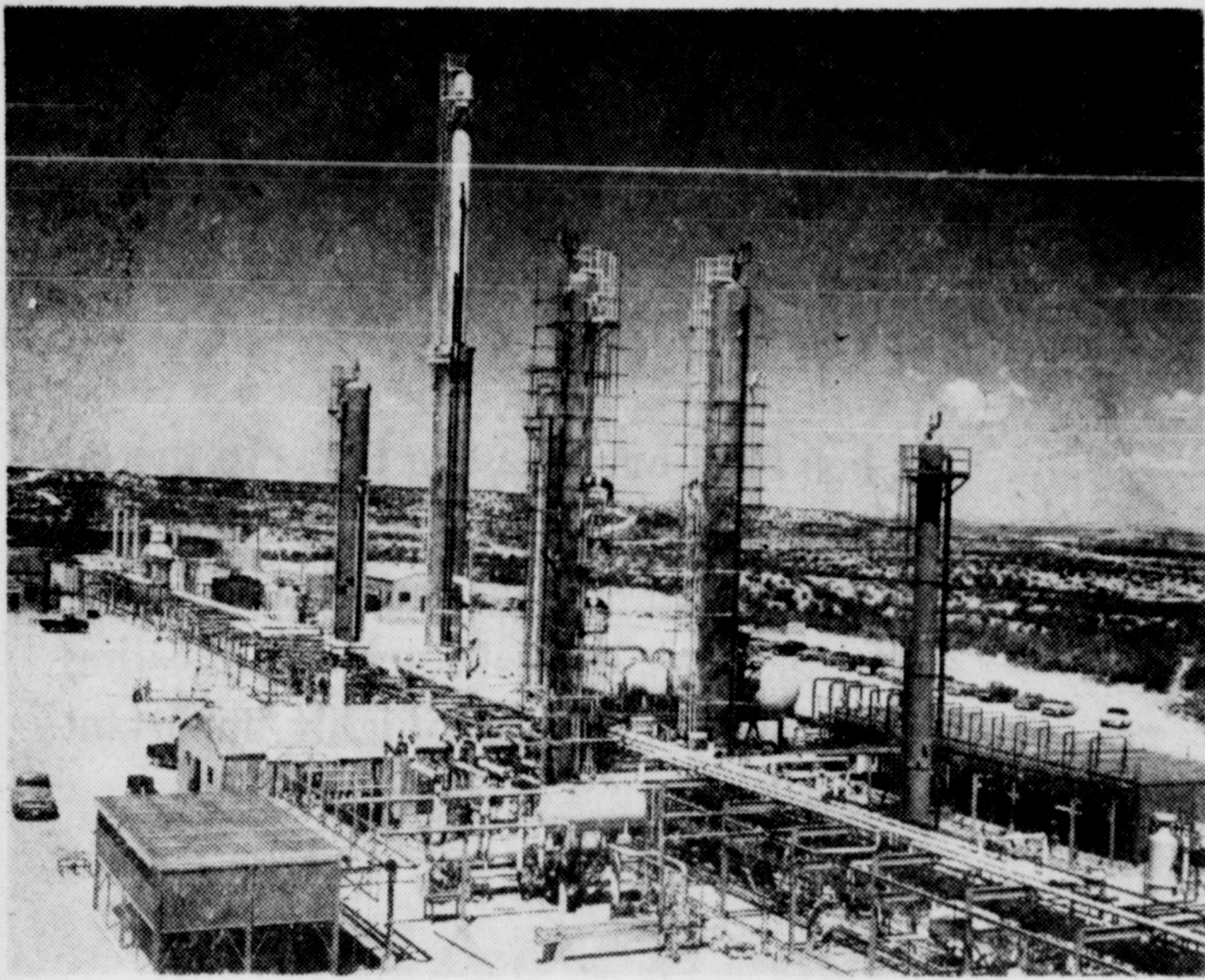


# Robert Lee Observer

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## MENARD PLAYS STEERS HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Robert Lee Steers will be looking for their first victory when they entertain the Menard Yellow Jackets here Friday night. The Jackets are a Class A team, but are hardly expected to be as strong as the Eldorado Eagles.

Eldorado downed the Steers 27 to 0 here last week. Their big squad was superior in every department to the undermanned Robert Lee club. However, the Steers made some gains but were hurt by fumbles and a blocked kick.

The visitors were alert in breaking up Robert Lee pass attempts and also put up a stalwart line defense. The Steers looked pretty good in defeat and most fans agree they are improving.

Roland McArthur, standout center and co-captain, played the entire game although he was suffering from the flu. The squad seems to be in good shape this week and should give Menard an exciting contest.

Next week Robert Lee plays its first conference game at Hermleigh. An open date occurs Oct. 28, followed by successive battles with Trent, Loraine and Bronte.

The only 6-B conference game to date was Trent's 13-0 victory over Loraine last week. Hermleigh comes to Bronte this week for a loop contest with the Longhorns.

### JUNIOR HIGH GAMES

Robert Lee and Bronte Junior High teams battled to a scoreless tie here Tuesday night when the lights went out during the half-time intermission. An effort will be made to re-schedule the contest, probably Oct. 28.

Last week Robert Lee 7th and 8th graders were defeated at Bronte 7 to 6.

Mrs. Nell Pruitt of Paris came for a weekend visit in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr. Mrs. Ivey and daughter, Patty Lyn, took Mrs. Pruitt back to Paris Monday and will remain a few days while Cumbie is on a Colorado hunting expedition.

### SCHOOL BAND NEWS

Robert Lee High School Band went to Abilene Oct. 1 when they University at the New Mexico A were guests of Hardin-Simmons & M football game. Last Saturday fifteen members and Mr. Gray took part in the Band Clinic in Brownwood at Howard Payne College. That night they attended the football game between Howard Payne and New Mexico A & M. —Annie Grattan, Reporter.

## Alamo Theatre Opened Here 20 Years Ago

This week marks the 20th anniversary of Robert Lee's moving picture theatre, the Alamo. With erection of a new building, it opened for business Oct. 15, 1935.

The business is owned and operated by Victor, Frank and Otto Wojtek, sons of F. C. Wojtek, Sr. Wojtek Bros. opened the Texas Theatre in Bronte the following year, and a few years ago erected a new building there. A roller rink was built adjoining the Robert Lee theatre a number of years ago.

During the past year extensive improvements have been made at both the Robert Lee and Bronte movie houses, including installation of wide screens and special equipment for cinemascope productions.

Wojtek Brothers have been highly successful with their business ventures.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Oct. 5 — Lynn Davidson admitted, Jackie Sparks dismissed.

Oct. 6 — Lynn Davidson, Mrs. J. F. Huber dismissed.

Oct. 8 — Jack Cowley admitted. Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek. Mrs. Lowell Roane dismissed.

Oct. 10 — Mrs. D. M. Millican admitted. Jack Cowley dismissed.

Oct. 11 — T. B. Childress, Mrs. Bruce Clift admitted. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Howard Eaton dismissed.

Oct. 12 — T. B. Childress dismissed.

### FULL PRODUCTION

—Texas Natural Gasoline Corporation's multi-million dollar gasoline plant, ten miles southwest of Silver, is now in full production. Surface storage tanks at the plant will take care of liquid petroleum products in excess of a million gallons. At present butane is being hauled to Bronte where it is shipped out in tank cars over the Santa Fe. Work on constructing a rail spur from Maryneal to Silver are said to have been held up by an injunction filed by the T & P Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker and daughter, Jerry, of Pocatello, Idaho, are visiting John's mother, Mrs. Belle Parker, in San Angelo and other relatives and friends in San Angelo and Coke County. They were accompanied on the trip to Texas by Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, also of Pocatello.

## 121 Producing Wells Without One Dry Hole

Perkins-Prothro Company, independent operators of Wichita Falls, have developed an enormous field across the Colorado River, southwest of Silver. Their leases are located on the W. C. Blanks Estate.

Only one rotary rig is working now and indications are that their field is pretty well developed.

