

# Robert Lee Observer

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FRANK C. COALSON  
Robert Lee school boss

## School Opening Next Monday For Robert Lee

Robert Lee public school opens next Monday, Aug. 31, according to Supt. Frank C. Coalson, who begins his fourth year as head of the local school system. Enrollment is expected to equal or surpass last year, although there has been considerable moving among all field personnel.

Several new teachers have been hired to complete the faculty staff. Possible vacancy for high school math teacher disappeared when it was discovered another instructor wasn't needed. Math classes will be divided among other members of the faculty.

A general faculty meeting has been called for Saturday, Aug. 29, at 9 a. m., with a full day of classes planned for Monday starting at 8:30.

The school calendar indicates a Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 7, Thanksgiving holidays on Nov. 26-27, and Christmas holidays from Dec. 23 to Jan. 4.

A complete list of the teaching roster will be published next week.

## Grid Barbecue Friday Night Is Big Affair

A big turnout is expected for the annual Football Barbecue at the high school stadium Friday night. Sponsored by the Quarterback Club, the barbecue supper is scheduled to be served between 6:30 and 7 o'clock.

Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students. The committee announces that plenty of food will be prepared for a crowd of 250. Everyone is invited to attend whether or not they have bought tickets in advance.

New coaches and players will be introduced and there will be an interesting program. "Rip" Ripley, representing an athletic supply firm of Abilene, will exhibit equipment used by football players and demonstrate use of the various pads and other devices to protect the young player.

Parents especially are urged to be on hand for this feature. As has been the practice the past year or two, women and children are invited and will be welcome. The Quarterback Club members have started a program of repairing the visitors' stands on the south side of the field. It has deteriorated to the point where the seats have become unsafe. The school district is buying the needed material and QB club members are donating their work.

## RETURNS TO RANCH

Ben Alfred Boykin and his family have returned to the A. B. Sheppard ranch southwest of town after two years of residence in Robert Lee. Mr. Boykin is giving up his work with Butane Service Co. in order to devote full time to his farming and stock raising operations. He has continued to operate the Sheppard place of 1,746 acres and Oct. 1 will take over the Curtis Byrd spread of 1,440 acres northeast of town. The Boykins bought the Jack Looney home which has been improved and will be offered for rent. The Boykin children will attend school at Water Valley.

## Norman Kiker Will Manage Coke Hospital

Norman Wink Kiker of Bronte was named administrator of Coke County Memorial Hospital at a special meeting of the hospital trustees Tuesday.

He succeeds Kenneth Bradberry, who resigned to accept a civil service position with the Internal Revenue office at Lubbock.

Mr. Kiker is operating the Central Drug in Bronte which he purchased from Jess Percifull. However, he expects to sell the business to a registered pharmacist. Bronte does not have a registered druggist at this time.

Bradberry assumed the hospital post last January after completing studies at Texas Tech. He was unfamiliar with the work and recently decided to make a change. He succeeded Betty Clawson, who had resigned.

Mr. Kiker assumed his new position Wednesday morning. He has been on the hospital board this year and resigned that appointment to become administrator.

All other hospital trustees were present at the Tuesday meeting. Victor Wojtek is president of the board which also includes Bryan Yarbrough and Dave King of Robert Lee, Jack Denman of Silver and Austin Sandusky and Joe Rawlings of Bronte.

## DEATH OF MRS. PULLIAM

Sam Pulliam mourns the passing of his sister, Mrs. Mary Powell Pulliam, who died Tuesday of last week while vacationing in Florida. The body was returned to San Angelo where funeral rites and burial took place Saturday. Mrs. Pulliam, 72, had lived in Rome, Ga., in recent years. She was a widow of the late Mark Pulliam. She is survived by two daughters.

## POOL CLOSES LABOR DAY

The swimming pool at the county park in Robert Lee will remain open through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

## RECEIVES ARM FRACTURE

Mrs. Billie Lewis, wife of Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr., broke her right arm below the elbow in a fall at her home Monday forenoon. She was leaving the house to enter the family auto when she tripped over a hose which had been used in watering the lawn. She was hospitalized and the injury placed in a cast. She also suffers wrist and shoulder sprains.

## ROBBERY AT LAUNDRY

A robbery occurred the night of Aug. 17 at the Econo-Wash automatic laundry operated here by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gardner. A coin changer was pried loose from the wall and taken and a soap dispenser was also broken into. Mr. Gardner said the loss in money was probably \$10 or \$12, but the coin changer was valued at \$136. The laundry located next door to the Texaco station remains open all night.

## Green Lawsuit For Land Title In Jury's Hands

A Coke County land case for title of a quarter section southwest of Silver was scheduled to go to the jury Wednesday.

Suit was brought by Garland Green and heirs of Mrs. Mary Green for the 160-acre tract patented in 1893. The property now has four oil wells whose production to date is valued around \$800,000.

The lawsuit was brought against Bill and Olin Blanks and other members of the family, as well as a number of oil companies who have purchased the crude oil and gas.

Judge Joe L. Mays has presided over the trial in 51st District Court which started Monday of last week. Defense testimony in the suit ended Monday. The jury was excused Tuesday while attorneys appeared in court and agreed to charges to be submitted before the jury takes the case.

## OIL PRODUCTION REPORT

Attention is called to the page in this newspaper in which oil production for the past two years is shown in detail by the numerous fields. Total production for 1958 was down more than 1 million barrels from the previous year, or about 16 per cent. While the number of producing days remains low, it is thought the 1959 production will be as great, or even more, than last year. The page is published by the Coke County Commissioners Court to acquaint the public with the true oil situation in Coke County.

## Coke Oil In 1958 At \$18,893,310



BILL CALLAWAY  
...new Steers mentor

## Coach Reports Steers Looking Good in Drills

First scrimmages this week by the Robert Lee Steers football squad looked good, according to Coach Bill Callaway. The boys were hitting and blocking and best of all they have the spirit.

Chester Dowell, assistant coach, is also on hand this week. He lettered in football at West Texas State. Morning and evening drills are on the schedule this week. A full week of practice remains before the Steers play Bronte Longhorns here the night of Friday, Sept. 4.

Callaway says he is working on a pro style of offense which easily can be changed from a wide open game to a tight formation. It's exciting, he says, and will prove highly interesting to the spectators.

Several more athletes turned out this week, bringing the squad up to 23. Reporting late were Bill Ledbetter, Paul Ferrell, Pat Lomas, Bill Mundell and Tommy Allen. There is still room for any other boys who want to play football, Coach Callaway stated.

Trying out for the quarterback position are Richard Sims and Tommy Allen. Backfield prospects include John Walker, Ronnie Sims, James Blankenship, John Kinsey, Paul Tinkler and Joe Roe.

The public will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the coaching staff and players at the barbecue Friday night at the football field.

## DEATH OF A. E. BELL

A. E. Bell, 67, was found dead in his bed at his home in Bronte Saturday morning. Services were held at 10 a. m. Monday in Kickapoo Baptist Church with burial in Bronte cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home. A native of Denton County, he had resided in Bronte 40 years. He was a retired mail carrier. A veteran of World War I he had been in bad health for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach were in Dallas this week buying new merchandise for their Robert Lee store.

While the Oil Industry is observing its 100th birthday this week, it's only the 13th year of oil development in Coke County. The first big strike came in December of 1946 when Sun brought in its No. 1 Allen Jameson as a discovery producer in the prolific Jameson field at Silver.

Development moved rapidly from then on. The Silver area spread out for miles in all directions but to the east, the Millican field at Edith was drilled and big fields were developed in the Bronte area and to the east a southwest of Robert Lee.

When operations slowed down a couple of years ago a new strike occurred on the I. A. Bird ranch northwest of Robert Lee, and this field is still being developed.

Thos. Y. Pickett & Co., valuation engineers of Dallas who handle the oil and utility assessing for Coke County, furnishes much interesting information. A particularly interesting table appears on another page in which production of the various oil fields of the county is compared for the past two years.

In 1949 the assessed value of oil properties in the county went to nearly \$5 million. The figure increased steadily until it reached a high of more than \$25 million in 1955 and 1956.

Because producing days have been cut drastically, the assessed value of oil and gas went down to just under \$21 million.

On Jan. 1, 1958, Coke County had four gas wells and 927 producing oil wells with daily allowable production of 44,251 barrels. On Jan. 1, 1959, the number of oil wells had increased to 983 with the daily allowable increased to 47,910 barrels.

The Pickett report shows that 6,132,286 barrels of oil were actually produced by Coke County wells during the year 1958. The oil sold at \$3.07 per barrel (42 gallons) and was worth a total of \$18,893,310.

## Rev. Robin Guess Assumes Baptist Pastorate Here

Rev. Robin Guess arrived in Robert Lee last week to assume his new work as pastor of the Baptist Church. He moved from Manchaca, 10 miles south of Austin.

The new minister is 31 years of age and is married to the former Janie Poppel of Floresville. They have three children, Phyllis Jane, 5, Randall Pierce, 4, and John Mark, 18 months old. Rev. Guess considers Luling his home town.

He has been preaching since 1946 and has held pastorates since 1950.

Rev. Guess succeeds Rev. Bennie Smith, who resigned recently to accept a pastorate at the Throckmorton Baptist Church.

John Parker and family left Tuesday of last week for their home at Pocatello, Idaho, after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Belle Parker, and family.

## Two Farm Deals Reported For Robert Lee Area

Frank Bryan and his son, Wilson, have purchased the Mrs. Lee Roberts place, one mile west of Robert Lee. The well improved 137-acre farm joins Wilson Bryan's farm on the east. Price was reported at \$8,737.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan returned to their farm home, two miles west of town, early this summer after a three year residence near Walnut Springs. They sold their holdings there with a modest profit.

Wilson Bryan and his family will also return to Robert Lee, but will continue to own their farm 7 miles northwest of Meridian. They will occupy their home near the Colorado River Bridge which has been rented to Jim Blair and family.

The Blairs will move to the Roberts place which will be vacated by the Lendy Devoll family. The Devolls will again occupy their home in the north part of town.

The Wilson Bryans expect to be moved before school opens. Their

son, Terry Frank, will be a senior in high school. Dickey, the youngest, is only 5. The Bryans have a daughter, Thelma Jo, who is the wife of Gene Hinnard.

### BOUGHT SMITH PLACE

A land deal which had not been reported was the sale last winter of the E. W. Smith place in Friendship community to Marvin Simpsons and sons. It was owned by the late Ely Smith for nearly 50 years. Price for the 296 acre tract, which includes some choice farm land, was \$23,540.

