younger brother, Fred (Pete), is head football coach at Sanderson, having gone there from a junior high position in San Angelo. Rumor is that he is due to return to San Angelo next year as a member of the Bobcat coaching staff.

The oldest Hickman boy, Ed F., was also an outstanding athlete both in high school and college. He is now in the insurance business at Killeen.

Mrs. Ethel Hayley, 2707 Ave. R. Snyder, writes: "Enclosed please find \$2.50 for renewal of The Observer. I like to hear news from Coke County, also do not want to miss a copy of Mrs. Yelbrough's history. Much of the early history of Coke County is familiar to me."

ADAMS GETS 3RD PHELAN PRODUCER

S. E. Adams of San Angelo No. 3-A Pallie Phelan, one and one-half miles southwest of Silver in the Jameson-Strawn Field has been completed as a producer.

Daily potential was 125 barrels of 45.6 gravity oil, through 9-64 inch choke with 200 pounds of casing pressure and 600 pounds on tubing. Flow was from 504 perforations at 6,016-6,158 feet. Casing was set at 6,241 feet, total depth. Gas-oil ratio was 978-1. The pay section was treated with 9,600 gallons of acid.

Both Adams 1-A and 2-A Phelan were also good wells, being potentialed on very small tubing chokes as was the 9-64th inch choke on 3-A. Each of the wells would have flowed several hundred barrels daily if opened up. Cactus Drilling Co. has the contract for the Adams wells and is now on 4-A.

BACK FROM KOREA

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen and Mrs. Bill Allen left Sunday for El Paso to meet their son and husband, 1st Lt. Wm. C. Allen, who was due to arrive there by plane Monday noon. Lt. Allen has spent 18 months in Korea and landed in Seattle Sunday. The family sent word to Robert Lee that they would remain in El Paso all week, since Bill will not get his final discharge papers until Saturday. Mrs. H. L. Scott also accompanied the Allens to El Paso and is visiting her son, 1st Lt. Horace Scott, who is stationed at Biggs AFB there.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK

Attention of our readers is called to Texas Public School Week which extends through the first week in March. During the period special attention is directed to our public schools and the public is invited to visit during school hours and get a first hand knowledge of class room work. Supt. B. C. Goodwin announces that teachers of the Robert Lee schools will be happy to have visitors at any time, but they should come before 3 p. m.

300 UNWARY RATTLESNAKES TAKEN ALIVE

MERTZON, Feb. 23 (Spl). — Fresh rattlesnake steaks for a San Antonio restaurant are being provided by a snake-catching crew which has been working on ranches near Mertzon for the last few days.

Three brothers, C. E., Jelly and Raymond Caulder, and R. D. Ross, all of Robert Lee, caught 200 rattlesnakes during three days' work. The reptiles were driven from caves with chemicals and then captured alive.

The snakes will be delivered alive to the San Antonio restaurant man.

The Caulder brothers have been in the snake business 15 years, working only at this time of year, when the snakes are beginning to emerge from hibernation.



H. L. BLOODWORTH

Silver Man On Hospital Board

H. L. Bloodworth of Silver has been named a trustee of the Coke County Memorial Hospital. The appointment was made by Commissioner J. W. Service, with approval of the Commissioners Court.

This brings the hospital board up to seven members. Other trustees are H. C. Allen, Bryan Gartman, Raymond Schooler, C. N. Webb, John Coalson and Emmet Caperton. Mr. Allen is chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Welch and Eddie of Kerrville were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Casey over the weekend. Mrs. Welch re-subscribed for The Observer while they were in Robert Lee. She is the former Ruby Bessent.

Mrs. Bernice Bell and Mrs. Wesley Kinsey visited recently in Vernon with their brother, Bob L. Davis and family.

Big Opening Day For Robert Lee Humble Station

Robert Lee's new Humble Service Station was given wide acclaim at its formal opening Saturday.

Nearly 500 orchids were given to the ladies and favors were passed out to everyone who visited the station during the day. Sales of gasoline totaled more than 1,600 gallons.

A number of Humble officials and salesmen were here for the event. R. T. Holmes, division manager of Abilene, declared it was one of the most successful station openings he had ever attended.

The division in charge of Mr. Holmes extends from Wichita Falls to all of West Texas. Humble is strictly a Texas organization and does not operate outside the state. It is just now extending its business to El Paso and the northern end of the Texas Panhandle.

J. F. McCabe, Jr., operator of the station, was highly pleased with the opening. The station, located on Highways 158 and 208, expects to handle a large volume of highway business as well as local trade.

Druggist T. W. Farris constructed the new station at a cost of \$12,000 and leased it to Humble on a contract of 10 years, with option of extending the lease.