The company has its own office, warehouse and camp with modern houses for its employees. Thomas E. Covington is the superintendent. Other Perkins-Prothro personnel include:

Jack E. McCallie, Production Foreman

Fred Wilcox, Engineer

Durwood Riggs, Clerk

Calvin Stafford, Utility Man

John Conley, Lease Switcher

Billy Moncrief, Lease Switcher

Douglas Gartman, Lease Switcher

Wilburn Millican, Lease Switcher

Leslie Copeland, Lease Switcher

Zeddie Beal, Lease Switcher

Billy Jones, Lease Switcher

Wilburn Whitaker, Lease Switcher

# Coke County Has 900 Oil Producers

### FRANK MATHERS, JR.

Frank Mathers, Jr., 22 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mathers of Sierra Blanca, was killed Saturday night in a highway accident 15 miles west of Sierra Blanca on Highway 80. He was riding with Margaret Owens of Barnhart, well known rodeo performer when she rammed her car into the rear of a truck. Miss Owens was killed outright and Mathers died within a short time. Young Mathers' parents are former Silver residents, but have ranched near Sierra Blanca for many years. His father is a brother of Ern and Russ Mathers and his mother is a sister of Mrs. Jack Walker, Mrs. Loyd Phelan and Mrs. Sudie Clepper. Local relatives were present for the funeral held Monday afternoon at Sierra Blanca. Mr. and Mrs. Mathers lost two other sons during the past ten years.

## Quarterbacks Sponsor Party, To Build Fence

Robert Lee's Quarterback Club has been having some interesting meetings, with 30 members turning out last week. The club was formed to help the Steers in every way possible and promote athletics during the school year.

Sixty-one members have paid their annual dues of \$2.00 and more are expected to sign up. Officers include Buzz Sawyer, president, and Weldon Fikes, secretary.

Members of the Quarterback Club in conference with school officials arranged for a highly successful party at the gym Friday night. The event is open to all high school students, parents and teachers. There was dancing, refreshments and a general good time. Another party is planned for this Friday night after the game and it is hoped they can be continued during the year.

After each home game the QB Club feeds the football squad, and hamburgers and Cokes are served to the junior high players.

Another Quarterback project is a new steel fence which is to enclose the football field. Work is under way and it may be ready by Friday night. High school football regulations prescribe for adequate fencing back from the sidelines to keep spectators off the field.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner of San Angelo were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark.

## BIRTHS

WOJTEK — Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek (Ronda Young) are parents of a daughter born Oct. 8 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 12:30 p. m. the baby weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and has been named Phyllis Jean. She has three sisters, Vicki, 12, Mary Alice, 9, and Rinda Beth, 6, and a brother, Charles, 2 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Young and Mr. F. C. Wojtek, Sr.

This is Oil Progress Week — an event of great importance to Coke County.

More than 900 producing oil wells have been drilled in the county since Sun's discovery in December 1946, on the Allen Jameson place near Silver.

In the past nine years more than 39 million gallons of oil have been produced. Coke County is expected to produce 10,796,820 barrels of oil during the year 1955.

According to government reports 465 persons are employed in various phases of the oil business in the county.

Because of oil Coke County's assessed valuation has jumped from 4½ millions in 1946 to nearly 30 millions in 1955.

Drilling has slowed down considerably the past year. Sun hasn't drilled a single hole, and Perkins-Prothro and Stanolind seem to have developed their fields west and southwest of Silver.

Seven or eight rotary rigs are drilling in various sections of Coke County at present.

An important field is anticipated when Humble develops its holdings on the Weaver Ranch south of Robert Lee. There has been no further activity there since a high producing discovery was brought in last May.

Additional activity is also expected in the Wojtek field north of town, and more drilling should result from the strike on Fred McCabe, southwest of Robert Lee.

## F. McCabe Well Completed For 72 Barrels Oil

A Coke County Palo Pinto discovery, W. H. Black et al of Midland No. 1 Fred McCabe, in 311-2-H&TC, seven miles west of Robert Lee, has been completed.

It was finaled for a daily pumping potential of 72 barrels of 43.4 gravity oil, plus 40 per cent water with gas-oil ratio of 212-1. Production was through perforations between 5,462-470 feet in 5½-inch casing cemented at 5,590 feet, the plugged back total depth.

Top of pay was picked at 5,462 feet on elevation of 2,043 feet. Completion was natural.

The project was drilled to a total depth of 7,025 feet in the Ellenburger, where sulphur water was recovered on a drillstem test between 6,800-7,025 feet.

Other Coke County discoveries this year:

WEAVER RANCH (Strawn) — Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 2 Helen Harris Weaver Estate, et al in 16-1. N. Moreland survey, seven miles south of Robert Lee, was completed May 5 for a daily flowing potential of 236.33 barrels of 44.2 gravity oil, with gas-oil ratio of 2,180-1.

Production was through a ¼-inch choke and perforations between 6,240-60 feet.

DAVID (Cisco) & Kewanee Oil Co. No. 1 Byrd, in 417-1A-H&TC three miles northeast of Robert Lee, was finaled for a daily pumping potential of 30.18 barrels of 45.7 gravity oil, plus 49 per cent water, with gas-oil ratio of 895-1.



**SILVER NEWS**

Norman, son of Mr and Mrs C. E. Butcher, lost a front tooth playing football.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradham have gone on a two weeks' vacation to Huntington, N. Y. Mrs. Bradham's father is chief of police there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Powell of Dallas have been recent guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. R. Pace, and family. Mr. Powell is owner of the Powell Printing Co. in Dallas.

Millican Bros. Texaco Station on the highway north of Silver has been sold to "Red" and Ed Snowden, who are now in charge of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom are again in charge of their cafe and drug store, having resumed the management Monday of this week.

Supt. Paul Ashby attended a state meeting of school administrators in Austin. He made the trip with Supt. B. C. Goodwin of Robert Lee and other school men of this area.

John E. Walke of Dallas, Sun Oil Co. gas department, was a recent visitor at the Jameson plant while visiting other properties in the West Texas area.

Mrs. Joe N. Thorp and little son, Jahew Jameson, have concluded their visit in the parental Jahew Jameson home, and have gone to Throckmorton to join Mr. Thorp. Buzzy will engage in the insurance and abstract business here with his family. His father is county judge at Throckmorton. Last week Mrs. Jameson and Mrs. Thorp and baby spent a couple of days in Midland with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Clifford Wilson, the former Susie Jameson.

Silver junior high football team lost at Sterling City Thursday night of last week by a 41 to 19

score. Our boys are beginning to put over some touchdowns, and will be plenty tough when they tangle with someone in their class. This is their first year of football, too.

The R. B. Allens, Bob Odoms, and L. D. Evans met Pvt. Elmer I. Clegg, Jr. in Colorado City for a short visit last Sunday. He was returning to his base at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., after flying to Pocasset, Mass., last week for a visit with his parents, and to attend the wedding of his sister, Miss Barbara Clegg. Elmer and Barbara are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen. Their mother is the former Ruthelle Allen, who was raised at Silver.

Guests Sunday in the Ray Coalson home were Mr. and Mrs. John Coalson and son, James Arthur, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Coalson of Bronte. Cecil Coalson was also home from West Texas State College at Canyon, accompanied by a friend, Troy Riddell.

Visiting in the O. F. Bradham home over the weekend were their daughters, Mrs. J. H. Breeden and family of Snyder and Mrs. Leonard Sharp, her husband and their new son, Larry Allen of Abilene.

Mrs. S. W. Gaston of Tennyson is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Allen.

Ora Marie Stout has returned in Dallas home after having dental surgery

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hendry, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garvin, Eddy, Dona and Henry Garvin spent the weekend visiting the Joe Garvin's daughters, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Zelasoski, at Waco. They attended the State Fair in Dallas and returned home Monday.



**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.

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Robert Lee, Texas



At this time it is again fitting to extend Congratulations to Coke County for its sensational Oil Development. It has become one of the leading oil producing counties in West Texas, while drilling and exploration of possible news fields continues.

We are happy to serve those interested in Oil... we keep abreast of developments in this territory and will be pleased to have you call on us for information and counsel on oil property matters, for service in purchase and sale of oil leases and royalties.

**S. E. "Skinny" ADAMS**

Cactus Hotel Annex

Phone 4188

San Angelo, Texas



### Catholics Plan Open Meetings

For the purpose of establishing a stronger bond of friendship and Christian spirit in the Community, the Catholics will hold an information forum on the lot next to the Mercifull residence here on the main street of Robert Lee. Followers of Christ ought to be able to live in a close harmony and peace and will if they would only understand each other. This misunderstanding arises because of ignorance. So we Catholics hope to be able to do our part in making a better Christian Community by explaining what we believe and why we believe it.