Purchasers in both the above deals obtained a considerable amount of oil royalty.

### GAME WARDEN LEAVES

Game Warden Glendale Crooks has been transferred to Weatherford and moved his family the last of the week. He will be succeeded by Raymond Taylor, who has been located in San Angelo.

Cliff Duncan, 21 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donny Duncan, was brought home over the weekend from Shannon hospital. On Monday he was taken to Gonzales where he will undergo treatment of his legs which are crippled from polio.

### FOOTBALL MEETING

A district football meeting was held recently in Robert Lee when organizational plans were made for the coming athletic events of the new school year. Supt. Williams of Trent was named president of the district, with Coach Roy Wauson, also of Trent, elected secretary.

It was decided that admission to football games this fall in the district will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students. Time for games was set at 8 p. m. for contests until Oct. 9. Beginning with that date, kickoff time will be 7:30.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Claude Carter and daughter, Juddie, left Monday for their home in Harlingen after a visit with the Sam Powells an with Mrs. J. C. Adams and the S. E. Adams family in San Angelo.

Visiting in Robert Lee and San Angelo while on a Navy leave is Robert Large, of Great Lakes, Ill. He is accompanied by his wife and family. Mrs. Large is the former Pauline Tinkler, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Tinkler.

Mrs. Thelma Jo McDonald and Mrs. J. P. Conley arrived last Wednesday from Phoenix, Ariz. The former spent the summer there, while Mrs. Conley went to Phoenix two weeks ago to visit a son. Freddie McDonald has also returned to Robert Lee after attending summer classes at Arizona State University.

Doris Sparks last week started working half days for Zale's Jewelry store in San Angelo. She will continue with the position when she enrolls at San Angelo College the middle of September. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks, Doris attended Texas Tech last year. This summer she had been doing stenographic work in the Dickey law office.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan and Mrs. C. W. Bessent motored to Ulysses, Kans., for a visit in the Ben Bessent home. The Vaughans were accompanied home Sunday by their little daughters, Vernay and Paula, who had spent a week in their sister's home. Mrs. Bessent remained at Ulysses for an extended visit with her son and family.

Sidney Lee Roach of Celeste visited here last week with his uncle, W. T. Roach and family. He returned home Sunday.

Marvin Elledge and wife of San Bernardino, Calif., and Mrs. C. W. Travy of Roswell, N. Mex., recently visited Robert Lee kin-folks. Mrs. Luther Sparks is a sister of Mr. Elledge and Mrs. Tracy and George Powers is their uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis returned to Robert Lee Saturday after a few days vacation trip to various points in New Mexico. Mr. Davis received a bachelor degree at Texas Tech last week.

Members of the Robert Lee high school class of 1954 held a 5-year reunion at the County Park rec hall Sunday. The event was not largely attended, but proved enjoyable for seven members and their families.

A grand party for young married couples and high school students has been set for Saturday night in the Recreation building at the County Park. Everyone is invited, according to Bobby F. Roberts, a member of the committee.

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Sunday guests at the Sam Powell ranch included Mrs. Dick Slack and daughters, Ann and Susan, of Rome, Ga., and Mrs. George Rea and daughter, Martha, of Corinth, Miss. Also Mrs. George Freeman and son, Bob, of Dallas. The ladies are nieces of Mr. Powell. Mrs. Slack and Mrs. Rea are daughters of Mrs. Mark Pulliam, whose funeral was held in San Angelo on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Millican motored to Abilene Sunday when they visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Thomas. Mr. Thomas formerly ranch-ed on the Leddy place on the Divide and is now engaged in the insurance business.

E. C. McArthur is enjoying a vacation from his duties as a San Oil Co. pumper in the Millican field. The family visited his brother, who is a Phillips employee at Pampa, and with their son, Roland, who is a Sun summer roustabout at Premont.



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**Walker's Service Station**  
**Hillcrest Automatic Laundry**  
Just West of Robert Lee on Hiway 158

## Our 4th Anniversary

Sometimes it's hard to realize that time goes so fast, but just four years ago on August 29th we went into business for ourself.

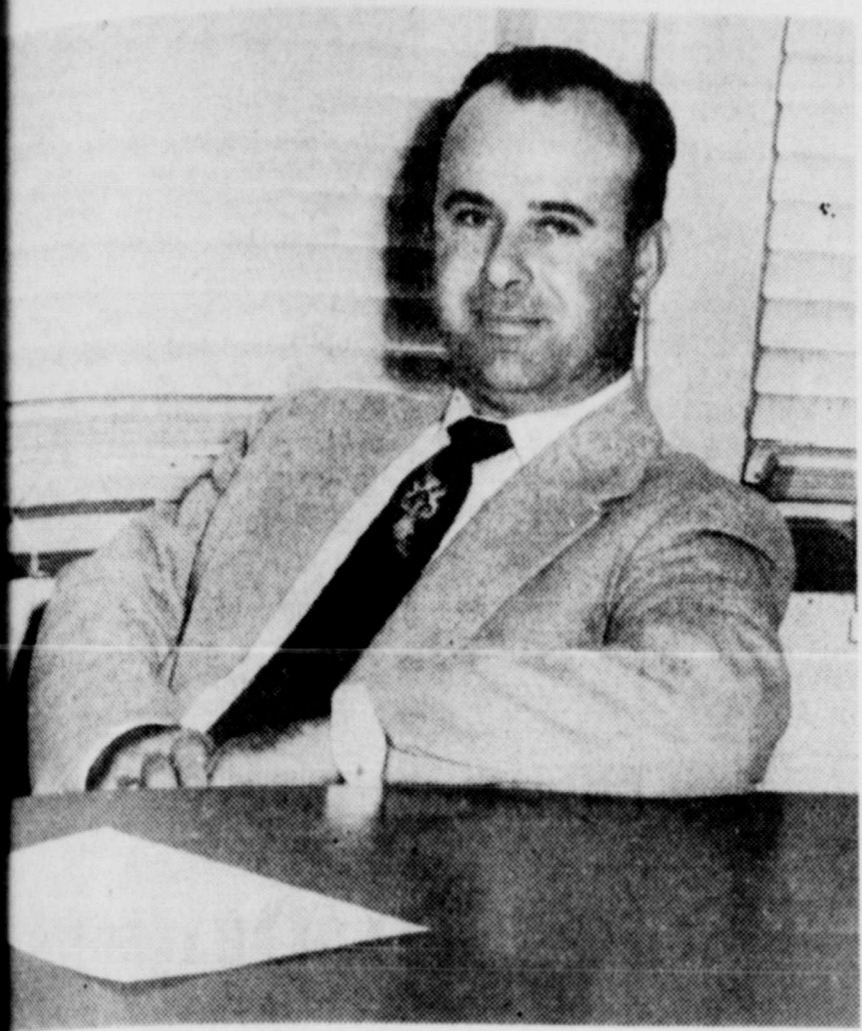
Business has been very satisfactory, trade has increased and it has been a pleasure to serve you.

We appreciate your friendships and goodwill and hope that we may continue to merit your patronage.

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SUPT. PAUL ASHBY  
 ... fifth year at Silver

### Silver School Opens Monday for New Term

Silver public school opens next Monday, Aug. 31, according to Paul Ashby, who begins his fifth year as superintendent. A faculty meeting has been set for Saturday at 9 a.m. in the school library. Principal Guy Wheeler and a full teaching staff have been engaged, four of the teachers being new this year. Mr. Wheeler will launch his first junior high football workouts on Monday. School takes up at 9 a.m. Monday and continues through 2:30 p.m. Pupils will report for all classes and receive assignments. School buses will run and lunch will be served at the cafeteria. Mrs. P. L. Ferrell will again head the lunch room staff and her assistants are Mrs. Hal Anderson and Mrs. Oscar Higginbottom. Bill Johnson and Donald Bennett will drive the buses. Retained as custodian is Ed Wright. He has done considerable decorating and repair work during the summer vacation. Mrs. W. Koonce will again serve as secretary in the superintendent's office.

### Want Ads

GOOD Today,  
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FOR RENT — Furnished apartment, two bedrooms. Mrs. H. L. [unclear].

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NOTICE  
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
 This is to notify all concerned that D S & R Construction Company, owned and operated by Arnett Dorbandt, Bert Ross and Hunter Pendleton as partners, ceased operations and dissolved the partnership as of July 31, 1959. This does not concern the corporation, D S & R Construction Co., which is still in business.  
 S/Arnett Dorbandt  
 S/Bert Ross  
 S/Hunter Pendleton  
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### Humble Has 52 Producers In IAB Field

Humble Oil & Refining Co. continues development of the I. A. B. (Menielle Penn- field northwest of Robert Lee, with two rotary drilling rigs running. Sharpe Drilling Co. is now at work on Humble No. 1 Mrs. Lena Russell and Robinson Drilling Co. is on No. 5 A. F. McKinley. Recent completions were Humble's No. 19 and No. 21 on the Harris Ranch. Potential on these wells have not been announced. Humble has 21 wells on Harris, six on I. A. Bird, four on McKinley and three on the Russell lease. They also have 15 producers on the J. J. S. Smith place which they purchased from C. L. Norsworthy. Farther to the west in the west Jameson field near Sterling County Humble has 18 producers on the Johnson Ranch which were completed several years ago. Humble also is producing from the lone well on the Weaver Ranch south of Robert Lee. With Humble's 52 wells and Sun's 12 on Menielle, the I. A. B. field now has a total of 64 producers. Field rules set 80-acre well spacing, with lime wells having a daily allowable production of 178 barrels. Humble's production operations in this area are in charge of Curley Newman, field superintendent who resides in Snyder. A roustabout crew with Robbie Cunningham as pusher includes W.

J. P. (Snipe) Conley was in Dallas over the week where he played in the old timers game Saturday night. Former players of the Dallas and Ft. Worth clubs of the old Texas League were on hand to participate. Snipe, a Dallas spitball pitcher of fame more than 30 years ago, hurled one inning. —J M Y Izr p7 Hnss6aitaesning. He is past 67 now and retired to Robert Lee from his oil field job at Texon.

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 V. Peebles, B. D. Rogers, R. D. Sample and L. N. Spencer here they bought a subscription to The Observer.  
 Four pumpers for Humble are H. H. Steelman, J. H. Craig, A. D. McClelland and T. J. Holley.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Donal L. Roe of Abilene were here Friday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe, and other kinfolks. While

**BUDGET NOTICE**  
 The Robert Lee School Budget for 1959-60 has been prepared. There will be a budget hearing at the regular school board meeting Thursday, September 10, at 8 P. M. in the board room at the Robert Lee High School Building.