MRS. JOHN SAUL DIES SUDDENLY; LIVED AT HUTTO

Mrs. Josephine Saul of Hutto, former Robert Lee resident, died Saturday, Feb. 13 in a hospital at Georgetown, Texas. She had been in apparent good health when she was stricken with a heart attack less than 24 hours prior to her death.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 15, from the Condra Memorial Chapel in Taylor, with Rev. Thomas Granger and Rev. John Harper officiating. Interment was in the Hutto City Cemetery.

She was 70 years of age, having been born July 4, 1883, in Llano County, Texas. Mrs. Saul was the widow of the late John Saul whom she married Jan. 4, 1901. He preceded her in death on Feb. 15, 1933.

The family were prominent in the community, owning the well known Saul Ranch above Robert Lee. She was a sister of the late Mrs. E. Menielle, and the aunt of Mrs. John Petty of Robert Lee and L. B. Menielle of Texon. Mrs. Saul and her children moved to Hutto in 1936.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. P. H. Overton of Hutto, and Mrs. Jack Klein of Georgetown; two sons, John Saul, and Jack Saul, both of Hutto; and one sister, Mrs. R. Smith of Houston.

Also seven grandchildren, John Russell Saul, stationed in Korea, Jack M. Saul of Hutto, Patsy and Francis Overton of Hutto and Austin, Jackie and Gayle Klein of Georgetown, and Mrs. Josephine Overton Ferguson of Brownsville.

Local people attending Mrs. Saul's funeral included Mr. and Mrs. John Petty and sons, Bernard, James and John, Mrs. Palmer Leeper and Mrs. Calla Mae Cargile, Jake Tubbs, Mrs. Effie Roe and daughter, Pauline Holland, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Menielle of Texon and the latter's mother, Mrs. Edna H. Maxey of San Angelo.

New Sun Producer On Blanks Estate

An excellent producer is indicated in Sun B-5 Central National Bank (Blanks Estate Trustee) which flowed 160 barrels of oil, no water, during a 16-hour test. Tubing pressure was 625 pounds, with packer on the casing. Gas-oil ratio 1,205-1. Location is south of the river at Silver.

Casing was seated at 6,264 feet with perforations at 6,100-22 and 6,158-94 with four jet shots per foot. The pay sections were treated with 6,000 gallons of sand oil. The test mentioned above was made after load oil had been recovered.

A near record was made by Baker & Taylor, the drilling contractors, who spudded on the test Jan. 24 and moved off Feb. 22. H. H. (PeeWee) Chevalier is the pusher.

The rig was moved to Sun B-6 Central National Bank, 1,600 feet south of B-5. A string of 525 feet of surface casing was run and it was waiting on cement Tuesday.

SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. J. Jameson

Howdy you all:

Texas did it again. Always doing things in a big way and the dust storm last Friday was no exception. If you were old enough and lived in West Texas long enough you can remember dusts worse than that, but that one is reported to be the worst since the early 1930's. The housewives of Silver give their neighbors in raking sand.

If there is anything that can take one's mind off the dirt in the house it is the news of a new oil well. Once again if you'd like to meet some old friend you just might run into him looking over the J. F. McCabe No. 3. Looking over the prospects were Arthur Humble and party from Crosbyton, Mr. and Mrs. Warnock Hipp of Bronte. McCabe No. 3 is southwest of McCabe No. 1. By the time this goes to press there should be news if it is or isn't a well. Richardson and Bass are the operators.

Say, speaking of new things, we certainly get our share and we are watching for the date of the re-opening of the Silver Spur Cafe, owned by the Bob Odoms and operated by the D. L. Lowes last year. The Silver Spur has been closed for a complete overhaul. You'll have to see it to know how pretty it is, so see you there. This will make another business for Silver. There is the Sun Cafe operated by the D. L. Lowes, Sun Grocery operated by Vaughn Davis of Robert Lee and Anderson Filling Sta. owned and operated by Sherman Anderson the Magnolia Filling Sta. operated by Ed Snowden.

The high school students of Silver ride into Colorado City for school and you may like to know that we are just as proud of our kids as can be. This was called for by learning that Beth Newell, daughter of the Ollie Newells was voted friendliest girl and Sonny Palmer, son of the Cecil Palmers, was voted the cleverest boy. May we add our vote, too?

One of our newest families is the Elmer Caseys and son Billy of Robert Lee. They will be connected with the Silver Spur Cafe. Welcome to Silver. We hope you'll like us here.

Sunday was sorta family day with the Ramey Jamesons. Mrs. Jameson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Waggoner and son Jack of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crow and family also of C. City; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Oden and family of Westbrook; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Goswick of Big Spring; Pfc. and Mrs. Cliff Waggoner and son of El Paso. Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Goswick, Mrs. Oden and Mrs. Crow are sisters.

Spending Sunday with the J. P. Jamesons were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Shurtleff and Lana of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Shingleton have their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, of Miami, Okla.

Recent guests of the C. M. Haigoods were Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Haigood and daughter Deborah Susan; Mrs. Frances McKinney of San Antonio.