The information forum will begin this coming Monday night at 7:00 on the lot next to the Percifull residence on the main street in town. Loud-speakers will be used so those who wish may remain in their cars. After the first portion of the address a question-box will be passed about among the people with paper and pencil. Place any of your questions or comments in the question box and we will most Christly answer or comment on them to the best of our ability.

Monday night we will talk about the Bible and what Catholics believe about the Bible and its history. Also, what is tradition, both kinds, good and bad and what is the attitude of the Church on Tradition. Tuesday night at 7 again we will speak about Baptism, what it is, how to be administered and its history and development.

Wednesday at the same time and place we will speak about the Eucharist, what it is and why we believe as we believe and do as we do. Thursday we will speak about the Pope, Bishops, and priests and their powers, why we believe and where do they receive their authority. And also what about confessing sins to men? Can priests forgive sins. How do they have such an idea? Then too we will speak about why don't priests marry. Friday night will be a review of all which went before.

We wish also to draw attention to the question box. We wish the public to know it is not only for asking questions but for comments. Are there things we are doing you don't like; what bad examples are we showing? After all constructive criticism is a blessing not to be ignored.

We invite all and everyone to come to the open air informatmn forum about Catholics. We suggest this theme to our friends:— If it is something Catholic, ask a good Catholic. — Father Fidelis, O. F. M.

#### WILL OBSERVE BIRTHDAY

The family of Mrs. C. D. Stewart will honor her on her 90th birthday with open house Sunday, Oct. 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes. Friends are invited to call between 2:30 and 5.00 p. m. Mrs. Stewart has been a resident of Coke County for 72 years.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY NOTICE

H. E. Rees of San Angelo will be in Robert Lee and Bronte on Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and Dec. 28. He will be glad to interview anyone wishing to file a claim for retirement or survivors benefits under the Social Security Act, or discuss any question which anyone may have.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shilling and Mrs. J. F. Cooley of Waco visited one day last week with Mrs. Tom Schooler and family. Mrs. Cooley is Mrs. Schooler's mother and the Shillings are her uncle and aunt.

#### FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

The Friendship W. H. D. club met Oct. 6 with Mrs. A. D. Fields. Cake and coffee were served to seven members and three children. New officers elected for 1956 are:

Mrs. Brent Clark, president  
Mrs. Leon Byrne, vice-president  
Mrs. A. D. Fields, Sec'y-treas.  
Mrs. Ruth Service, council delegate  
Mrs. Pat Rives, Alt. delegate  
70 cents was made on the floating prize. We will not have our regular meeting the 14 as we have had two called meetings. Next meeting will be Oct. 28 with Mrs. Ruth Service.  
By Mrs. Pat Rives, Sec. & Treas.

Mrs. Ethel Green returned Friday from a visit at Sterling City with her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Augustine, and family. She is now spending some time with her sons, J. D. at Silver and Garlan at Colorado City. Mrs. Green is recovering nicely from recent major surgery and expects to soon return to her nursing position at Coke County Memorial Hospital.

A SALUTE TO

# Oil Progress Week

October 9 - 15

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

## Ernest Clendennen

### Welding Service

SILVER, TEXAS

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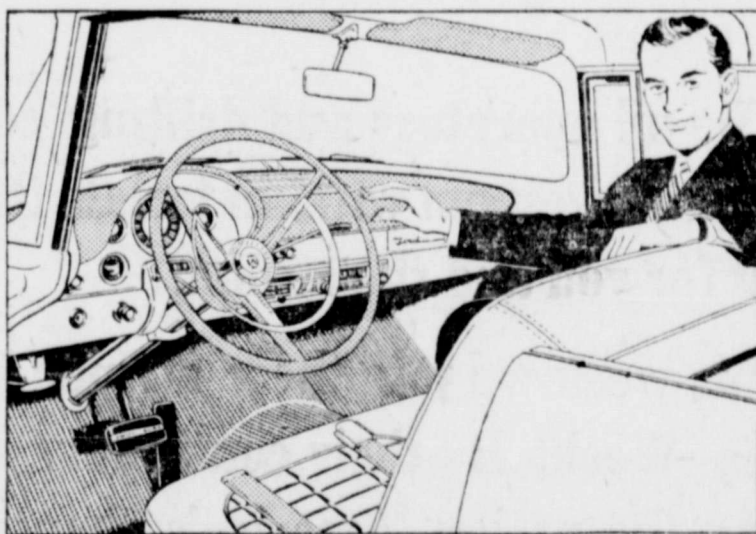


The 1956 Ford Thunderbird

The Fairlane Victoria is one of 18 new Thunderbird-inspired Fords. You can see Thunderbird beauty in its long, low lines.

Drive it today!  
**'56 FORD...with new 202-h.p. Thunderbird Y-8**

with new Thunderbird Styling... with new Lifeguard Design



**4 NEW LIFEGUARD FEATURES**—new deep-center steering wheel, new double-grip door locks, optional new padded instrument panel and sun visors, and optional new Ford seat belts.

A glance tells you that the '56 Ford has the long, low lines... the dazzling beauty of the Thunderbird.

But wait till you touch the gas pedal! Ford goes like the Thunderbird, too. With the new 202-h.p. Thunderbird Y-8 engine, available in Fordomatic Fairlane and Station Wagon models, you'll pass with new confidence, smile at hills.

And there's even bigger news—Lifeguard Design! With the cooperation of universities, medical associations and safety experts, Ford found that most accident injuries were caused by the driver being thrown against the steering post, occupants being thrown forward against hard surfaces, or from the car. So, Ford developed a new steering wheel with a deep-center structure to help protect you from the post... double-grip door locks to give added protection from doors opening under shock... optional cushioning for instrument panel and sun visors, to help lessen injury from impact... optional seat belts that help keep occupants in seats.

Come in! See the '56 Ford, drive it, learn what Lifeguard Design means for the greater safety of you and your family.

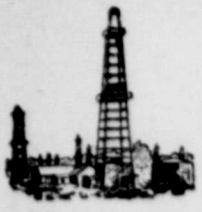
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**Notes**  
From The  
**Oil Field**

**Stake Wildcat  
On Tom Peays**

W. M. and A. P. Fuller of Midland have staked a wildcat on T. A. Peays, 14 miles southwest of Robert Lee.

Slated for 7,400 feet with rotary it is located 660 feet from the north and west lines of Section 277, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

The location is two miles southwest of production in the Millican field west of Edith.

**2 MORE WILDCATS**

Six miles southwest of Blackwell, J. B. Randle of San Angelo has staked No. 1 S. M. King Estate, as a 7,000 foot wildcat.

Location is 1,980 feet from the north and 660 feet from the east lines of Section 3, Block 3, Hiram P. Norton Survey.

Jake L. Hamon and Wes-Tex Drilling Co. of Abilene will drill a 6,800 foot wildcat, 2½ miles southwest of Ft. Chadbourne. It will be No. 1 E. C. Rawlings.

Location, on a 460-acre lease, is 660 feet from the north and east lines of Section 351, Block 1A, H&TC.

Forrest Oil Corp. of Midland No. 1 W. D. Wilson, bottomed at 7,310 feet, preparing to take drillstem tests. The wildcat, 16 miles southeast of Robert Lee, is in Section 11, Block 16, H&TC Survey.

King, Warren & Dye, wildcat seven miles southeast of Robert Lee in Mrs. E. Engledow Survey 12, drilling at 6,551 feet in shale and lime.

**JOHNSON PRODUCER**

The Jameson (Strawn) field of Coke County has been extended one location west with the completion of F. Kirk Johnson No. 3-C J. Ellwood Chappell, in 4-2-H&TC, 10 miles southwest of Silver.

It was completed for a daily flowing potential of 278.88 barrels of 47.8 gravity oil, with gas-oil ratio 725-1.

Turney Casey has been added to the mechanical force of Ivey Motor Co. He has had wide experience as an auto mechanic and for the past few years had been employed by B. M. Mundell. Elmo Bell is the new shop foreman at Iveys.

Lynn Davidson suffered a broken finger Wednesday of last week while working with Wes-Tex Company building culverts on Highway 208 near Silver. He was hospitalized over night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson motored to Stratford last weekend to take their daughter, Mrs. Owen Cosgrove, to her home there. Mrs. Cosgrove, the former Martha Sue Richardson, had spent a couple of weeks with her parents.

Mrs. Dave Millican has been a medical patient in Coke County Memorial Hospital since Monday when she was slightly injured in a fall at her home. Her condition is reported as good.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis Jay were weekend guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay. Robert Lewis is a sophomore student at Sul Ross College.