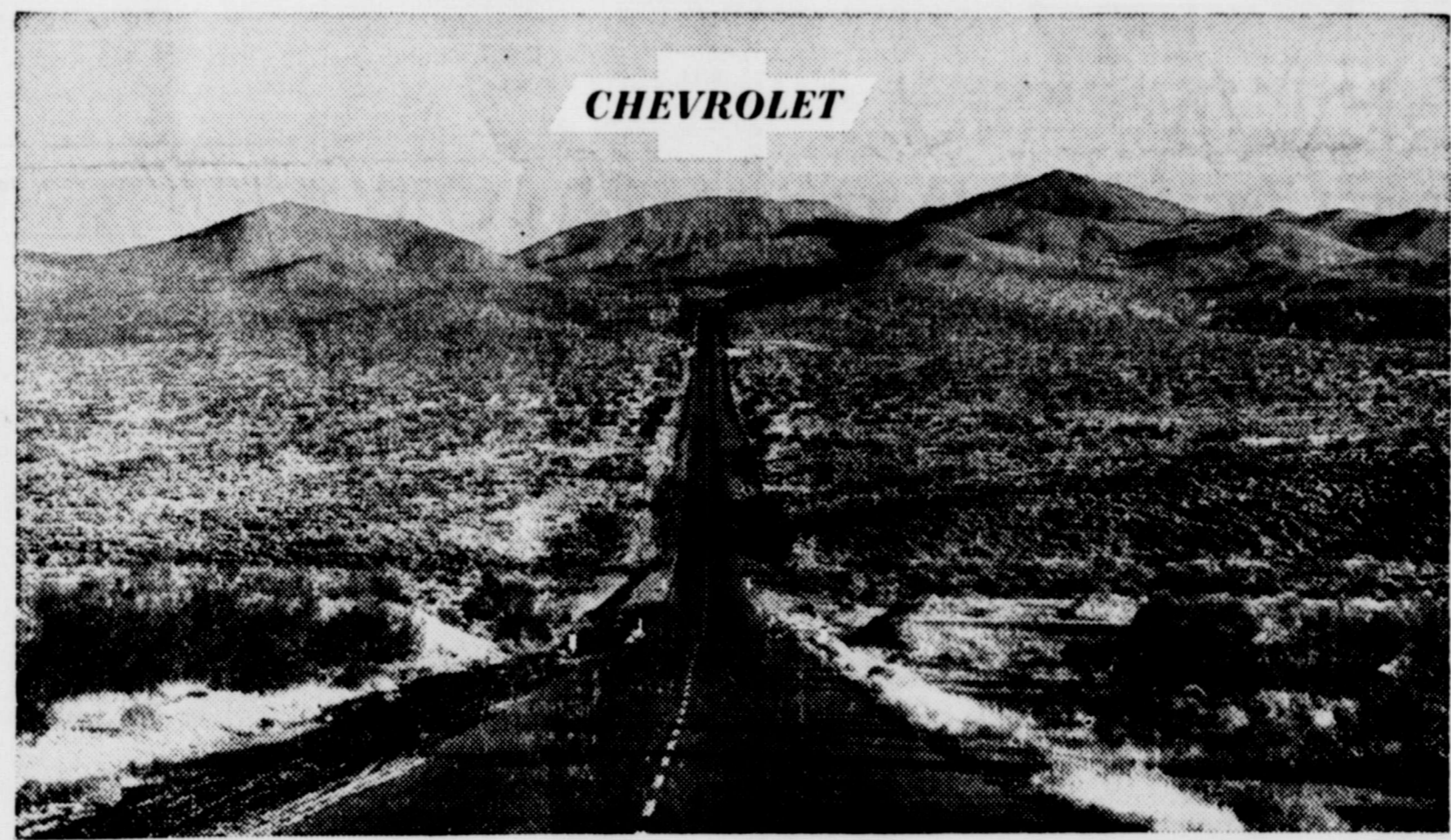
# PARTY

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 P. M.

At County Park Rec Hall

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**BEST STYLE**—It's the only car of the leading low-priced 3 that's unmistakably modern in every line. "In its price class," says POPULAR SCIENCE magazine, "a new high in daring styling."

**BEST BRAKES**—In competitive tests of repeated stops from highway speeds, conducted by NASCAR\*\*, Chevy outstopped both of the "other two." Naturally—Chevy brakes with bonded linings are far larger, built to lengthen brake life by up to 66%.

**BEST TRADE-IN**—Look at the record—the used car prices in any N.A.D.A.† Guide Book. You'll find that Chevy used car prices last year averaged up to \$128 higher than comparable models of the "other two."

**BEST ENGINE**—Chevrolet engines have long won expert praise and, just recently, Chevrolet received the NASCAR Outstanding Achievement award for "the creation and continuing development of America's most efficient V-type engines."

**BEST ROOM**—Official dimensions reported to A.M.A.‡ make this abundantly clear. Chevy front seat hip room, for instance, is as much as 5.9 inches wider than in comparable cars.

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## Perkins-Prothro Getting Ready to Start Water Flooding in Jameson Strawn Fld.

Perkins-Prothro Co. of Wichita Falls is well along with its water flooding experiment and results of its success will be known later this autumn.

Permission for the water flooding was granted a year ago and the company then set to work to find a required water supply. About 20,000 gallons of water daily will be needed to flood 13 injection wells, involving an area of 720 acres. Two water wells were drilled. Nine of the wells are owned by Perkins-Prothro and four belong to Crescent, former Deep Rock property.

The Wichita Falls company has in the neighborhood of 120 producers across the river southwest of Silver, and production is from Strawn sand at depths ranging from 6,000 to 6,500 feet.

The wells have a high gas ratio, in some cases running as high as 10,000-1. Since oil production is limited to the gas ratio, the crude potential has been held down.

When the water flooding operation gets under way an injection pressure of up to 2,500 pounds will be reached. Water will then push oil away from the injection wells and it will be produced in only a few holes within the area. The sand will be re-fractured before oil flooding starts.

Operations are in charge of the company's engineer, Fred Wilcox, who has a new assistant in the person of R. C. Boyd, a Sweetwater resident who recently obtained his degree from Texas Tech. Mr. Boyd is married and

has a son, Wayne, 3 years old. The family is now located in Perkins-Prothro Camp.

Holder Construction Co. has been laying water lines, while Yucca built foundations for pumps and engines. J. P. Jameson has been in charge of connections and roustabout work, and welding is being handled by Carroll Wilkes for Ernest Clendennen portable welding service.

While only 121 producing days were permitted in 1958, production from the Jameson Strawn field was only 79% of its allowable.

Water flooding is regarded in oil circles as secondary recovery. It is being widely used and is generally successful.

### ROBERTSON REUNION

The family of the late Jim Robertson held a reunion Aug. 9 at Green Mountain Community Center. All enjoyed dinner and supper together. Those present were Mrs. Bonita Robertson, Donnie and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Page and P. M. Jr. from Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Dave King, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone and Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, Leta Faye, Douglas and Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Waymond Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dumas, Mrs. Bobby Walker, all from Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Robertson and Debra, Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Robertson and family, Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Robertson and Claudia, Notrees, Mr.

and Mrs. Kenneth Hester of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall and Judy from Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson and family, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hicks and family, Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glasgow and family, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, Tommy and Jerry, Lubbock, Mrs. Dianne Ham-bright and daughter, Theresa, Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Bell and son, Colorado City.

## Fishy? 'Tis True But It's a Whale Of a Good Story

If it sounds something like a fish story, it's only because it's true.

A shortage of whales—believe it or not—contributed to founding of the U. S. Petroleum industry near Titusville, Pa., just 100 years ago.

This was the setting: Whale oil was used extensively as a lamp fuel. But intensive fishing had depopulated the grounds close to the shore lines. Thus, whalers' trips became longer, and prices went up constantly.

In the early 1850's Samuel Kier, of Pittsburgh, Pa., discovered that kerosene from crude oil could be used as a low-cost substitute for whale oil.

This created a demand for more crude oil than could be produced by skimming processes. A direct result was the drilling of the Drake Well in 1859, proving once and for all that abundant supplies of crude oil could be found.

Mrs. Lee Roberts and Mrs. Otis Rabb spent a couple of days the last of the week at Brownwood where they visited the former's sisters, Mrs. Earl Gilbert and Mrs. Henry Brooks.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Robert Lee School Board has voted to cancel all football and athletic courtesy passes that were issued to ex-School Board Members several years ago. You are aware of the fact that the athletic program does not pay its own way and must be supplemented from our general fund.

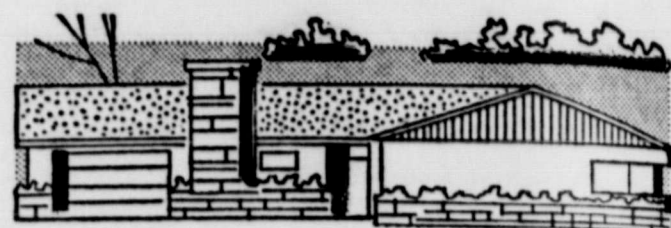
Your present school board ap-

preciates the contribution and services of ex-School Board Members. The action of the Board is solely for the purpose of stabilizing the financial condition of our athletic program.

We as members of your local School Board feel that you will understand the school's financial problem and will be glad to cooperate with us in this action.

Robert Lee School Board

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## Sale of Plants

### Through Remainder of August

- Devils and Heart Shaped Ivy ..... 15c
- Nephtytis ..... 35c
- Chinese Evergreen ..... 50c
- Rubber Plants ..... 75c, 1.50 and 2.50
- Giant Leaf Ivy ..... 2.00

These Are Really Good Specials

ALL PLANTS IN POTS

### Fran-Cilla Flowers & Gifts



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When America asks for power we're the people who produce it. Oil power for giant industrial machines. Oil power to plow the earth that grows the food Americans grow on. Oil power that keeps your family warm in Winter. Whatever kind of power America needs—we have it and you get it whenever and wherever you need it, and thousands of different oil products—all Americans share the benefits of a century of oil progress.