The Frank Laciks have returned from two weeks visit with relatives in Dallas.

The George Connors had his mother, Mrs. G. E. Connor of Hawley and his sister, Mrs. Baylis Pope of San Angelo. Also visiting last week with the Connors, was Mrs. Connor's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cruse of Muleshoe.

It's about rodeo time and our minds turn to horses and such and this brings to mind that the

notices are out for a riding club at C. City. The meeting will be Fri. nite, 7:30 at the court house. If you are interested why not go up and listen in. Wayne McCabe was named as temporary director at last meeting. There were four other directors named and they will present tentative by-laws and such at the meeting. Be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coalson's folks came over from Bronte. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Coalson (Mr. Ray's parents) and Mr. and Mrs. John Coalson (Ray's brother).

Here from Texas Tech were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hood visiting with her parents, the Frank Mullicans.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen visited her mother, Mrs. S. W. Gaston, of Tennyson. Mrs. Allen's sister, Mrs. Roy Dickens, of San Antonio was also there.

The W. W. Deans and family spent the weekend in Dublin with the V. D. Wheatons. The women are sisters.

Mrs. E. R. Hargis has return-

ed from Oklahoma. She and Stephen accompanied her brother and family of Odessa. They visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Crowley, of Skiatook, Okla.

Bro. and Mrs. Ray Sparks and son Carl and Mrs. Elsie Davis of San Angelo came over to take Eddie Carl home. His mother, Mrs. Carl Sparks, has been in Amarillo attending her brother, J. H. Ward, who is ill. She returned to San Angelo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bradham and daughter, Rosalind, accompanied their son and wife, the James Bradhams, of C. City to Sun Field for a weekend visit with another son, Paul and family. While there they visited the Falcon Dam and fished in the Rio Grande. It certainly sounded like fun.

Good reports come from Mrs. Allen Jameson, who entered Coke County Memorial Hospital Monday for treatment. She expected to return to her home here Thursday.

S. T. Brashear, repairman 2nd class at Sun gas plant, has been transferred to Sun Field. W. G. Craig, gas department roustabout, has gone to Delhi, La., where he will work on a loading

rack. Mrs. Perry Post returned the last of the week from Colorado City where she was hospitalized for several days.

The basket ball game between the Silver Independent's and John Conley's Robert Lee Independents was cancelled Friday night because of the sand storm. Silver is entered in the San Angelo tournament this week and was scheduled to meet the Button Plumbers Wednesday night.

Odom's Drug and Cafe will be open at Silver next Monday, March 1. Free donuts and coffee will be served on the opening day, and on Tuesday all coffee sales will go to the March Dimes.

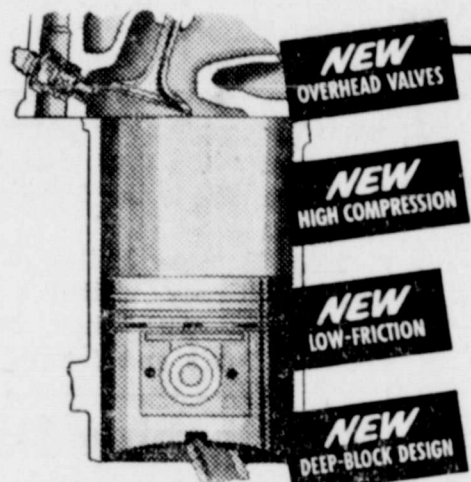
The cafe has been enlarged and extensively remodeled and redecorated and much new equipment has been added. Mr. and Mrs. Odom will be happy to have you come by to inspect their new layout.

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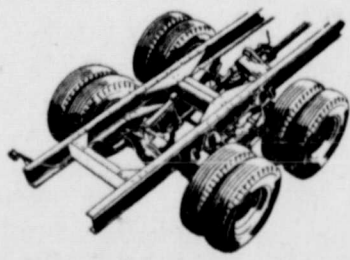
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Notes From The Oil Field

NO. 3 FOR CARR

Daily potential has been filed for Magnolia Petroleum Co. No. W. L. Carr, two and one-half miles southwest of Silver in the Jameson Strawn Field. The new producer is in D. H. and J. W. Snyder and W. Von Rosenberg survey.

No. 3 Carr gauged 212.74 barrels of water in 24 hours thru 64-inch choke with 600 pounds of casing and 700 pounds of tubing. Flow was through 312 perforations at 6,020-72 feet. The production was treated with 14,200 pounds of acid.

Casing was set at 6,314 feet. Total depth was 6,314 feet, plugged back to 6,274 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,011-1.

BIG PRODUCER

The Jameson Strawn Field of Northwest Coke County has gained a new producer. It is F. Kirkinson of Fort Worth No. 1 R. Vermilya in Section 25½, M. Anthony Survey.

Daily potential was 1,017.90 barrels of 48.3 gravity oil, thru 64-inch choke, with 425 pounds of casing pressure and 50-650 pounds on tubing. Flow is from 308 perforations at 6,307-6,307 feet.