**Want Ads**

**FOR RENT** — 2 bedroom home. See Carl Brock. 21tf

**BEAUTY demonstrator** needed in Bronte and Silver. Up to \$5 an hour demonstrating Studio Girl Cosmetics. Free samples and details supplied. Phone 39W or write Mrs. R. S. Collins, Robert Lee.

**FOR RENT** — 3 room house, furnished or unfurnished, also sleeping room. Mrs. Ethel Green.

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

**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 RENT** — Furnished house. See Mrs. Jack Cowley, phone 107.

**FOR SALE** — Nice 2-bedroom house, recently remodeled and redecorated throughout. Inquire of the owner, Bud Hayes, Phone 98w. 17tf

**HEATERS** — A few Jacks-Evans butane heaters at a bargain. Reg. \$15.25 heaters at \$12.95; reg. \$22.00 at \$18.70; reg. \$23.50 circulating at \$19.95. — LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

**FOR SALE**—My farm between Bronte and Robert Lee. Mrs. Dora Brock, Bronte, Texas. 19w3p

**FOR SALE** — Registered Rambouillet bucks. Glenn Waldrop, Edith. Phone 5002 Sterling City. 18w6p

**SEWING MACHINES** — All makes, repaired, bought and sold. Lowest prices on new machines. Bring us your repair work. H. T. DOWD, 1215 N. Chadbourne, San Angelo. 17tf

**NOTICE** — I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cess pools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte, for this service. Also do plumbing. — A. L. ROGERS. tfe

**FOR SALE**—Seed oats, clean and clipped, in 4-bushel sacks. Lester Webb, phone 22, Bronte.

**TRAPPERS** — New method, copyrighted, \$1.00; I started trapping in 1905, few simple rules, sure for coon; boys out-trap your neighbors; satisfaction or money back. —JIM GREER, Robert Lee, Texas 21tf

**SALESMAN WANTED** — RAWLEIGH DEALER wanted at once in Coke Co. Good opportunity. Write Rawleigh's Dept. TXJ-1230-105, Memphis, Tenn. or see J. R. Shipman, 330 Wood St., Winters, Tex., today. 21w2p

Statement of Condition

**Robert Lee State Bank**

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

OCTOBER 5, 1955

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 425,964.28	Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Overdrafts	611.34	Surplus	50,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	2,143.56	Undivided Profits	16,364.01
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	2,550.00	Reserves	2,500.00
U. S. Government Securities	492,848.00	Deposits	1,399,144.98
State and County Securities	134,814.85		
Cash and Exchange	444,076.96		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,503,008.99</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,503,008.99</b>

**OFFICERS**

R. C. Russell, President

G. C. Allen, Executive Vice President

T. A. Richardson, Vice President and Cashier

**DIRECTORS**

R. C. Russell

T. A. Richardson

G. C. Allen

Victor Wojtek

L. C. Ivey

Henry Briscoe

Willie I. Tubb



**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.

**Red Wood Lumber Co.**

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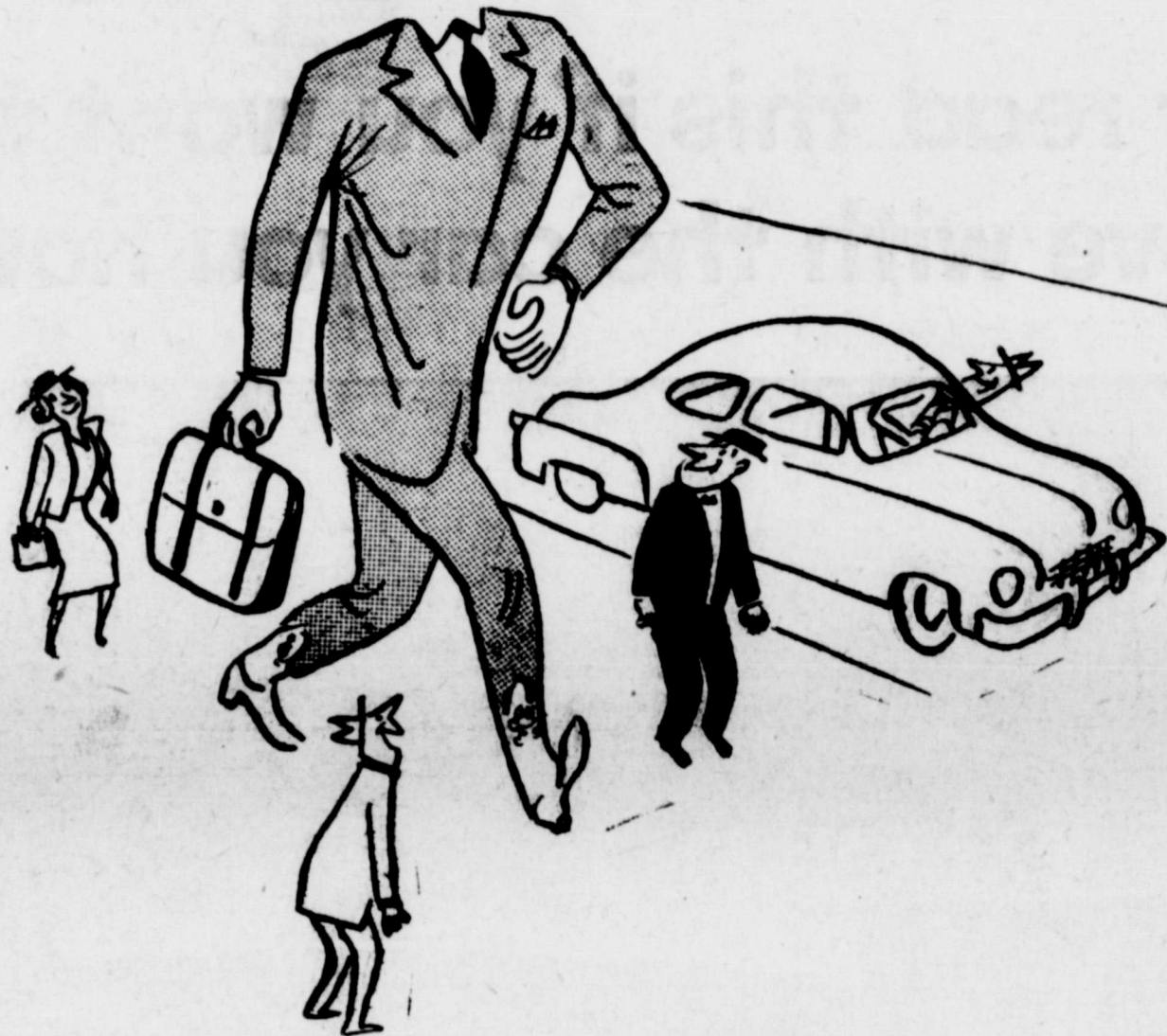
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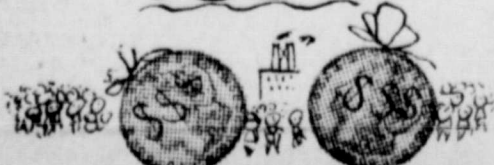
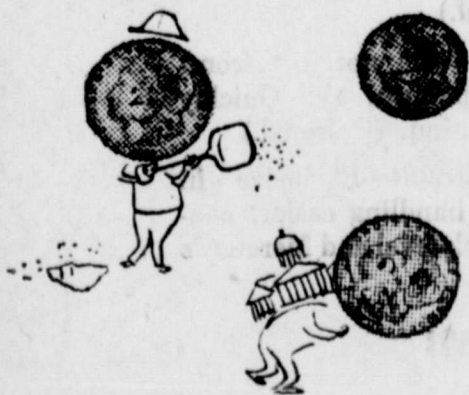
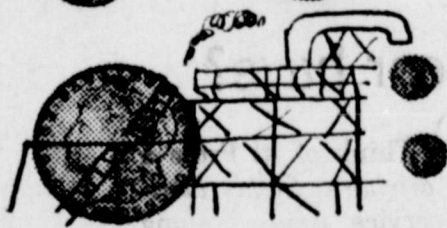
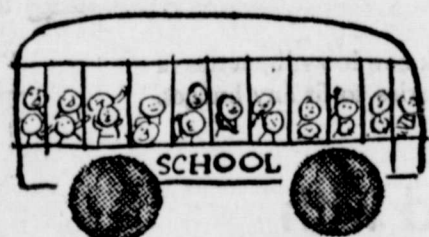
and much more!