Oil power lights just one candle on oil's 100th birthday cake. Today, in shelter, medicine, plastics, lubricants,

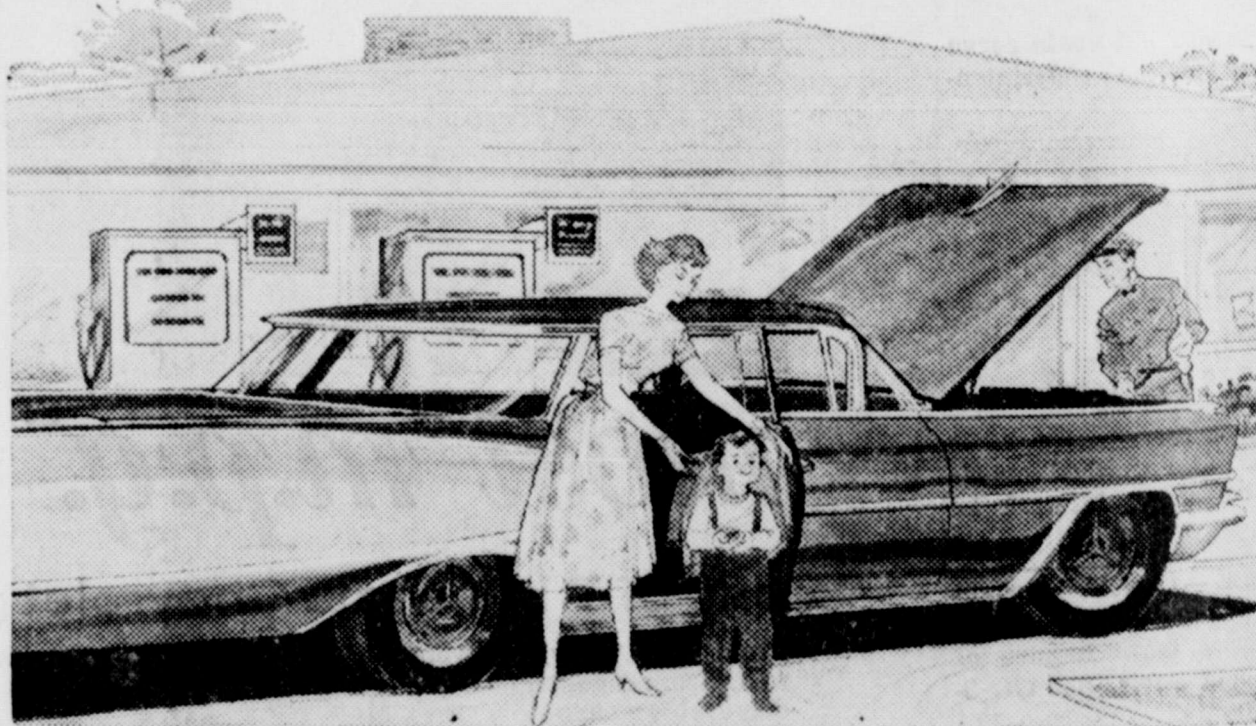
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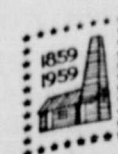
HERE'S A PARTY FAVOR FOR YOU!



Today's improved gasoline is just one of the many presents you get on oil's 100th birthday. The gasoline you buy from us today does 70% more work in your car's engine than gasoline did 30 years ago. 100 years of oil progress have brought all of us a better life.

We're proud of the part we've played in bringing this progress to you here in our own community. And the best is yet to come!

1959 marks oil's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday...our birthday, but all America gets the presents!



**OIL'S FIRST CENTURY**  
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## McCabe Service Station

HUMBLE PRODUCTS

Henry Briscoe is reported to be making gradual improvement in Coke County Memorial Hospital where he has been a medical patient for some time. Coming Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe were their sister-in-law, Mrs. I. W. Briscoe, of Greenville, and a niece, Mrs. H. V. Jordan of Caddo Mills.

### Ready For Business

Wish to announce that we are recovering from the recent fire in our work shop, and are in position to again furnish you with all kinds of plastic flowers, pot plants and fresh cut flowers, too.

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### Jenna's Jewels

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Boys Hanes  
Briefs and T-Shirts  
69c to 75c

SHOES FOR ALL  
POLL PARROT, TRIM TREND, & RAND

# ROACH'S

### OTIS ROBERTSON VISITS

Otis Robertson, accompanied by his wife and their daughter, Rhonda Sue, 4 years old, visited here last week with his father, J. L. Robertson. A former Robert Lee resident, Otis has been in the Air Force seven years and will make it his career. After his first enlistment of four years, he tried civilian life but re-enlisted after 14 months. He has earned the rank of staff sergeant and recently had been stationed at Chanute Field, Ill. He leaves soon for the Philippines where he will be a flight engineer with a bomber crew stationed at Clark Field. Otis is now 23 years old and is still growing. He added another 1/2 inches the past year and his height is now 6 ft. 5 1/2 inches. He is married to the former Marianne Ord of Waco. His brother and two sisters reside in Lubbock, where the family plans to have a big barbecue before Otis leaves Sept. 11. His wife and daughter will live in Lubbock while he is away, but they join him at Manila next year.

### Jimmy Gray Weds Roby Girl At Odessa

Jimmy Gray of Robert Lee and Miss Jeri Schluter of Roby were married August 8. The ceremony took place at 7 p.m. in Belmont Baptist Church at Odessa.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schluter of Roby, the bride will continue her position with Sun Oil Company's district office in Midland.

The bridegroom is the son of County Treasurer Gertrude Gray of Robert Lee. He graduated from Bronte high school and attended San Angelo College. A year ago he completed a two-year army enlistment.

He is employed by Wel-Ex Service at Odessa and will take some work at Odessa junior college.

The couple will make their home in Odessa.

### More Pumpers Listed For Coke Fields

A list of pumpers and other men engaged in oil field work over the western half of Coke County, not included in lists published elsewhere in this newspaper, includes the following:

- Chester Hunter — Myrle Jameson.
- Crescent — Marion Cox, Roy Walker.
- Sinclair — Frank Mullican.
- A. G. Hill — J. C. Windham.
- Magnolia — Lee R. Brown.
- S. E. Adams, New Idria, Lanex — Charlie Arnold.
- Pan American — Walter Fry, farm boss, J. E. Conaway.
- Ambassador — E. D. Ackerman.
- H. Blankenship (R. C. Scuddy).
- Miami Operating Co. — Orville Sanders.
- Texas Company — C. T. Wilkes.
- Fuller & Fuller — Slim Owens.

### VISITORS FROM CORPUS

Returning to Robert Lee to visit among relatives and friends last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McMinn and daughters, Charlotte and Brenda Kay, of Corpus Christi. Mrs. McMinn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coffey and is a sister of Mrs. Billy Bert Duncan. J. W. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn who formerly operated a cafe in Robert Lee. Mrs. McMinn owns and operates a restaurant in Corpus Christi and her husband is engaged in commercial fishing. J. W. works on an oil drilling rig.

Sharon and Marilyn Scott have returned to their home in Abilene after a week's visit here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Scott.

### PERSONALS

Norman Roberts and family have moved to Wilson where the former will be high school athletic coach. An outstanding football player in high school and college, Norman received a BS degree in health and physical education from East Texas State College. Wilson is located a few miles southwest of Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker and daughter, Sandra, and granddaughter, Dianne Baker, left Saturday night on a week's vacation trip. They will visit Mrs. Baker's sister, Mrs. Bud Johnson and family in Denver, Colo.

Returning Monday to their home at Pecos were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wallace and daughter, Gala. They spent a week here with the former's brother, Calvin, and during the period Gilbert built some nice cabinets and otherwise improved the kitchen in his brother's home.

### Hayrick Lodge

No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.

W. B. CLIFT, Secretary

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1859 OIL'S FIRST CENTURY 1959

### Best Wishes To Coke County Oilmen

Every day, one way or another, oil enters into each of our lives. We owe many of the good things in life to the Oil Industry. To the men and women of this great industry, we say "Thanks a Million"

## Adams Abstract Co.

J. S. FERRELL, Manager

Robert Lee, Texas

## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

State Highway Department crews did a fine job of cleaning the loop paving through Robert Lee's business section the past week. We understand the cleaning and patching operations are a forerunner of a new seal coat scheduled for the near future.

Robert Lee is on the upgrade. Fred Roe is remodeling his building between the bank and post office, both new structures. He has lowered the ceiling, laved new flooring and will add a modern front. Mr. Roe says he has two or three prospective renters.

A rattlesnake disturbed the Green Mountain program Saturday night. A two-foot specimen was killed on the front steps a short time after the musicians had been out there tuning up. The program was later disrupted when a rat got in the building and ran around the floor. He got away but not before the women folks were badly scared.

Frank King advised that four came in late to swell the number of King descendants at the Edith Homecoming to 37. All good people too! Frank didn't say so, but we make this assertion.

We add our congratulations to the Oil Industry on its 100th birthday.

Oil has meant so much to the economy of Coke County — in good paying jobs, in royalties and in tax money for the county and school districts. A number of operators have done right well, too, including Sun, Humble and Perkins-Prothro. The latter firm drilled 120 holes without a duster.

We appreciate the advertising support making this edition possible, and we believe the informa-



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## OIL'S FIRST CENTURY

We are proud of our friendships among the oil folks of Coke County and extend our congratulations to the industry on its 100th birthday.

ROBERT LEE WHOLESALE

D. D. WALKER, Manager

tion in this newspaper will be valuable and interesting to every resident of the county.

### KIRBY WINS AGAIN

Kirby Vacuum of San Angelo exploded over the Brownwood Colts, 18 to 6, last Sunday on the San Angelo diamond to sack up the Concho Basin Baseball League championship. Kirby also took 60% of the pot money, with 40% going to Brownwood. Each of the four clubs contributed \$30 to the jackpot. Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters postponed game at San Saba will not be played.

### BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Betty Rhomfield, bride-elect of Frankie Wojtek, was honored with a tea at the County Park recreation building Saturday, Aug. 22. Punch and cake were served and the honoree received many nice gifts. Hostesses were Mrs. Carl Hurley, Mrs. Richard Dumas, Mrs. Otho Long, Mrs. Dale Wojtek, Mrs. Victor Wojtek and Miss Doris Sparks. The Wojtek-Rhomfield wedding has been set for Sept. 5 at Rowena.

### BIRTHDAY GATHERING

Will Payne was honored on his 77th birthday at a family gathering Aug. 18 at his farm home between Robert Lee and Bronte. Mr. Payne received a number of nice gifts and ice cream was served with a birthday cake. Singing, visiting and picture taking were features of the afternoon and evening.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Snyder and Mary Lou of Van Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Payne Jr. and family and a nephew, Ray Lee Reed, of Andrews, Miss Viola Clawson of Robert Lee. Children unable to be present were Morris Payne, Barney Payne and Mrs. E. J. Reed and their families.