Casing was set at 6,379, and total depth was 6,380 feet. Gas-ratio was 945-1.

MCDONALD WILDCAT

Auld & Auld of Kerrville and Woodward of Dallas will drill a Cambrian wildcat in northeast-Coke County, eight miles north of Bronte. It will be the

No. 1 F. E. McDonald.

The project is slated for a 6,500 foot bottom.

Location is 330 feet from the most northerly south line and 1,200 feet from the most easterly west line of 8-R. E. Douglas survey.

The prospector is 1 3/8 miles southwest of the Fort Chadbourne field and 7/8-mile northwest of Dan Auld and Murray Petroleum 1 Moore et al, wildcat failure plugged and abandoned Oct. 5, 1951, at 6,778 feet in the Hickory sand.

The nearest Cambrian production is 4 1/8 miles to the south at Humble Oil & Refining Co. 3 R. E. Butner, opener and lone producer in the Rawlings 5500 field. It was finished Feb. 23, 1953, for a daily flowing potential of 300.82 barrels of 52 gravity oil plus two tenths of 1 per cent basic sediment and water. Production was from between 5,541-53 feet in the Cambrian, topped at 5,522 feet. It was the first Cambrian discovery in West Texas in 11 years.

The No 1 F. E. McDonald is being drilled on a farmout from Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. and American Republics Corp. Phillips Petroleum Co. is supplying dry hole money.

In the Jameson-Strawn Field in the northwestern part of the county, Perkins-Prothro, Wichita Falls, No. 2-A W. C. Blanks is a new project. Slated for 6,400 feet with rotary, it is located 467 feet from the north and 600 feet from the north and 600 feet from the west lines of J. N. Padgett Survey 535½.

The Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp. will drill a one-location south stepout to production on the south side of the Wendkirk field. 6½ miles southeast of Robert Lee. It will be the No. 7 H. G. Wendland.

Rotary drilling to 4,500 feet will begin immediately.

Location, on a 4,340-08-acre tract, is 220 feet from the south and 1,426.7 feet from the north-west lines of 1-Thos. Hennessy survey.

DRY HOLES

Laan-Tex Oil Co. 1-A J. L. Reid, wildcat, 7-J. P. Angel survey; plugged and abandoned at 4,235 feet on elevation of 2,138 feet.

Cosden Petroleum Corp. & Murray Petroleum 1 M. E. Lasswell, wildcat, 1 Stanton Fields survey; plugged and abandoned at 6,029 feet, elevation unreported.

SCHOOL NOTES

Robert Lee won a trophy when they played at Divide. They beat Roscoe in the first game, Highland in the second game and Divide in the finals.

Bonita Robertson and Carrolyn McDaniel made the all tournament team.

The baseball schedule was worked out Monday night at Norton. The first game is to be April 2.

Six-weeks exams were taken Monday and Tuesday so the boys could go to the San Angelo Stock Show Thursday and Friday.

A fried chicken supper for the trustees and their wives, the teachers and their husbands or wives, and all other personnel of the school was enjoyed at the school cafeteria Tuesday night. The Home Ec girls made radish

roses for place cards. A George Washington theme was carried out.

The Seniors will have their first class party Friday night at the gym. The girls have challenged the boys to a volley ball game.

The boys are now practicing on track. They are Hollis Lloyd, J. C. Caston, John McDaniel, Lynn Davidson, Sammy Joe Duncan, Fredrick Ashworth, Atha Hall, James Robertson, Byron Russell, Wayne Blair and Ben Bessent. The coach would like to remind people again about driving on their track. It has been graded the second time on account of being cut up by cars.

The second year girls in Home Ec were hostesses to the teachers Tuesday the 16th at a buffet supper. The table was decorated with a valentine theme. Twenty

two were present including the teachers with their wives or husbands. Progressive games were played with a new game called Scrabble.

They have voted on two delegates to go to the State FHA Meeting in Fort Worth April 22, 23, and the 24.

Leon Robbins, a new pupil in the third grade, is the first out of state pupil this year for his class. He is from Missouri.

The 4th and 5th graders are working on picture memory. They took their test Tuesday. The 5th graders also had elimination in spelling Tuesday. Brenda Cowley will be reporter next week.