## COKE COUNTY OIL DOLLARS—**BIG** AND **BUSY**

### Coke County's Progress and Oil Progress Go Hand In Hand



Every resident of Coke County is benefitting directly or indirectly from oil. This year oil properties will pay 80 per cent of the county taxes, and oil has been responsible for Coke County's assessed valuation of 4 1-2 million dollars in 1946 jumping to nearly 30 million dollars in 1955.

Oil development is continuing in Coke County—the end is not in sight by any means.

Taxes from oil properties are making it possible for Coke County to have better schools, better roads and numerous worth while improvements will result for the good of all.

Of great importance has been the employment which the oil industry has furnished 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 observance of OIL PROGRESS WEEK, October 9-15.

# Coke County Commissioners Court

Coke County, Texas



### 46 Permanent Employees At Sun Gas Plant

Following is a roster of permanent employees of Sun Oil Company's natural gasoline plant at Silver:

- C. N. Aldridge, Repairman 2/C
- Henry Baker, Engine Oper. 1/C
- C. W. Bradberry, Repairman 2/C
- J. W. Bradham, Plant Chemist
- C. E. Butcher, Engine Oper. 1/C
- E. A. Byrd, Roustabout
- R. N. Corbell, Roustabout
- D. H. Caldwell, Engine Oper. 1/C
- N. K. Cheatham, Compressor Station Oper.
- H. D. Clendennen, Roustabout
- G. E. Conner, Engine Oper. 1/C
- T. A. Davis, Engine Oper. 1/C
- J. R. Denman, Operator 2/C
- V. M. Duncan, Roustabout
- Bob Edwards, Chief Clerk
- L. R. Feaster, Roustabout
- G. D. Flowers, Roustabout

- J. C. Furr, Loading Rack Man
- G. C. Garner, Senior Field Clerk
- J. D. Gilbert, Plant Foreman
- E. P. Good, Jr. Gas Engineer
- W. L. Gray, Operator 2/C
- E. R. Hargis, Operator 2/C
- R. G. Henderson, Roustabout
- R. G. Henderson, Roustabout
- J. E. Hollis, Operator 2/C
- A. T. Holt, Dist. Oper 1/C
- H. W. Howlett, Meter Man
- T. H. Hunter, Field Clerk
- C. B. Jacobs, Dist. Oper. 1/C
- A. D. Leonard, Asst. Meter Man
- T. W. Lyle, Eng. Oper. 1/C
- M. C. Marie, Loading Rack Man
- O. W. Newell, Dist. Oper. 1/C
- R. J. Overturf, Senior Field Clerk
- E. R. Pace, Plant Engineer
- J. T. Post, Operator 2/C
- B. C. Ray, Eng. Oper. 1/C
- W. S. Reed, Maintenance Foreman
- J. M. Shimer, Jr., Superintendent
- Jerome Sirus, Repairman 2/C
- O. L. Snyder, Dist. Operator 1/C
- R. M. Tunnell, Operator 2/C
- L. A. Weigle, Operator 2/C
- H. G. White, Operator 2/C
- O. L. White, Engine Oper. 1/C

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"Bygad you should know what this is for. Tell everybody I said bowdy and hope to see all of you again some day. — Geb."

That note accompanied a \$5.00 check to renew G. B. Gebhardt's subscription. A former Sun pumper at Silver, in fact the first permanent Sun employee to be sent to Coke County in 1947, "Shorty" is now foreman of Sun's operating department at Hebronville. Thanks, good buddy, don't forget to come back and see us.

#### FROM TOM KING

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:  
I'm sending \$2.50 for renewal to the Observer. Don't want to miss a copy. I was too busy this summer to go to the Homecoming. If these good rains had of come this summer, it would have saved me an irrigation bill. My crop is fine. I will see you soon, I hope.

—Your friend, Tom King, Petersburg, Texas.

FROM MRS. WHEELER  
Amarillo, Texas  
Sept. 29, 1955

Dear Friend,

I see it is time to send you some money if I want to keep getting the paper. We always enjoy reading it, then we pass it on to others to read so you see we really get our money's worth from it.  
Had a wonderful rain last week.

Made it kinda cool up here so people really went for their winter coats but yesterday was hot again so you never can tell what the weather will be like from one day until the next.

Will say again we enjoy the paper. Glad Tommy is home from service but will sure miss his nice letters he wrote you about his trips. I always enjoyed them.  
Thank you, — Mrs. Archie Wheeler, 4216 Gables.

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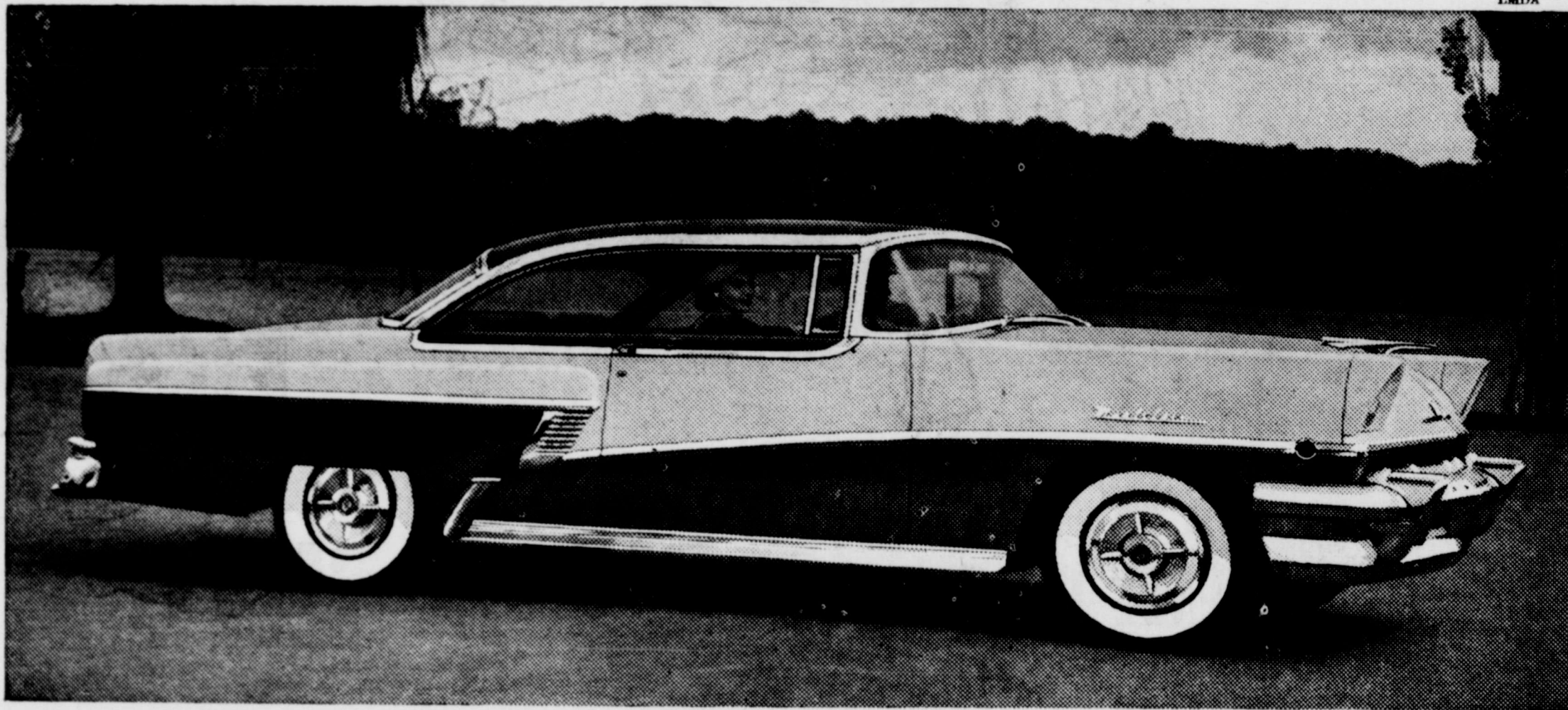
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## Officers Named By Gr. Mt. Club

The Green Mountain Home Demonstration Club met in its regular meeting Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the recreation center.

Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, president, called the meeting to order. A song led by Mrs. E. C. McArthur, was sung and acted by the group for the opening exercise. Roll call was answered by 7 members, 2 visitors and 3 children.