## LOCAL NEWS

Good reports come from Mrs. Jennie Bilbo, who is convalescing from a hip fracture sustained May 11 when she fell at her home in Robert Lee. After leaving the hospital she went to Silver where she had been cared for in the home of her son, Hal Anderson and wife. This week she is being moved to the home of another son, R. S. Anderson and wife. Mrs. Bilbo is up in a wheel chair every day, but has not attempted to do any walking. She is 81 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Babe Owens and son, Bill, of Odessa, recently enjoyed an interesting vacation trip of interest in New Mexico and Colorado.

### MRS. KREYER'S CLASSES

Mrs. E. R. Kreyer of San Angelo will return to teach piano and voice to Robert Lee pupils during the coming school year. She will be at her studio in the old school building on Sept. 1 to meet pupils and arrange schedules. Persons wishing to register earlier may do so with Mrs. Jeff Dean on or before Aug. 31. Mrs. Kreyer's first classes will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8, but after that she will be here on Mondays. All those wishing instruction are urged to start at the beginning of the term and plan to continue during the entire 9 months period. — Adv.

Mrs. Palmer Leeper and her sister, Mrs. Cala Mae Cargile, motored Monday to Dallas where Mrs. Cargile will consult an eye specialist. The vision in one eye has been impaired the past month by a small hemorrhage, but improvement is apparent.

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Mrs. R. H. Richards has resumed work at the Wallace Grocery & Market after recovering from an extended absence during which time she underwent two surgical operations. Mrs. W. D. McAdams helped at the store as a substitute for Mrs. Richards.

## ALAMO THEATRE

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Two Shows Each Day — 6:30 Evenings; 1:30 Sunday

Starting Sept. 3 and continuing through football season we will show Thursdays and Saturdays and be closed Fridays. Skating will be on Tuesdays, starting Sept. 1.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 & 29  
Victor Mature, Anne Aubrey, Anthony Newley in

"THE BANDIT OF ZHOBE"

(In CinemaScope & Technicolor)

Also Cartoon

SUNDAY & MONDAY, AUG. 30 & 31. Matinee Sun. 1:30 & 3:00  
Academy Award Winner Susan Hayward with Jeff Chandler in

"THUNDER IN THE SUN"

(In Technicolor)

Also Cartoon



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**Coffee**  
One lb. 73c

OLEO, Hormel	- - - - -	5 for \$1.00
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TOMATOES, 303 Can	- - - - -	8 for \$1.00
PEACHES, Hearts Delight, 303 Can	- - - - -	5 for \$1.00
TOMATO JUICE, Del Monte, 46 Oz.	- - - - -	3 for \$1.00
EGGS, Grade A Small	- - - - -	3 Doz. \$1.00
BLACKEYED PEAS, La Grande	- - - - -	10 for \$1.00
PIE APPLES, Kimbells	- - - - -	5 for \$1.00
ZESTEE PRESERVES, Peach or Apricot	- - - - -	3 for \$1.00
SHORTENING, Kimbells	- - - - -	3 Lb. Can 59c

Big Dip  
**Ice Cream**  
2 ½ gals. \$1.00



GOOCH'S THIN SLICED		
<b>Bacon</b>	lb.	49c
ALL MEAT		
<b>Franks</b>	lb.	49c
LONGHORN		
<b>Cheese</b>	lb.	49c

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# Oil Industry Celebrates 100 Years of Progress

For its 100th anniversary celebration this week the oil industry is gushing sentimentally over two different but highly typical wells in its Pennsylvania birthplace, the Drake and Grandin projects.

The Drake well at Titusville was brought in Aug. 27, 1859, at 1 1/2 feet, pumping 35 barrels a day. It was the world's first oil well and promptly ignited the first oil boom.

"Almost in a night," reported Harper's new monthly magazine soon afterward, "a wilderness of derricks sprang up and covered the entire bottom lands of Oil Creek. Merchants abandoned their storehouses, farmers dropped their plows, lawyers deserted their offices and preachers their pulpits. The entire western part of the state went wild with excitement."

Two days later the Grandin well was begun at nearby Tidioute. It hit rock at 134 feet that explosives failed to budge and had to be abandoned. Thus the world's sec-

ond oil test became its first dry hole.

Together the Drake and Grandin operations symbolize the romance, the risk, the fantastic zeal that attended the frantic search for oil in the last 100 years and laid the foundation for some of America's biggest corporations and greatest fortunes.

Their twin stories of success and failure would be repeated endlessly in the pinelands of East Texas, in the jungles of Mexico and Peru, off the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, under the streets of Los Angeles and Oklahoma City, in the desert dunes of the Middle East and the forbidding wastes of Alberta.

Of the 10 biggest corporations in the country today, three are oil companies—Standard of New Jersey, Texaco and Gulf—and two are direct beneficiaries of oil—General Motors and Ford.

The United States in its entire history has produced only four billionaires, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Mellon, Henry Ford and

H. L. Hunt. Only Ford, whose model T in 1908 spawned the gasoline era, never owned an oil well.

Oil seepages had been known and used for centuries. The Egyptians used oil to mummify their dead, the Greeks to fuel their Olympic torches. The Seneca Indians lit the waters of Oil Creek for ceremonial dances.

A Pittsburgh druggist, Sam Kier, bottled the oil as a liniment and discovered a process to refine it for use in lamps. A group of New Haven, Conn., investors, interested in both applications, formed the Seneca Oil Company to exploit the Smelly scum trickling into Oil Creek.

The company was nearly bankrupt when its agent, Col. Edwin L. Drake, went to Titusville and drilled himself a place in history by using the same type of wooden derrick and 100-pound bit that well-diggers used to find salt.

The New England whaling fleets, principal supplier of lamp oil, returned with holds half empty on the Sunday morning that "Uncle" Billy Smith, Drake's one-man drilling crew, noticed a dark green liquid bubbling at the top of the hole. His cry of "oil, struck oil!" made mad Monday one of the wildest days in Pennsylvania history.

In quick succession, oil was dis-

covered in Ohio, West Virginia, Kansas, Kentucky, California, Colorado and Tennessee. But nobody ever really saw oil before Spindletop.

On Jan. 10, 1901, in a hog wallow outside Beaumont, four tons of drillpipe shot out of the hole and over the derrick, followed by a 175-foot geyser of oil that made 100,000 barrels a day for nine days. By the time the well was brought under control, every house in Beaumont was coated black, the town's population had jumped from 9,400 to 40,000, and land in the area was selling for \$1,000,000 an acre.

The startling knowledge that oil existed in such vast quantities plummeted the price to 25 cents a barrel while water sold for 15 cents a cup in parched East Texas.

The world's first big oil producer blew in at an auspicious time. Henry Ford was just organizing his third automobile company, and the Brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright were tinkering with history in a Dayton, Ohio, bicycle shop.

Within a decade or two, oil became the great mover in peace—and war. "The Allies," said Lord Curzon at the end of World War I, "floated to victory on a wave of oil." And after World War II,

when 60 per cent of all overseas shipments were oil, Adm. Chester Nimitz called the victory a "matter of oil, bullets, and beans."

Today, with 574,905 wells in 32 states producing nearly 3,000,000,000 barrels a year, the United States still leads in world production, but the balance of proven reserves has shifted to foreign lands. Free world reserves are estimated at 215,000,000,000 barrels, of which the Middle East possesses 68 per cent, the U. S. 14 per cent, Venezuela 7 per cent and the Far East 5 per cent.

**MONUMENTS**

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**FOR WOMEN OF REFINEMENT**



It's a sad mistake for the woman who takes a proper pride in her complexion to neglect it in the summer time—that is the time when the skin needs the most care and attention. A healthy coat of tan is considered the "proper thing" but if neglected the skin becomes freckled and rough and its delicate texture easily impaired—it will take a long time in the Fall to get it back to its proper condition. The woman of refinement should use

**DAGGETT & RAMSDELL'S PERFECT COLD CREAM**

all summer, no matter where she may be. Its unique elements will impart to the skin the freshness and fragrance of the summer blossoms. It will keep the skin sweet, clean and healthy. It is known as "the kind that keeps," for the reason that it never gets rancid, soft nor lumpy in any kind of weather, in any climate. It always feels cool and delightful no matter what the weather may be. This can be said of no other cream on the market. It will not cause or promote the growth of hair. Ask your dealer for it, and if he cannot furnish it, write direct to us for a 10c, or 25c, tube or a 3c, or 50c, jar, postage prepaid, together with a copy of our massage book, "The Finger of Time."

**DAGGETT & RAMSDELL, Chemists**  
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 The Daggett & Ramsdell's Perfect Cold Cream Group

Crude oil and cold cream may seem poles apart—yet white oil from crude oil helped stabilize the cream that ladies of 1900 (and thereafter) used as part of their cosmetics. The oil industry is observing its Centennial this year. This advertisement in a women's magazine in July, 1905, is a reminder that petroleum, then and now, plays an important role in milady's beauty aids.

We congratulate the Oil Industry on its 100th Birthday and extend best wishes to our many Coke County friends who are affiliated with oil field work.

**FARRIS**  
 City Drug

Prescription Druggists Robert Lee, Texas

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday...  
 to our Oilmen!**



America's oilmen and women have earned a pat on the back from all of us. They've brought us a century of great progress. In transportation, food, clothing, housing, medicine—in many different ways—they've made life easier, better for all of us. And from all indications, even greater progress lies ahead in oil's next century! That's why we're happy to say to the oilmen and women who are our friends and neighbors here in this community—"Happy Birthday, Good Luck and Thanks."

**OIL'S FIRST CENTURY  
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We are proud of the friendships and patrons we have among the big group of Coke County oil families. The Oil Industry and its Employees are fine assets to our community.

**Robert Lee State Bank**

## Sun Production Lists Employees In Silver Area

Sun Oil Co. production department has more than 50 persons employed in the Robert Lee area with headquarters at Silver. They are all considered permanent employees, except for a few summer roustabouts.

An important change took place this year when R. K. (Cobby) Beggs was named area superintendent to succeed J. N. (Jake) Higginbotham.