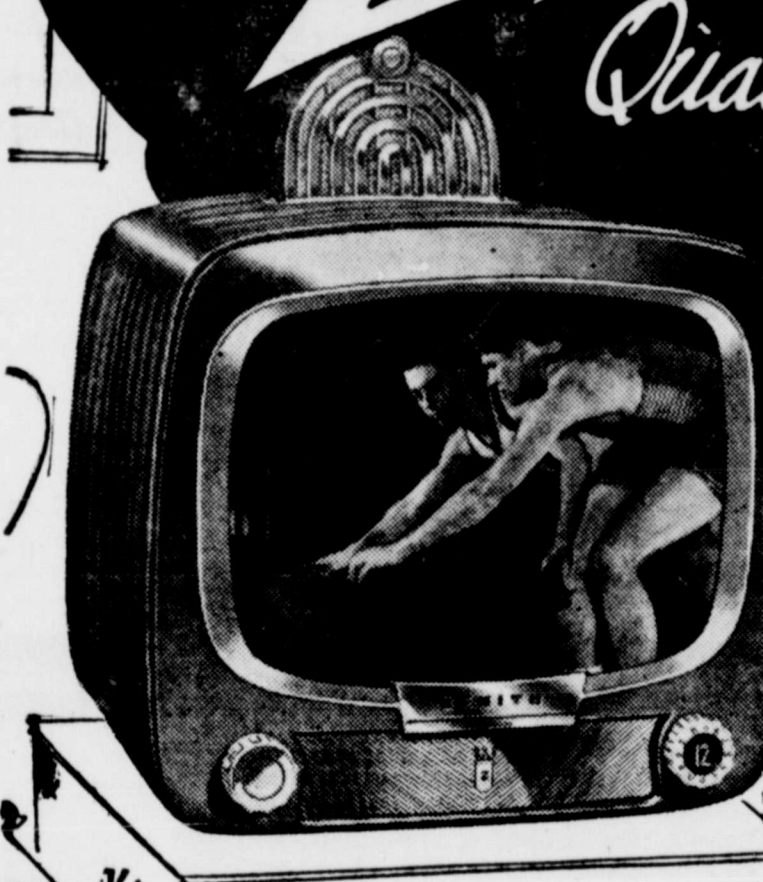
Throughout the school everybody is having six weeks tests, so the sixth grade as been reviewing their subjects for the past week.

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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

SOILS

Coke County soils range from sandy and sandy loams to red and black waxy loams. The sandy-natured soils, suitable for truck and fruit, are in the north-western part of the county; the red loam found in the river valley is very productive when moisture is sufficient. The black waxy soil is found on the plateaus and is adaptable to the growing of small grains, sorghums, and other crops.

Soil conservationists in Coke County give a more detailed and technical description of the soils, which is shown in the Appendix.

DRAINAGE AND WATER SUPPLY

Coke County is drained by the Colorado River and its tributaries. The Colorado flows "south of east through the central part of Coke County;" that is, it flows diagonally across the county from the northwest to the southeast. The river is fed by numerous creeks which in turn are fed by a great many "draws."

The tributaries from the north rise in the Callahan Divide and flow south into the Colorado, while those from the south stem from the Edwards Plateau and flow north into the river. The tributaries from the north include the following creeks: Silver, Sand, Meadow, Rough, Yellow Wolf, Messbox, Mountain, Indian, or "Mechatch Indian," Cow, Kickapoo, Oak, Boozier, Turkey, Double-barrel, and Hog. The tributaries from the south include: Heifer, Gasconade, Salt, Ruogh, Pecan, Paint, Wild Cat, Buffalo, Live Oak and Mule creeks.

Many of these creeks, as well as the river, have living water in them during normal or anything like normal years; however, in times of prolonged drouth, they all tend to dry up, and only the deepest holes furnish any water. The Colorado and its tributaries have exhibited many miles of dry channel broken only by occasional water holes during the present (1949-53) drouth.

Other sources of water for stock and domestic consumption include rain-water cisterns, wells surface tanks, and artificial lakes.

Many Coke County homes have zinc or under-ground cement plastered cisterns in which rain water from the roof is stored. The water is usually caught during the winter seasons. At one time nearly every family had an under-ground cistern, which furnished "soft" water for household use. This was very pleasing and helpful to the people, since much of the well water was "hard."

Coke County has many wells with windmills over them and a few with pressure pumps. Wells are an important source of water for rural homes and ranches.

The depth of Coke County wells ranges from very shallow to as much as four hundred feet. Some wells are no more than thirty feet deep; however, the

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majority of the wells are one hundred to one hundred fifty feet, while some wells are from two hundred to four hundred feet. The underground water table has dropped in the last several years and many wells have had to be deepened and some have "gone dry."

Nearly every farm has at least one surface "tank." These are made by building earthen dams across draws or by excavating with the dirt removed forming the dam. Many farms and practically all of the ranches have several such tanks. Some tanks are of huge proportions. Since they are usually built on draws and fill easily, they furnish wa-

ter over long periods of dry weather.

For many years both Robert Lee and Bronte have had artificial lakes which have furnished water for the towns; however, the lakes were inadequate and both towns have faced water crises during periods of prolonged drouth. At this time (1953) it seems as if their water problems are about solved. Robert Lee now gets a bountiful supply of water from the new lake on Mountain Creek built through the assistance of the UCRA (Upper Colorado River Authority), while Bronte, with the aid of the UCRA, has tapped Sweetwater's new lake on Oak Creek between Blackwell and old Fort Chadbourne by laying a pipeline from the lake to Bronte.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for the kindness they have shown us in the loss of our loved one, Mrs. O. C. Shelton of Abilene. May God bless each one of you. — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Field.