Mrs. McArthur gave a very interesting report on the recreation school she attended recently.

A report on the cook book, the year book was made and a report on the pie supper held Sept. 24 was made. There were 31 present, 12 pies sold with a total of \$33.75 made.

Family night was postponed this Friday night due to a football game in Robert Lee.

The annual report of the club

was made out and the following officers elected for another year:

President, Mrs. Glenn Waldrop  
Vice President, Mrs. T. E. Matlock.

Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Billy Bynum.

Council Delegate, Mrs. R. L. Page.

Alternate Delegate, Mrs. Curtis Trimble.

Reporter, Mrs. Fred Ashworth.

Program and yearbook, Mrs. Ed Hickman.

Recreation, Mrs. E. C. McArthur.

Finance, Mrs. Joe Garvin.

Civil Defense and Legislative, Mrs. Paul Burns.

Parliamentarian, Mrs. Sam Duncan.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Joe Garvin. Recreation by Mrs. McArthur. The meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Oct. 18 with Mrs. Billy Bynum as hostess.—Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Council Reporter.

## FAMILY GET TOGETHER

Seventy-five Casey relatives gathered for a dinner and visit Saturday night at the American Legion Hall. The event was in honor of M/Sgt. Floyd S. Casey and family.

It was Floyd's first visit home in 9½ years and the first time his wife and children had visited here. Floyd and his family returned in February from a stay in Austria to Ft. Knox, Ky. They are now being transferred to Camp Stewart, Ga. Sgt. and Mrs. Casey have four children. Two were born in Germany, one in Austria and one in Maine, Mrs. Casey's home. Floyd and family spent the weekend with relatives and friends in Robert Lee. He is a brother of Turney and Mike Casey.

Friends of Mrs. Carol Reed, formerly of Robert Lee, will be glad to learn that she is well and happy and at home again in Sterling City.

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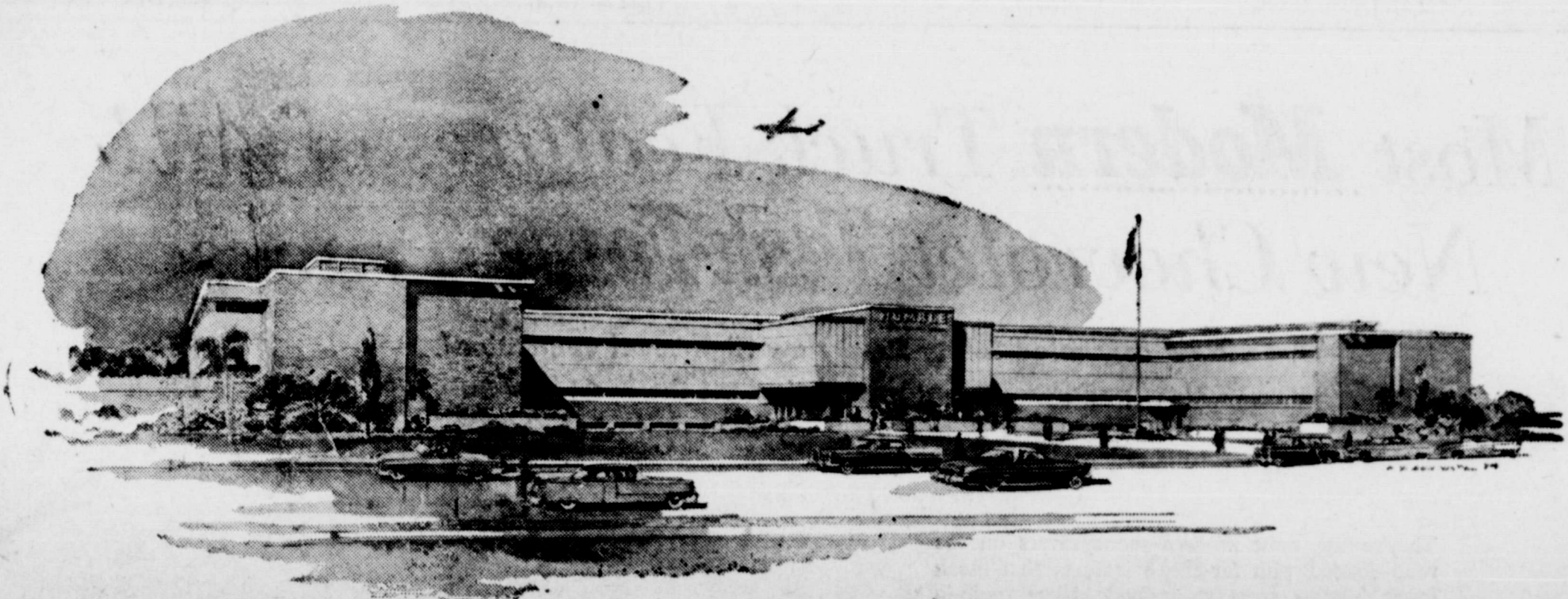
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Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican spent Monday with Robert Lee relatives. They recently returned from Mountain Home where Buddy had a ranch job and are now living in San Angelo at 3310 Hangelstein St. He is working on a drilling rig.

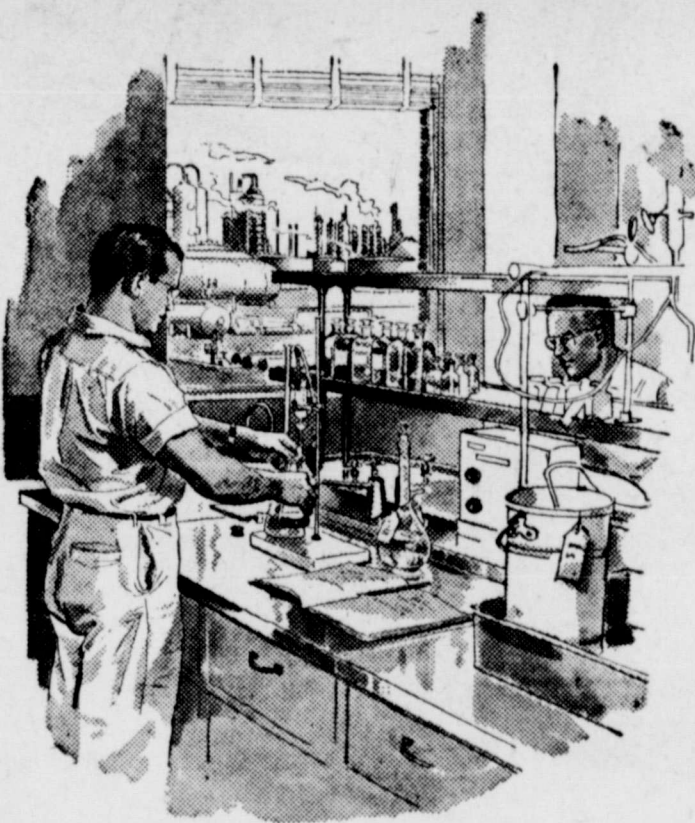
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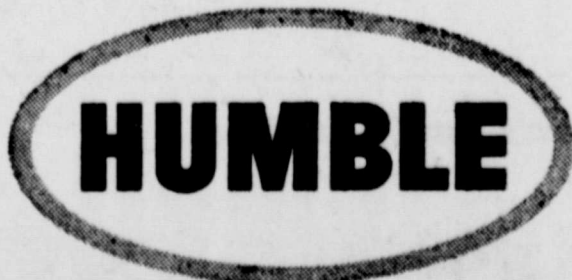
In the Humble Research Center in Houston scientists and engineers study all phases of finding, producing, and conserving oil and gas.

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## COKE IS TENTH OIL PRODUCER IN WEST TEXAS

Houston, Texas — Average daily production of crude oil in West Texas counties in 1954 was as follows:

County	Barrels Daily
Andrews	120,700
Borden	15,767
Cochran	21,592
Coke	36,807
Concho	63
Crane	53,342
Crockett	22,684
Culberson	2
Dawson	7,223
Dickens	86
Ector	133,775
Floyd	14
Gaines	52,217

Garza	11,609
Glasscock	15,355
Hale	6,307
Hockley	40,236
Howard	34,352
Irion	159
Kent	17,918
Kimble	8
King	3,186
Loving	4,365
Lubbock	1,111
Lynn	309
Martin	1,615
McCullough	6
Midland	35,793
Mitchell	3,219
Pecos	46,285
Reagan	30,430
Reeves	894
Runnels	16,903
Schleicher	8,746
Scurry	98,996
Sterling	1,658
Sutton	57
Terry	15,833
Tom Green	3,667

Upton 47,543  
Ward 26,529  
Winkler 40,867  
Yoakum 47,789  
Gas condensate production for Districts 7C and 8 was 6,520 barrels daily for 1954.