Here is a revised list of Sun production and operating employees published as a feature of The Observer's annual oil edition:

D. W. Albright, clerk  
C. W. Arledge, clerk  
R. K. Beggs, Asst. Area Supt.  
Earl Boggus, pumper  
O. F. Bradham, gang pusher  
G. R. Brasuel, roustabout  
G. F. Carlson Jr., summer roust.  
L. D. Cheatham, summer roust.  
J. A. Clifton, oil tester  
J. B. Collins, summer roustabout  
T. H. Dixon, roustabout  
J. D. Followill, foreman  
G. C. Fugate, pumper  
A. P. Gilbert Jr., chief clerk  
Robbie D. Godwin, summer roust.  
Robbie H. Godwin, pumper  
W. A. Goodwyn, engr.  
C. D. Gray, roustabout  
B. C. Green, roustabout  
C. M. Haigood, pumper  
L. E. Heuvel, pumper  
O. W. Higginbotham, pumper  
W. P. Holleyman, pumper  
R. L. Hughes, foreman  
C. A. Kennedy, pumper  
Hale Kincaid, foreman  
F. E. Lacik, pumper  
E. E. Lindsey, pumper  
G. E. Lomas, pumper  
C. N. Mayo, pumper  
H. M. Moore, pumper  
R. B. Moore, summer roustabout  
J. A. Morgan, area engr.  
E. C. McArthur, pumper  
E. W. Olson, pumper  
C. F. Patterson, gang pusher  
W. W. Paul, pumper  
H. D. Payton, roustabout  
C. A. Ramsey, pumper  
O. H. Ramsey, clerk  
B. R. Rhea, roustabout  
J. A. Roberson, summer roust.  
J. W. Service Jr., roustabout  
W. S. Shingleton, roustabout  
W. D. Shoemaker, roust.-derrick.  
J. D. Smith Jr., pumper  
R. M. Tunnell, clerk  
W. O. Vaughn, roust.-derrickman  
P. T. Wall, engr.  
C. G. Walker, pumper  
W. L. Welch, pumper  
D. E. Welter, summer roustabout  
M. M. Winget, clerk  
F. S. Wycoff, pumper

## Sun Oil Co. Moved Into New Offices

Dallas—Sun Oil Co.'s southwest division offices recently moved into its new quarters in the new 42-story Southland Tower here.

Sun will occupy 77,000 square feet of space in the new skyscraper, including all of the six floors from 20 through 25 as well as a portion of the 26th floor.

The move involves 520 employees. The Sun force in the Dallas area includes 80 employees in the production and research and development laboratory at nearby Richardson.

Sun's southwest division is headed by S. M. Gladney as division manager and Tom F. Hill as assistant.

Dallas is also the home of the following departments, which serve all of Sun's six domestic producing divisions covering much of the United States and Western Canada: Auditing, industrial relations, insurance, public relations, purchasing, safety and tax.

Sun has been occupying 10 floors and portions of several others in the Rio Grande National Building, where the Sun offices were moved in 1949, from the First National Bank Building.

## Sun Pipe Line Co.

JAMESON DIST. EMPLOYEES  
Silver, Texas

W. H. Vinson, dist foreman  
C. E. Palmer, asst. dist. foreman  
C. B. Parish, district clerk  
R. F. Theis, field gauger  
R. L. Coffman, asst. gauger  
C. A. Dukes, asst. gauger  
J. T. Stewart, asst. gauger  
E. W. Taylor, field gauger  
A. H. Jones, station engineer  
W. E. Moore, station engineer  
L. K. McKinnon, station engineer  
M. J. Jennings, connection foreman  
J. D. Jett, district mechanic  
J. E. Herford, pipe liner  
J. E. Walker, pipe liner  
Charles O. Palmer, pipe liner, 2nd summer  
J. T. Stewart Jr., pipe liner 2 sum.

## Sun Venezuela Well Produces 8,200 Bbl. Daily

Philadelphia—Completion of the 30th producing well has extended a considerable distance to the south the proved production acreage in Venezuela's Lake Maracaibo Block No. 1 oil concession.

The concession is held by Venezuelan Sun Oil Company, Venezuelan Atlantic Refining Company, and Texaco-Seaboard Inc. Venezuelan Sun operates the concession for the group.

Ted C. Stauffer, president of

Venezuelan Sun, announced that the new well, SVSX-32, "was completed as a dual producer testing over 8,200 barrels of oil per day from two zones of the prolific Eocene sands."

"Producing from depths between 8,750 and 9,400 feet," Mr. Stauffer said, "the new well, which is designated an outpost or step-out, flowed 4,380 barrels per day from the upper zone and 3,820 barrels per day from the lower zone, both through 5/8-inch chokes."

Mr. Stauffer noted that Venezuelan Sun first discovered oil in Block 1 in mid-1957. Since then, 30 wells drilled on the concession have been completed as oil producers. No dry holes have been drilled. The new outpost, he pointed out, "increases to a great extent, the concession's oil potential."

## Joe Weddle Has Jameson Crew

For a number of years Joe Weddle has had a contract roustabout crew working for Sun's Jameson gasoline plant at Silver.

Following is a list of Mr. Weddle's employees as of last week:

Jerald Y. Weddle, B. Waldrop, M. P. Jones, E. Bloodworth, C. Arnold, Wayne Reed Jr., Carl Brock.

Also C. A. Farris, Roy Braswell, O. Fletcher, S. B. Walker, Jerry Wilkes, Jon Weddle, Paul Tinkler.

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## Perkins-Prothro

OPERATING PERSONNEL  
SILVER, TEXAS

J. E. McCallie, Production Supt.  
F. G. Wilcox, engineer  
R. C. Boyd, engineer  
John Q. Conley, farm boss  
Douglas Gartman, switcher  
Zeddie Beal, switcher  
Leslie Copeland, switcher  
W. R. Whitaker, switcher  
Billy M. Jones, switcher  
Wilbern Millican, switcher  
A. J. Roe, Jr., switcher  
Paul Burns, switcher  
B. R. Duncan, switcher  
Royce G. Wallace, switcher

## New Stamp Will Commemorate Oil Centennial

The Post Office Department will issue a four-cent commemorative postage stamp through the Titusville, Pennsylvania, post office, on Thursday, August 27, 1959, to mark the hundredth anniversary of the completion of the first oil well by Colonel Edwin D. Drake.

An oil derrick, against a light background, will highlight the design of the four-cent Petroleum Industry commemorative stamp. This stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension and will be brown in color.

Collectors may obtain first-day cancellations by submitting requests to the Postmaster at Titusville, Pennsylvania.

The stamp will go on sale in local postoffices Friday, August 28.

## Drake Found Oil But Died Poor Man

The early days of oil brought prosperity to many men, but ironically, the man who founded this new industry with a hole in the ground near Titusville, Pa., in 1859 was not one of them.

Colonel Edwin L. Drake drilled only two wells—the first which brought him immortality, and the second which produced only a trickle.

In 1860, Drake was elected a Justice of the Peace in Titusville, an office which was worth about \$3,000 a year because of the multitude of leases to be certified.

His ailing health—the same factor which contributed to his death with destiny, in the first place—forced him to retire from the oil fields within a few years.

The \$15,000 to \$20,000 that he managed to accumulate was lost in the stock market.

Impoverished Drake moved to Bethlehem, Pa., in 1870. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, stirred by his plight, granted him a pension of \$1,500 for life. He died in 1880.

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**Actual Oil Allowable and Actual Oil Production by Fields —1957-1958**

**From Report by Thos. Y. Pickett Co., Evaluation Engineers**

Field	1957		1958	
	Allowable	Production	Allowable	Production
Arledge	2,394	1,848	1,708	1,857
Bloodworth, 5700'	14,022	13,989	13,700	11,009
Bronte, Palo Pinto Unit	169,216	158,229	139,402	134,287
Bronte, Cambrian	14,176	11,677	7,198	6,541
Bronte, Cambrian Unit	102,089	101,348	94,112	93,079
Bronte, Capps Lime Unit	32,386	30,278	103,123	103,396
Bronte, Ellenburger	36,494	23,862	19,958	17,762
Bronte, Gardner		"Gas Zone"		
Bronte, 4800' Goen Unit	395,992	382,460	288,216	288,017
Chas. Copeland, Ellen.	5,840	6,528	5,778	4,876
Edita, Canyon	0	0	22,920	5,204
Ft. Chadbourne	0	0	8,308	2,994
Ft. Chadbourne, O. L. Unit	1,004,938	971,009	1,003,667	1,003,350
Ft. Chadbourne, Gardner	14,002	14,011	10,006	9,954
Ft. Chadbourne, Northwest	810	0	0	210
Ft. Chadbourne, West	122,014	117,022	84,928	81,958
Ft. Chadbourne, W. Ellen.	3,524	2,377	2,858	2,224
Ft. Chadbourne, W. Gard.	4,896	2,223	1,212	279
Ft. Chadbourne, W. Gard. So.	25,528	25,257	18,662	18,630
Goen Lime	24,966	24,947	17,812	17,782
I.A.B., Menielle Penn.	49,490	37,346	430,419	427,425
I.A.B., Penn. 6211'	22,612	7,308	0	602
I.A.B., Penn 5070'	5,280	5,365	61,995	59,997
I.A.B., Southwest Canyon	0	0	27,270	26,748
Jameson	6,247	4,489	3,096	2,529
Jamesson Reef Unit	1,986,675	1,769,807	1,497,001	1,429,090
Jameson Strawn	3,398,597	2,635,280	2,092,775	1,653,638
Largo Verde, Strawn	7,563	1,502	450	379
Lygay	39,642	37,176	35,950	34,642
Lygay, East Strawn	0	0	20,720	1,325
Lygay, South Strawn	3,285	3,217	3,223	2,400
McCutchen, Cisco	67,255	59,188	43,517	38,838
McCutchen, West Cisco	1,460	1,256	656	393
Millican	449,010	377,353	325,418	308,130
Munn, Canyon	14,061	10,622	14,792	6,982
Panther Gap, Penn Sand	30,250	17,590	13,850	3,779
Rawlings, Jennings	0	0	43,982	38,334
Rawlings, 4100'	7,665	7,399	4,827	4,482
Rawlings, 4200'	2,312	1,829	2,042	1,793
Rawlings, 4500'	12,180	10,218	12,538	11,316
Rawlings, 5100'	81,411	76,739	56,455	53,338
Rawlings, 5300'	62,831	58,103	34,487	32,796
Rawlings, 5500'	23,995	23,059	12,763	11,845
Sadie, Ellenburger	0	0	2,585	510
Stringer, San Angelo	1,962	1,356	1,281	1,226
Weaver Ranch, Strawn	5,814	5,761	4,148	4,056
Wendkirk, Cisco	238,555	206,201	167,165	159,901
Wendkirk, West Crosscut	28,207	15,705	14,513	13,507
Wendkirk, West Ellen.	25,292	9,841	1,020	103
Wendland	808	956	1,064	773
Wendland, Croscut	1,180	61	0	0
TOTALS:				
Annual Allowable 1957	8,546,946			
Annual Production 1957		7,271,792		
Annual Allowable 1958			6,773,570	
Annual Production 1958				6,134,286
Production Decrease				1,137,506
Percentage Decrease				.1567

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## Silver News

Mrs. Patsy Arnold has closed the Silver Beauty Shop for a needed rest. She said her work at home with her family made it necessary to make the move.