Marvin Simpson Is New Director Of Angus Association

About 250 members and guests of the large Texas Aberdeen-Angus Association were on hand Feb. 3 for the annual meeting and banquet at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth. During the evening, Henry Moore of Eldorado was named president for the ensuing year.

Those present heard talks by Ray Greene of the Swift and Company research department, and Frank Richards, secretary of the national Angus association. A report on Texas sales during 1953 showed that 1,045 registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle had been sold through the state association sales, for a total of \$406,190, and an average of \$392.23.

C. W. Chandler, Nocona, and Jack S. Mann, Marshall, were named first and second vice-presidents respectively, and new directors are: Abilene area—Marvin Simpson of Robert Lee; Mid-Texas area—Louis P. Mer-

rill, Midlothian; Amarillo Harris Mullin, Dalhart (re-elected); South Texas area—Morgan, Alice (re-elected); Central Area—W. R. Johnson City; Tullia area—Bradford, Happy; and Central area—Stewart Evans of Jacksboro. Appointed to a one-year term left vacant recently was Homer L. Longview.

Mrs. Stewart Evans spent the weekend in Jacksboro with the S. S. Evans family. Mr. and Mrs. Mac MacKathy have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Odessa.

FOR GENERAL INSURANCE

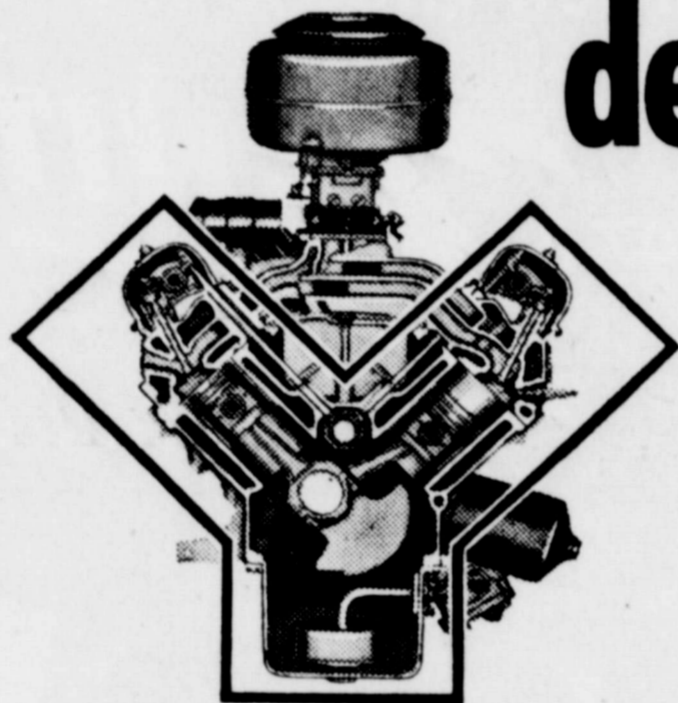
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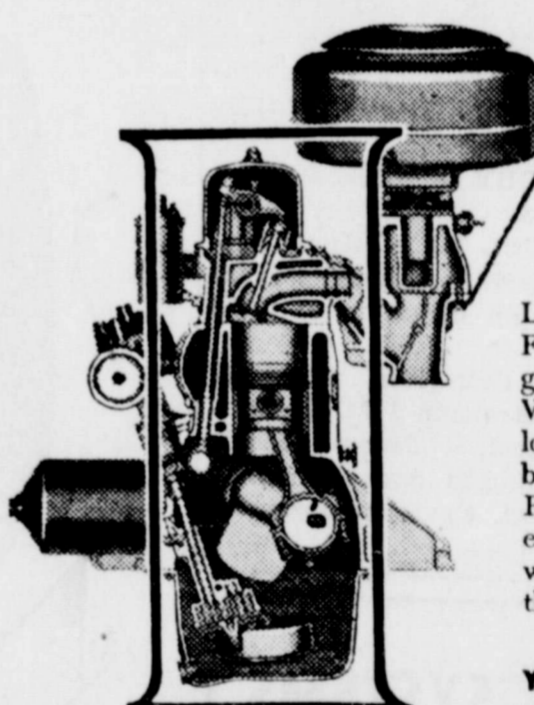
At Robert Lee State

Ford presents two new deep-block engines



THE NEW 130-h.p. Y-block V-8

This new Overhead-Valve V-8 has an extra-deep block which resembles a "Y" in cross-section. This new deep-block design means greater rigidity for smoother, quieter performance... longer engine life. Other features which make this engine a long-lived, smooth, savingful performer are: new low-friction (short-stroke) design, Free-Turning Overhead Valves, new 5-bearing crankshaft, and new high-turbulence combustion chambers.