## SUN PIPELINE EMPLOYEES AT JAMESON

Following is a list of employees of Sun Pipeline Co. in charge of handling crude oil through the Jameson station at Silver:

E. E. McClusky, Dist. Foreman
C. E. Palmer, Ass't. Dist. Foreman
W. L. Ashmore, Dist. Clerk
R. F. Theis, Field Gauger
J. W. Gallier, Connection Foreman
C. A. Dukes, Ass't. Gauger
R. L. Coffman, Ass't. Gauger

J. T. Hays, Ass't. Gauger  
O. S. Johnson, Jr., Ass't. Gauger  
J. T. Stewart, Ass't. Gauger  
E. W. Taylor, Ass't. Gauger  
W. W. Dean, Station Engineer  
A. H. Jones, Station Engineer  
R. L. Martindale, Station Engineer  
L. K. McKinnon, Station Engineer  
J. D. Jett, District Mechanic  
E. L. Patrick, Mechanic's Helper "A"

Leslie L. Farr, Pipe Liner  
W. B. Fawvor, Jr., Pipe Liner  
J. E. Herford, Pipe Liner  
J. H. Spivey, Pipe Liner  
J. E. Walker, Pipe Liner

Mr. and Mrs. Artell Roberts and daughter, Kaye, were in Abilene Sunday where Mrs. Roberts attended a hair dressers' clinic at Windsor Hotel. Mrs. Roberts is owner and operator of Reba's Beauty Salon.

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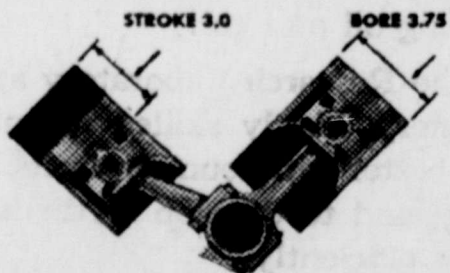
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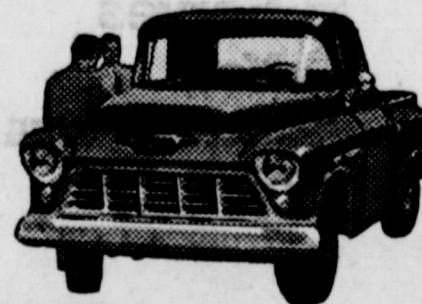
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## HUMBLE A LEADING OPERATOR IN WEST TEXAS OIL PRODUCTION

Limited drilling and producing operations were started by Humble Oil & Refining Company soon after the discovery of the McCamey Field in West Texas in 1925.

Even before these production operations were begun by the Company, Humble Pipe Line Company completed the first major pipe line into the area in April, 1925. The line connected the Big Lake Field, first major Permian Basin discovery in Texas, with Humble's main North Texas-to-Webster line at Comyn.

Following these first important undertakings, the Humble Companies have continued to grow and help build this West Texas oil empire, and today, Humble carries on exploration, production, transportation, and marketing operations over almost the entire area. Altogether there are about 1,300 Humble employees serving these operations in this great West Texas area. This number does not include an additional group of Company employees located nearby in New Mexico.

In 1950, Humble Pipe Line Company completed its 18-inch pipe line from Kemper, near Big Lake, direct to the Houston area and Humble's refinery at Baytown.

The Company is presently expanding its pipe line facilities by building 17.2 miles of eight inch and 17.5 miles of ten inch line from Means Field to Ector Station. This new line will boost the Company's pipe line capacity from Means to 20,000 barrels daily. The line will be plastic coated internally to minimize corrosion.

Not including this new construction, the Humble Pipe Line com-

pany owns and operates in West Texas 1,160 miles of trunk lines and 1,069 miles of gathering lines, with 20 trunk-line and 18 gathering line pump stations. The main-line station is located at Kemper.

The pipe line Company's employees, numbering 379 at the end of June this year in the West Texas Division, look after and operate this large transportation network. For the second quarter in 1955, oil moved by Humble out of this area averaged 130,000 gross barrels daily.

In recent years Humble has helped add to the reserves of West Texas. The Company's efforts in 1953 brought about the discovery of the Hutex Field and new pays at South Andrews to supplement oil reserves and a new area at North Branch in Sutton County for gas production.

During 1954, a new reservoir of considerable size was discovered in the Means Field, and the H. J. Strawn field in West Texas, discovered by another operator with support from Humble contributed to the region's reserves.

As of the end of June, 1955, there were 146 employees representing Humble's Exploration Department throughout West Texas and in addition 80 employees in New Mexico. Exploration people are engaged in geologic, leasing, geophysical and scouting activities.

Humble's production operations for West Texas Division are directed from the division office in the Humble Building at Midland, Texas. District offices are located at Denver City, Florey, McCamey, Odessa, Snyder, Wink, and Hobbs, New Mexico. Production employees as of the first day of June, 1955, numbered 665.

At the end of 1954, production for the Company in West Texas Division ran at 45,530 barrels daily for oil and 108,316 MCF of gas per day; altogether Humble produced 16,232,092 barrels of oil in 1954 and 36,302,371 MCF of gas during the same year. At the end of 1954, the Company had 1,732 active oil completions and 37 gas completions in West Texas. The number of rigs running for Humble in December 1954 was about 31.

The Company's marketing group is represented in many West Texas towns by a large number of station managers and driveway salesmen. There are several hundred retail outlets which are served by 36 bulk stations located through-

out the Western part of Texas. Humble Sales Department's Western Division Office is located at Abilene; district sales offices are located at Abilene, Midland, and San Angelo. In June, 1955, 104 employees worked in the division and three district sales offices.

**OIL PRODUCTION REVIVAL**  
IN two Texas counties in 1954 brought the total producing counties in the state to 192, according to this map prepared by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association. There are four counties which produce gas only. Menard and Potter counties, which showed no oil output in 1953, tallied a small amount of production last year. Cameron County dropped from the production record in 1954.

Coke ranked tenth among 43 West Texas counties with a daily production 36, 807 barrels of oil.

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This week we are glad to join oilmen everywhere in observing Oil Progress Week. We think it's a good time to take our hats off to America's oilmen for their continuous, faithful service to all of us.

As part of a service-conscious, competitive industry, they are proving daily that your 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.

We'd like to point out that by serving you and the nation so well, America's oilmen have actually made every week of the year Oil Progress Week.

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## Sun Employees In Production And Operating

Following is a list of Sun Oil Company employees in the production and operating department at Silver:

J. B. Higginbotham, Area Supt.  
 J. D. Followill, Foreman  
 R. L. Hughes, Foreman  
 Hale Kincaid, Foreman  
 B. B. McDougle, Foreman  
 E. B. Martin, Area Engineer  
 W. R. Brooks, Jr. Petr. Engr.  
 W. A. Goodwyn, Jr., Petr. Engr.  
 C. F. Crowson, Jr. Petr. Engr.  
 A. P. Gilbert, Area Chief Clerk  
 Jack H. Byrd, Field Clerk  
 R. M. Key, Field Clerk  
 O. H. Ramsey, Sr. Field Clerk  
 W. E. Stone, Sr. Field Clerk  
 M. M. Winget, Jr. Field Clerk  
 D. D. Yarbro, Sr. Field Clerk  
 J. A. Clifton, Oil Tester  
 O. F. Bradham, Gang Pusher  
 W. S. Singleton, Gang Pusher  
 G. R. Brasuel, Roustabout  
 W. D. Shoemaker, Roustabout-Dkm.  
 T. H. Dixon, Roustabout  
 H. D. Payton, Roustabout  
 E. R. Sausser, Roustabout  
 J. W. Service, Roustabout  
 C. M. Bradberry, Roustabout-Dkm.  
 C. L. Sockwell, Roustabout  
 Earl Boggus, Pumper  
 L. B. Carden, Pumper  
 G. C. Fugate, Pumper  
 O. W. Gatlin, Pumper  
 R. H. Godwin, Pumper  
 C. M. Haigood, Pumper  
 L. E. Heuvel, Pumper  
 O. W. Higginbotham, Pumper  
 C. A. Kennedy, Pumper  
 F. E. Ladic, Pumper  
 E. E. Lindsey, Pumper  
 G. E. Lomas, Pumper  
 E. C. McArthur, Pumper  
 E. W. Olson, Pumper  
 W. W. Paul, Pumper  
 W. A. Preston, Pumper  
 C. A. Ramsey, Pumper  
 J. D. Smith, Pumper  
 J. A. Voelkel, Pumper  
 C. G. Walker, Pumper

## SC District News

D. K. Glenn, a cooperator of the Coke County Soil Conservation District and landowner and operator in the Bronte area, was elected to the Board of Supervisors for Zone 2 of the Coke County SCD, Monday night, October 3, in a meeting held at Bronte City Hall.