Mrs. Mildred Livensparger and children, Richard and Susan, left Friday for their home at Mansfield, Ohio, after a summer visit with the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson. During their stay Mrs. Livensparger helped care for Mrs. Jennie Bilbo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Walker recently completed a month's vacation. They spent some time at

Denver and Colorado Springs and West Texas points. The Walkers also visited kinfolks in Leon and Freestone County, Texas.

A farewell party honoring the Perry Elliott family and Miss Violet Brown took place one night last week at the school cafeteria. Both Miss Brown and Mrs. Elliott are leaving the Silver school system to teach elsewhere. Mr. Elliott will teach in San Angelo and Miss Brown in Dallas. They were presented with gifts from their Silver friends.

Mrs. Paul Tinkler, the former Bonnie Butcher, was honored with a stork shower Saturday night at

the Fellowship Hall of the Silver Methodist Church. She received many nice gifts.

A reunion of the Jameson family took place Sunday with a picnic in one of the city parks at Lubbock. Attending from this locality were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jameson and their three sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson and their daughter, Mrs. Maurice Duncan and children, J. B. Walker Jr. and family, Fred Jameson and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and daughter, Mrs. Jack Wimerely of San Angelo.

Ross Cone and family are vacationing this week in New Mexico and Colorado.

Anne Reed is making a good recovery following a tonsilectomy last Tuesday at a Des Moines hospital. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reed, she is home on vacation from her nursing training studies in Austin.

Peggy Williams of Colorado City, stenographer in the office at Jameson gasoline plant, is being promoted to a position in Sun's district office at Midland. She came to Silver in January, succeeding the former Kay Stewart who resigned to be married. The position will be filled Sept. 1 by Mrs. Pat Vincent of Colorado City.

J. D. Jett has returned to his work at Sun Pipeline Co. after a three weeks' vacation. He and his family spent some time in South Texas and also visited briefly in Colorado.

L. K. McKinnon, Sun Pipeline Co. station operator, has been off duty some time with a virus ailment. He was hospitalized a few days, but is now convalescing at his home in Tubb Camp.

Jack Byrd, former clerical employee at Sun's production office here, visited old Silver friends the first of the week. He and his wife had been on a combined business and pleasure trip to Midland. Jack was transferred to Dallas office two years ago and is with the purchasing department.

Jack Morgan, Sun production engineer, has returned from a two weeks' vacation. He and his family spent a week at Aspen, Colo., and visited kinfolks in Oklahoma. They were accompanied by the Don Grant family of Tulsa and Lewis Grant and family of Denver.

Harold Ramsey of Sun production clerical staff, is on vacation this week.

R. D. Arthur and family visited

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Silver friends last week making headquarters in the Frank Mulligan and N. K. Cheatham homes. A former foreman for Pan American northwest of Silver, Mr. Arthur was transferred to Strawn a few months ago. He visited here while on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McDaniel of Texas Natural Camp made a weekend trip to Fairview, Okla., where they visited his son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson have enjoyed their three daughters and families home for a visit. They include the Joe Ash family of Weatherford, the Joe (Buzzy) Thorp family of Throckmorton and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson of San Marcos. The Wilsons will continue their work at San Marcos college this fall.

Kay Sanders of Eldorado visited here recently with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen. The 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sanders, she came especially to join her cousin, Rebecca Archer of San Angelo, in a visit at their grandparents home.

Bunyan Millican and family left Saturday for a week's visit with Mrs. Johnson's parents in Arkansas.

Arriving the first of the week to visit his sister, Mrs. Ernest Clendennen, was A. V. Bryan of Phoenix, Ariz. He has a good position with the unemployment service at Phoenix. Mr. Bryan will also visit friends in Houston before re-

turning home.

While visiting here recently in the R. S. Anderson home, Mrs. Mildred Livensparger was surprised to have her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Land and three daughters, drop by for a short stay. The families are neighbors in Mansfield, Ohio, and the Lands were on a western vacation trip.

### FROM HATTIE DAY

Mrs. Hattie Day phoned in interesting news this week. Her son, T-Sgt. L. C. Day recently was transferred to Guam where he will serve 18 months as a weather observer with the Air Force. He writes that it rains every day.

Recent guests of Mrs. Day were another son, Sgt. Merle C. Day, his wife and their three sons, Frank, Johnnie and Doug. Merle is stationed at an air base at Lake Charles, La.

Also joining the group were Capt. and Mrs. Bob Burpo and their children, Ann and Bobby, of White Sands, N. Mex.

Tuesday dinner guests of Mrs. Day were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herrington, who formerly operated a shoe shop here. Frank has recovered his health and he and his wife are living with his parents at Brady. While here they bought a registered German Shepherd from D. D. Walker.

Mrs. Day is feeling well herself. Some time back she had a toe amputated at the Bronte hospital.

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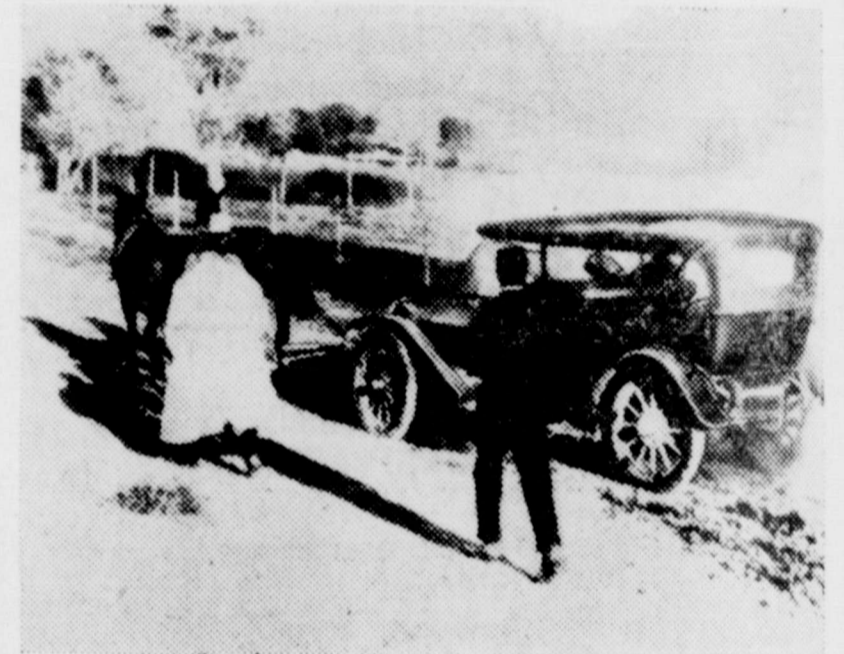
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which permit him to preach elsewhere on these days.

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### New State Law Requires Boats To Be Registered

AUSTIN, TEXAS — State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer said today that registration of boats would go into effect in October. The new boating act requiring registration was recently passed by the Legislature.

Greer assured boat owners that penalties or convictions will be involved for this delayed registration date, particularly in view of the fact that final boat-registration date is March 1, 1960. Other features are now in effect.

Greer explained that boat registration was a little foreign to the ordinary function of the Texas Highway Department, but that the department was already well experienced in handling this type of operation.

"We have been registering motor vehicles for more than forty years. Nearly four and a half million motor vehicles were registered by the department this year. The Texas Legislature, cognizant of the experience of the Highway Department, gave us the job in order to

take advantage of existing operations and to cut cost. The Texas Highway Department deals solely with registration in this boating bill; we have nothing to do with the safety aspect," Greer said.

The appropriation bill passed last week provides funds after September 1. These funds enable the Texas Highway Department to print the necessary forms and place into operation the procedures invested in the Highway Department by the act.

Greer estimated that the registration forms and blanks would be printed and in the hands of boat dealers, county offices, Highway Department offices, and other public offices in October. Ample public notice will be given when these forms are available.

Delton Chatham, former Robert Lee resident and high school graduate, is now located at El Paso where he has a responsible office position with General Motors. In order that Delton can keep up with home town affairs and the Steers football team in particular, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vowell are sending him The Observer for the coming year.

### J. P. Jameson Does Important Oil Field Work

J. P. Jameson Roustabout Service continues its important oil field work, and recently has been helping with the water flooding project undertaken by Perkins-Prothro.

Jameson's service includes all kinds of oil field work, locations, dirt moving, water and oil hauling, etc. He has adequate equipment which required a big investment.

J. P. is a home town Silver boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jameson.

His payroll last week included the following:

Arch Mathers, Pat Adams, W. O. Skipworth, Billy Andrews, Thomas Garrett, Otis Free, H. R. Jameson, P. L. Ferrell, Larry Lindsey and John Walker. The latter two are summer employees and will return to their classrooms in September.

### Robert Walker Rebuilds Home Fire Destroyed

Robert Walker has begun the construction of a new ranch home at his place near Panther Gap, 3½ miles east of Silver. It replaces the residence and contents destroyed by fire the night of March 21, causing a property loss of \$30,000.

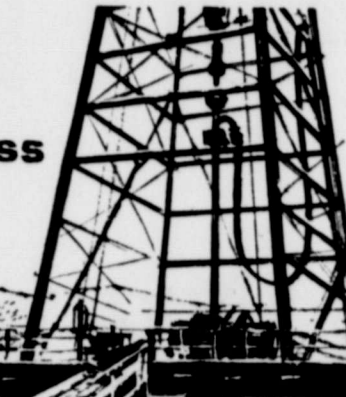
The new dwelling is a duplication of the former structure, with only a few minor changes. The old foundation is being used. It's a big house, with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 kitchens, 2 living rooms, a total of eight rooms and 2 porches.

Mr. Walker is overseeing the job himself. Harley Reid and son and Truett Arbuckle were working the past week and more help will be hired, Mr. Walker said.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been living in their old house which was abandoned ten years ago when they built their new home.

Bill Baker and family recently moved from San Angelo to Dayton where Bill is foreman on a bridge construction project which will require eight months to complete. Mrs. Baker is the former June Duncan.