THE NEW 115-h.p. I-block SIX

Like the new Y-block V-8, this engine has Ford's deep-block design for greater rigidity, longer engine life. Also, like the V-8, you get Ford's modern manifold design, low-friction design, high-turbulence combustion chambers, and Ford's Automatic Power Pilot. One advantage of both engines is an amazingly flat "torque curve" which gives you top pick-up power through the whole range of driving speeds.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King and Mrs. Stewart spent the weekend in Lubbock with their daughter and left yesterday. Mrs. Dan Hall and husband L. D.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson and Mrs. Tom Rives visited Sunday with the J. M. Monahan of Midland.

Mrs. Calvin Sparks returned from Temple Sunday. She reports that her husband is improving satisfactorily.

Donny Capps left for Temple Sunday to undergo surgery on his leg which was injured some time

Mrs. S. M. Lewis, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Schooley in Fort Worth, is reported to be recovering from a fall received shortly after Christmas. Mrs. O. E. Dukes is assisting in the care of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Field and Mrs. Finis Harmon were called to Abilene recently by the death of Mrs. Field's daughter, Mrs. O. C. Shelton. Mrs. Shelton passed away Sunday night, Feb. 7th, in church. She had been in failing health for some time. She was survived by her mother, four sons and one daughter, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In the list of Edith contributors to the March of Dimes published in The Observer last week, C. C. Millican was credited with \$2.00. This was incorrect as Mr. Millican's contribution was \$5.00.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican, Mrs. Finis Millican and Mrs. Bud Harmon spent Sunday in Big Spring with relatives. Mrs. C. C. Millican remained for a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Blair, Jr. and family.

Marion L. Sparks, who returned to his duties in the Navy last week after a 30-days visit with home folks has been transferred to the USS Jason, a large repair ship. He joined the ship at San Francisco and is scheduled to sail soon for Japan.

County Judge Jeff Dean left Monday for Rochester, Minn., where he will undergo a checkup at the Mayo Clinic. He has an ailing knee and other complications, and his condition is serious.

Political Announcements

The Observer is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices indicated, subject to action of the Democratic Primaries.

COUNTY JUDGE—
Jeff Dean

SHERIFF AND TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR—
Paul Good

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK—
Weldon Fikes

COUNTY TREASURER—
Gertrude Gray

COUNTY ATTORNEY—
Frank C. Dickey, Jr.

COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 1—
Fern Havins
J. W. Service

COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 3—
Ed Hickman

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

Sam Lewis Says—
**SERVE
H O L S U M
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With Every Meal

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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.

LOST—Small leather purse with "Nell" engraved on it. Contains keys and drivers license. Keep the money, but please return the purse to Annette Simpson, Box 142, Robert Lee. 37w2

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

I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cesspools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte for this service. L. M. Jones.

FOR SALE — Electric refrigerator, apartment butane cook stove and pair of bed springs. Mrs. J. K. Griffith. 377c

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

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

FOR SALE — Modern 5-room home with two bedrooms, adjoining school grounds in Robert Lee. Double garage and fenced back yard. Best location in town. See Mrs. Travis Hicks at school or phone 18. 37w2p

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Mrs. John L. Bruton advises that her husband has been transferred to the USS Gull, a minesweeper. At present he is in Japanese waters. Mrs. Bruton, the former Janie Sue Higgins, is now employed part time at the telephone switchboard.

S. E. 'Skinny' Adams

Oil Properties Insurance

Office in Cactus Hotel Annex
SAN ANGELO TEXAS

PLASTIC BAG	2 BAGS
CARROTS	19c
FRESH GREEN	LB.
CABBAGE	2 1/2c
PASCAL BEST FOR EATING	LGE. STALK
CELERY	17c
CHUCK TIME	
VIENNA SAUSAGE	- Can 8c
CRUSTENE	
SHORTENING	- 3 Lbs. 69c
MORTON'S SALT	- 2 Boxes 19c
KIMBELL'S	
MATCHES	- Ctn of 6 39c
IMPERIAL	5 LBS.
SUGAR	39c
	WITH COUPON
CHARMIN TISSUE	- 4 roll pkg. 29c
MILK, Carnation	- Sm Can 6c
	WITH COUPON
STARLAC DRY MILK	- pkg. 23c
NORTHERN	
NAPKINS, 80 Count	- 2 pkgs. 29c
PORK CHOPS	Lb. 59c
7 BONE	
ROAST	lb 43c
MIDWEST	
BACON	lb 69c
ROBERTS	
GROCERY & MARKET	

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Thanks Everybody!

It made us very happy to have so many nice people attend the formal opening of our new Humble Station last Saturday. We appreciate the wonderful volume of business and your many flattering remarks concerning the many outstanding features of the new station. We hope to merit a share of your business in the future and your good will always.