Glenn, who has always been active in conservation and agriculture work, will serve a 5-year term. The duties of administration of the affairs of the district and in the development of the agricultural program for the district, will be among a few which Glenn now assumes.

Glenn presided as chairman of the meeting Monday night, and had on the program, Mr. Clarence Webb, director in the State Association of Soil Conservation Districts who led a discussion on the importance of the State Association and the various functions which it served. Webb also stressed the need for local landowners and operators to bind themselves together and inform the public of the problems confronting landowners and operators.

A. V. Sheppard, Work Unit Conservativist of the Robert Lee Work Unit followed Webb by giving a brief talk and showing color slides which were taken over the Coke District during 1955.

The position filled by Glenn was previously held by W. C. Shamblin of Blackwell. Mr. Shamblin has been an active member and cooperator of the Coke County SCD since it was formed. He served as a member of the Board of Supervisors for ten years and attended eight out of ten conventions of the State Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors which were held in various parts of the state.

## Drilling and Production In Texas

Texas drilling was on the upswing in 1955 and successful oil and gas well completions verified its intensity, averaging nearly two an hour for the first eight months.

It also looked as if an increase in demand would push the state's crude oil production back to the billion barrel heights of 1951-53. The 7 per cent increase over 1954 in the state's oil flow for the first six months was about the same as the nation's increase in demand for more oil.

The increased oil flow will have a favorable effect on the area economy and increase the state government's revenue from oil production taxes, according to the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association in special Oil Progress Week report.

Although producing days in Texas during the first six months were less than the comparable period last year (100 to 102), production increased along with a growing number of new wells.

The state produced 531,224,000 barrels of oil during the first six months of 1955 compared with 496,214,000 barrels for the first half of 1954.

Total new oil wells through August, came to 9,936, a gain of 1,919 over the number brought in during the same 1954 period.

The state now has nearly 160,000 producing oil wells compared with 151,000 producing wells at the

end of August 1954.

Total wildcatting increased during the period, but with less success than in the previous year's period. Besides the wildcat gas completions there were only 302 oil finds. The remaining 2,652 attempts resulted in dry holes.

Production from new sources has been light, with the 424 new fields discovered during the first

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half accounting for only 2,864,617 barrels of the total production for the same period.

The number of drilling rigs in Texas, as of July, was about 1,383, some 80 more than the same 1954 period. This accounted for 28 per cent of the total number of rigs active in the United States.

Cumbe Ivey, Jr. and Ben O'Neal of San Angelo left Tuesday night on a deer and elk hunting expedition near Gunnison, Colo.

Mrs. J. K. Davis sends in a remittance for The Observer and adds that she "enjoys the old home paper." She is the former Julia Anna Padgett of Silver.

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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Spent another week in the hospital and received good care as usual. Glad that Lela found out I liked oatmeal for breakfast. Anybody can have old corn flakes at home.

Somebody asked if the new fence being erected along the football field was to keep the coach off the field.

Charles, 2-year-old son of the Victor Wojteks, when asked whether he wanted a baby brother or a baby sister, indicated a preference for a tractor. Daddy didn't care too much either way, but of course is interested in the tax exemption.

Mrs. L. W. Welch (Ruby Bessent) writes from Kerrville that their son, Eddy, won one of four trophies given this season to players in the Little League. He is a grandson of Mrs. W. B. Bessent of Robert Lee.

Ruby also states they have bought a home in Kerrville at 127 Rawson St., and will be happy to Robert Lee friends stop and see them.

Sam Jay is still not able to put in full time at his job as water superintendent, but Virginia is carrying on. She can turn the valves and pour in chlorine better than anybody in a pinch. Mrs. Waymond (Betty) Davis is helping Mrs. Jay with the city clerk's du-

ties.

Used to think Class A football was just to indicate the coach was drawing a bigger salary than the superintendent. But Eldordo showed us they are in a tougher loop than the old Class B conference back a few years ago.

Last week's Holsum Bread ad over the name of Joe Davis was misleading. Our own Jake Davis is the Holsum man. He has been given Coke County as his exclusive territory and keeps the local food stores stocked with fresh Holsum products.

One of the most outstanding football teams I remember lost its first five games and then won its last five. Maybe the Steers can do likewise.

## PERSONALS

Vaughan and Waymond Davis and their wives witnessed the junior high football game at Sterling City last Thursday night. It was a six-man game in which Silver lost to Sterling City 19 to 41. The Silver junior high team hopes to schedule a game in Robert Lee on the night of Oct. 28.

Good reports come from Sam Powell, well known Robert Lee ranchman, who became ill Tuesday evening of last week while visiting with friends in town. He is being treated at Coke County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon (Jiggs) Lofton and children, Jan and Kirk, arrived Monday for a week's visit with home folks in Robert Lee. They reside in Texas City where Jiggs has a good position with one of the big chemical plants.

Mrs. Howard Eaton was dismissed Tuesday from Coke County Memorial Hospital where she underwent additional surgery ten days previously. She is making a good recovery.

### MOONBEAM 4-H CLUB

Mrs. Clark met with the Moonbeams Wednesday afternoon. We discussed grooming and posture. Nine members were present. Next meeting will be Oct. 26. — Gayle Lewis, Reporter.

## Coke Jameson Strawn Moves Into Sterling

New oil discoveries in Coke County have been on the decline this year, only three new fields having been opened.

Highlighting activity has been development in the northwestern part of the county in which the Jameson (Strawn) field was extended over into Sterling. The extension was as much as 2½ miles west and 4½ miles southwest.

Production from four Strawn fields, namely Fuller-Coke, Fuller-Coke, South, Fuller-Coke, Southeast and Fuller-Coke, North were consolidated April 1 into the Jameson (Strawn) Field.

Coke's 33 producing fields, however, produced a total at 5,370,529 barrels of oil for the first six months of 1955.

Perennial leader, the Jameson (Strawn) field, produced 2,070,349 barrels; in second place, was the Jameson field with 1,097,071 barrels; third, Millican, 294,778; fourth, Bronte, 154,819; and fifth, Wendkirk (Cisco) 107,393.

Other fields with production by barrels are as follows: David, 190; Weaver Ranch (Strawn), 7,736; Bloodworth, 4,285; Lygay, 22,887; Lygay, South (Caddo), 698; Lygay South (Strawn) 961; and Wendland, 3,725.

McCutchen (Cisco), 54,128; Me-

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Cutchen, West (Cisco) 597; Munn (Canyon), 40,157; Arledge, 14,050; Charles Copeland, 3,490; Fort Chadbourne, West 58,628; Fort Charbourne, West (Cambrian) 1,083; Fort Chadbourne, West, (Gardner), 707; and Fort Chadbourne, West (Gardner) South, 14,498.

Bronte (Cambrian) 65,598; Bronte (Capps Lime), 2,582; Bronte (Ellenburger), 25,824; and Bronte 4800 220,309. Rawlings, 4100, 8,214; Rawlings, 4200, 5,493; Rawlings 4500, 14,913; Rawlings 5100, 42,432; Rawlings, 5300; 42,774; and Rawlings, 5500, 88,320.

### DEATH OF F. E. CRAGIN

S. B. Cragin of San Angelo, former Robert Lee lumber and oil field supply dealer, mourns the death of his father, F. E. Cragin, 82. The latter had been living in Odessa, but passed away in a San Angelo hospital Sept. 29. A lumber and construction worker, the elder Mr. Cragin was born March 12, 1873 in Groton, Mass. Burial was in Forest Park cemetery in Houston.

Jack Cowley underwent minor surgery Saturday at Coke County Memorial Hospital. He returned to work Monday as a mechanic at Ivey Motor Co.

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