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A relic of the early days of gasoline delivery is this photograph of a horse-drawn tank wagon. It was used by a California firm which saw the rapid growth in demand for gasoline. The tank wagon's modern counterpart, the tank truck, provides safe, efficient and economical transportation of gasoline to the service station. This year, the Oil Industry celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

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## Jameson Plant Employees

Several changes took place this year in personnel at Sun Oil Company's Jameson natural gasoline plant at Silver. Promotions for a number were made possible by the company starting up a new plant at Laverne, Okla.

Following is a list of Sun permanent employees on the payroll at Jameson plant:

Allen, Thomas, loading rack  
Baker, Henry, engine op.  
Bloodworth, Clayton C., roustabout  
Byrd, Eddie A., Operator 2/C  
Caldwell, D. H., engine op. 1/C  
Cheatham, N. K., gas plant reprmn.  
Cone, Ross R. Jr., superintendent  
Conner, George E. Jr., en. op. 1/C  
Davis, Tyrus A., engine op. 1/C  
Day, Richard D., roustabout  
Denman, Jack R., operator 2/C  
Duncan, Vernon M., operator 2/C  
Edwards, Bobbie G., chief clerk  
Feaster, Lawrence R., op. 2/C  
Flowers, Garland D., operator 2/C  
Foust, Ronald P. roustabout  
Furr, James C., clerical staff  
Gilbert, James D., plant forman  
Good, Eddie P., plant engineer  
Gossett, Jack L., clerical staff  
Green, Charles D., engine op 1/C  
Henderson, Robert G., op. 2/C  
Hendley, Virgle H., Reprmn. 2/C  
Hollingsworth, Don T. plant chem.  
Hollis, Johnnie E., eng. op. 1/C  
Huggins, Robert L., roustabout  
Keener, H. W., dist. op. 1/C  
Leonard, Arthur D., asst. fld mtr.  
Lisby, Olen L. Jr., clerical staff  
McKinney, William S. roustabout  
Mills, Milton L. distillation op.  
Moore, Leland A., repairman 2/C  
Mumford, John D., gas tester  
Muncrief, Billy R., loading rack  
Newell, Oliver W., distillation op.  
Post, Jimmy T., repairman 2/C  
Post, Perry A., gas plant reprmn.  
Reed, Wayne S. maint. foreman  
Roberts, James E., gas engr. trnee  
Sirus, Jerome, engine op. 1/C  
Sockwell, Curtis L., roustabout  
Sommers, Charles F. roustabout  
Weigel, Lee A. Jr., engine op. 1/C  
Welter, Wyle E., fld. meterman  
White, Homer G. Jr., operator 2/C  
White, Orval Lee, comp. sta. op.  
Williams, Peggy, clerical staff  
Whitewood, Robert V., op. 2/C  
Wilkes, Monte E., roustabout

## Humble to Build 44-Story Plant

Houston—Humble Oil & Refining Company announced plans for construction of a 44-story office building in downtown Houston at a cost of approximately \$32,000,000.

The building would be Houston's largest structure. The present Gulf building has 34 floors. It would be Texas' tallest in terms of floors.

Morgan J. Davis, Humble president, said plans are being worked out for ownership of the building by a Humble trust and for occupancy under a lease arrangement.

Humble expects to use more than half of the building to consolidate all of its home office operations under one roof, Morgan said. "The new building will enable Humble to bring its 3,300 home office employees together in one central location."

The building will be located on the blocks bounded by Bell, Leeland, Travis and Milam Streets. Plans are also underway for an adjoining garage with a capacity of 1,300 cars to be connected by an underground passage.

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## Texas Natural Perkins Plant Employee List

Several important transfers of key men were made this year by Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. New superintendent of Perkins plant, southwest of Silver, is M. W. Donley who came here from Gainesville. He succeeds John Mason, who is now superintendent of the Wimerley plant north of Merkel.

Rex Snell, former superintendent of Benedum plant near Rankin, was advanced to the position of superintendent of the Texas division which includes plants at Gainesville, Merkel, Silver and Rankin. Mr. Snell moved to the Perkins plant camp where he makes his headquarters.

Texas Natural is expanding its

pipelines this year, going a considerable distance to the east to bring in an additional supply of gas for its Perkins plant. It also buys gas from Humble wells in the new I. A. B. field northwest of Robert Lee.

Following is a list of Texas Natural employees and their classifications:

E. E. Alberts, Generator Op.  
B. R. Barnes, Compressor Op.  
A. R. Bagwell, Utility A & Rel Op  
D. J. Blair, Utility C  
Lee Roy Blocker, Chart Op. C  
D. C. Clark, Loader C  
W. W. Casey, Utility C  
D. R. Coalson, Column Op.  
C. D. Davis, Generator Op.  
J. T. Deen, Utility A & Rel Op.  
Wayne Drennen, Lbr. C.  
L. V. Folsom, Utility C  
J. C. Geist, Generator Op.  
F. R. Hearn, Column Op.

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M. C. Hendry, Compressor Op.  
O. D. Hill, Compressor Op.  
F. D. Hiland, Utility C.  
H. J. Kennedy, Repairman  
H. J. Knapp, Generator Op.  
R. D. Lambert, Compressor Op.  
R. G. LeBleu, Mechanic B  
C. M. Ledbetter, Electrician  
M. N. Lee, Lbr C  
W. T. Matlock, Lab Test B  
T. W. McDaniel, Gang Pusher  
Ernest Moore, Utility C  
C. D. Moore, Loader A  
Robert Moore, Meter Man A  
Glen Parker, Column Op.  
Teddy Pitcock, Trk Dr C  
J. G. Powell, Repairman  
F. W. Prentice, Column Op.  
J. R. Pruitt, Utility C & Rel Op.  
Bobby F. Roberts, Utility C  
A. H. Rowaldt, Utility C  
G. W. Stewart, Utility C & Rel Op  
J. G. Ybarra, Lbr C  
R. H. Snell, Area Supt. of Texas  
M. W. Donley, Plant Supt.  
C. J. Green, Chief Op.  
Truman Hines, Field Material  
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R. G. Hodge, Office Mgr.  
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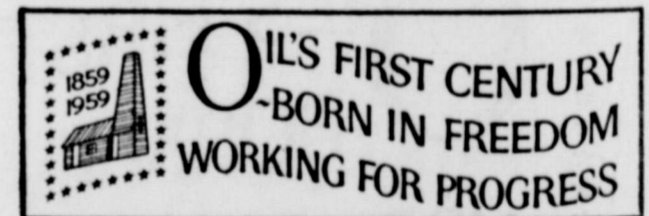
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## Mrs. W. D. Powers Writes from Paducah Concerning Edith Homecoming Trip

To The Observer:

When we arrived in Robert Lee late Saturday, on our way to the Edith Home Coming on Sunday, I went over the The Observer office to subscribe for it, but there was a padlock on the door. So now I have to use my perfectly good stationery and spend four cents for stamps to get it to you. But I sure do want to get this week's issue if possible.

I enjoyed the Home Coming immensely and hated that I had to leave so early. The program was just getting well under way when we had to leave.

But I got to fulfill a desire of forty years' standing on Saturday evening late.

I hunted till I found and stood on the very spot where the old Pecan school house used to stand. It wasn't easy to find as it had been 55 years since I went to school there. But a slight elevation on an almost perfect square of ground with nothing but weeds and a few tufts of poor grass on it, fitted in with my bearings, and I knew I was right. One can't imagine my feelings as I stood on that, to me, hallowed spot of ground.

Frederick Ashworth was with me, he having taken me, and I told him it was there where I learned such things as: "A word used to complete the meaning of an incomplete intransitive verb, is always in the nominative case."

He nearly fell over. I said, "They don't teach such as that now, do they?" He replied that he'd never heard of it, and he is a high school graduate and has had some College work. We didn't get such high educations at old Pecan school, but good foundations were laid.

Frederick had taken me up to the new home of Pauline and Coalson which they have built on the middle section, and they were at home, fixing for a Sunday School party that night. That is something I never heard tell of when I lived there and went to old Pecan school. We had parties all right, but we didn't mix any Sunday School in with them!

I don't suppose there is a five acre spot of ground on that middle section that I've not trodden on, barefooted, hunting the horses when I was a kid, and I never dreamed I would one day see a

beautiful modern home sitting up on that rocky hill or small mesa it is, green with Bermuda grass like an oasis on the desert. But that dear old pasture is no desert. When I walked out on the porch and looked around, what a wonderful sight greeted my eyes! 'Twas then I resolved to ask Frederick to take me to hunt the old school ground.

I'll not take up the space nor the reader's time trying to name all the teachers, but I believe I could do it. Most of them held only a second grade certificate, but those were the days when teachers were required to have an education rather than a degree! —Eather.

## Dove Shooting Begins Sept. 1 In North Zone

Austin—Season opens for North Texas dove hunters Tuesday, Sept. 1, with perhaps one of the best crops in years, according to the assistant secretary of the game and Fish Commission.

The new 1959-60 hunting and fishing licenses will go on sale after August 20, according to the announcement. They will be effective Sept. 1, and all persons who hunt outside their own counties are required to have a new license. Fishing licenses also expire Aug. 31, and a new license is necessary for fishing outside the home county, or with any kind of winding device.

Persons over 65 years of age are not required to have a license. Exemption cards are available at the regional offices or by writing to the Game and Fish Commission in Austin. Such cards are issued as a courtesy, and are not required.

The season is open Sept. 1 through Oct. 20 in the North Zone, and Oct. 1 through Nov. 19 in the South Zone.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Snyder and daughter, Mary Lou, spent a couple of weeks with Mrs. Snyder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne, east of Robert Lee. Enroute to their home at Van Horn they planned to visit Mrs. Payne's brother and sister, Morris and Irene, at Andrews.

## GEORGE MANUEL DIES

George Dewey Manuel, 61, died Aug. 17 at his home in San Angelo. He married the former Rachel Epps in Robert Lee in 1923. A former resident of Christoval, he had lived in San Angelo 11 years and was a retired civil service worker at Goodfellow air base. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Claudine McClatchy. Also a sister, Mrs. Ella Hammond of El Centro, Calif., two other sisters and a brother.

## Welding Work Continues In Silver Area

Ernest Clendennen, who has been in the welding business at Silver for 11 years, says although the big drilling boom is over he keeps busy with a smaller crew.

Assisting Mr. Clendennen is Carroll Wilkes, an expert with many years of experience, and a new hand is Bunyan Millican.

In addition to handling numerous smaller jobs of welding in the oil field, Clendennen's service has several rotary rigs which they take care of. They include the Robinson and Sharpe rigs in the I.A.B. field northwest of Robert Lee, and the Rea & Reynolds rig on the Divide just across in Sterling County.

Also three drilling outfits located between Silver and Mary-

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