J. F. McCabe, Jr.

Humble Service Station

Washing & Lubrication, Atlas Tires & Batteries

House Warming At Loyd Phelans

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phelan were hosts at an open house Sunday afternoon in their new home in the south part of town. The affair was sponsored by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Arnold of Silver, and their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McFerrin of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Neill of Monahans.

The attractive new home has outside dimensions of 28 x 52 feet with a built-in garage. It has three bedrooms, hardwood floors, venetian blinds. The kitchen is nicely arranged with new built-in cabinets and a door from the kitchen leads to the garage.

Construction was in charge of Jack Capps, with Mr. Phelan assisting.

The Phelan's former home, dismantled to make room for the new structure, was one of the oldest dwelling houses in the city. It was moved to Robert Lee from Hayrick when the county seat was changed 65 years ago. It was known as the old Pritchard place and was later the home of the late Uncle John Vestal.

DEATH OF W. F. THOMPSON

W. F. Thompson, 83, died Feb. 16 at his home in Oklahoma City. He is survived by his wife, the former Mrs. W. E. McCraw. They moved from Robert Lee to Oklahoma 12 years ago. He was the step-father of Mrs. Frank Clawson. Mrs. Clawson and her children motored to Oklahoma City to attend the funeral last Thursday.

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PERSONALS

Good reports come from R. C. Russell, who has been confined to his home the past three weeks by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr. and children have returned to their home at Sanco after residing more than a year in California. Junior was employed in a small factory in the Los Angeles area for 13 months, but the business closed down because of lack of orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts, Inez Gartman and Pete Gilbert enjoyed a few days outing the first of the week on the Pecos River. They had poor luck fishing.

H. C. Allen of Robert Lee and R. H. Emery of San Angelo were in Houston last week when they attended a stockholders meeting of the Federal Land Bank. Mr. Emery is secretary of the National Farm Loan Association of San Angelo and Mr. Allen is one of its directors. Mrs. Allen accompanied her husband as far as Austin where she visited friends, while Mrs. Bailey Russell also went with the group and stopped with kinfolks at Liberty Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bahlman were in San Angelo Monday for the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Erna Dodd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Rabb of Odessa and Mrs. Herhall Hall and children of Big Spring spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. Sally Goble Rabb.

Curtis Walker, J. B. Walker, Jr. of Silver and a friend from Colorado City were expected home Thursday night from a week of fishing in the Gulf.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wallace of Pecos spent the weekend with kinfolks in Robert Lee.

Paula Reeves, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reeves of Snyder, has returned home after undergoing surgery on her arm at Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. This was her fifth operation, including one on her leg. The Reeves family are former residents of Robert Lee.

Foremost Agency Sold

Lizzy McDorman is the new distributor here for Foremost Dairies, having purchased the business from Billy Hughes.

Mr. Hughes and his wife came here several months ago from San Angelo and have enjoyed a fine business. They have not announced their plans for the future.

Mr. McDorman is a native of this community and is well and favorably known. Mrs. McDorman will help operate the business and be in charge of the store where all kinds of dairy products and cold drinks are sold.

AT SAN ANGELO SHOW

Bill Simpson of Robert Lee has the only Coke County baby beef entry in the San Angelo Stock Show which is under way this week. Bill is showing his excellent Angus steer which won grand champion honors in the Coke County Junior Show a few weeks ago. Coke 4-H boys showing lambs at San Angelo include Wayne Bridges, J. Lee Ensor, Freddie McDonald, Benny Corley, Dee Arrott and Aubrey Don Denman. Mary Beth Schooler with a lamb is the only girl exhibitor from Coke. A list of Robert Lee FFA entries was not made available to The Observer.

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Monday, March

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Tuesday, March 2

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SPUDS 10 lb mesh bag 30

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CARROTS Cello Bag Ea. 10

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SLICED OR HALVED PEACHES, Stokley's - - - No. 2 1/2 Can

CREAM STYLE WHITE OR YELLOW CORN, Jack Sprat - - - 2 Cans

TOMATOES, No 1 Can - - - Each

WHITE SWAN

MILK

LARGE CAN

10c

CRISCO

3 LB. CAN

79c

PRESERV

PEACH or APRICO

FULL 24 OZ. JAR

37c

MUSTARD - - - Large 1 Lb Jar

T-BONE STEAK LB. 60

ALL MEAT

WEINERS LB. CELLO 40

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25-27

Audie Murphy, Joan Evans, Robert Sterling in
"COLUMN SOUTH"

(In Technicolor)

Also Cartoon and News

SUN., MON., TUES., Feb. 28-March 2, Sun. Matinee 1:30, 3:25
Will Rogers, Jr. as his father & Jane Wyman as Mrs. Rogers in
"THE STORY OF WILL ROGERS"

(In Technicolor)

Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 3 & 4

Robert Mitchum and Jean Simmons in

"ANGEL FACE"

Also Cartoon

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