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Rabbits To Play Oilers at Forsan

Robert Lee journeys to Forsan next Sunday where they engage Lefty Shelton's Oilers, one of the top outfits in the Concho Basin league. The Rabbit Twisters defeated Forsan twice this year, an exhibition tilt and a 1-0 league encounter.

Since that time Shelton has been getting back his old pitching form and two weeks ago hurled a no-hitter against one of the loop teams. The contest at Forsan will be one of the toughest of the season.

Forsan nosed out Sonora last week 6 to 5 and Miles racked up an 11-6 win over the Cumbie team in San Angelo.

Other games next Sunday will see Sonora in Miles and Cumbie going against Big Lake in Texon.

Robert Lee and Miles remain tied for first place in the league, with Forsan only one notch behind.

Concho League standing:

	W	L	Pct.
Miles	5	2	.714
Robert Lee	5	2	.714
Forsan	4	3	.571
Big Lake	3	4	.429
Cumbie	2	4	.333
Sonora	1	5	.167

Indications are that Frank Tincup will be playing his last game for Robert at Forsan and he will likely start on the mound. He has been employed by J. F. Pritchard Co. as a heavy equipment operator on the Sun gas plant addition at Silver.

The job is about finished and the crew is expecting to move next week to Cushing, Okla.

Tincup is a native Oklahoman and grew up in the Tulsa locality. He has played a lot of professional and organized base ball and at present is the property of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He is a nephew of Ben Tincup, former league player and now a scout for Philadelphia.

Store Improvements

An improvement program was started this week at Farris City drug store. Rooms in the rear formerly used as a doctor's office will be moved back, making much needed display space for merchandise. The store interior will also be redecorated.

From Robert Lee

Coke county will be represented at the A & M Round-Up by Vernemma Barron, home demonstration agent, Gladys Waldrop, adult leader, Melba Rives and Zona Mae King, 4-H delegates, and Esther Allen, who will enter the state dress revue. Also County Agent Travis Hicks, Allen Sparks and Milburn Wink, 4-H boy delegates, and a boys adult leader. Milburn will escort Miss Allen at the dress revue Tuesday night.

Visitors in the H. L. Bloodworth home at Silver the first of the week were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Price and children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lancaster and daughter of Crane; also Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr. and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Robertson of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth and children of Silver. Eddie Ray Price, 9 years old, remained for a summer visit with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hanna and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts motored to Carter, Okla., for a weekend visit with the J. C. Jacksons. Mr. Jackson was a former driller here for Baker & Taylor.

BRIDE



Mrs. Kenneth Goode

Ruth Ann Taylor Weds Kenneth Goode of Weimar

The marriage of Miss Ruth Ann Taylor of this city and Mr. Kenneth Goode of Weimar took place Tuesday, June 6, at 9 a. m. in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, in Robert Lee. The Rev. Ross Welch officiated with the double ring ceremony.

They were attended by the bride's younger sister, Patricia, and Bill Herron of Bronte. Only members of the immediate family were present.

The bride's dress was of white French organdy with white accessories. The bridesmaid wore yellow taffeta.

Mrs. Goode is a graduate of Robert Lee high school and the University of Texas, where she majored in physical education. For the past two years she has taught in the Weimar public schools.

Mr. Goode is a graduate of Weimar high school and A & I college at Kingsville. He served in the air corps during the war. He holds a position as rural mail carrier and is also engaged in stock farming. The couple will reside five miles from Weimar where they are constructing a new home.

Following the ceremony Mr and Mrs. Good left on a wedding trip through Colorado and New Mexico.

Homer F. Ivey of Robert Lee graduated from Texas A & M College June 2, receiving a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He has accepted a position with the Gun Perforating Co. and will begin work Monday at their headquarters in Houston. Homer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ivey.

New Methodist Pastor For Robert Lee Church

The Rev. Ray Lee and his wife arrived in Robert Lee last Thursday, the former having been assigned pastor of the Methodist church at the Southwest Texas conference in San Antonio.

They were stationed at Eagle Pass last year and are glad to get back into northwest Texas.

Both the Rev. Lee and his wife are natives of Freestone county. He studied for the ministry at McMurry college and was a member of the Northwest Texas conference for 25 years. In 1929 he held a pastorate at Blackwell.

The Lees have a son and daughter. Their son, R. P. Lee, is manager of a Western Union office in San Fernando, Calif. The daughter, Mrs. J. E. Garrett, resides at Vega where her husband is a high school football coach.

Sun's Tubb No. 6 Flows 153 Barrels

Sun Willie I. Tubb No. 6 west of Silver was finished this week with a 24-hour natural flow of 153 barrels. Gauge was through quarter inch choke. Gas-oil ratio 1.985-1. It topped the reef at 6,174 feet and was bottomed at 6,489.

Ray-Harris Drilling Co. had the contract and moved one location west to Tubb B-1. Casing was cemented at 552 feet and plugs were to be drilled out Thursday evening.

Sun Central Bank Unit, southwest of Silver, pumped 6 barrels of oil during 16 hours Wednesday.

South of the river at Silver Sun No. 8 J. B. Walker was drilling at 4,450 feet in shale.

In the Millican field west of Edith Sun No. 8 Annie L. Cummings topped the lime reef at 5,824 feet and was cementing casing at 5,887.

Sun No. 5 G W. Davidson flowed 33 barrels of oil and no water thru 9-64ths inch choke. Previously treated with 2,000 and then 4,000 gallons, operators will re-acidize with 8,000 gallons today.

Paul F. Rutledge Drilling Co. moved its rotary rig to Sun Davidson No. 6 and was drilling in shale Thursday at 1,808 feet. No. 6 is 1,320 feet north of Davidson 3, a producer.

In Nolan county north of Sanco Sun No. 1 Price Maddox had drill pipe stuck in shale and lime at 3,878 feet and was washing over. Parker Drilling Co. has the contract.



Notes From The Oil Field

Union No. 1 Daisy McCutchen, five miles east of Robert Lee, was drilling ahead Thursday morning at 4,478 feet in shale. Formation is reported running higher than the Jim McCutchen test which Union drilled in 1948, one mile to the west.

Standard rotary equipment was moved in this week and is now rigging up on Deeproc's No. 1 Lem Cowley, wildcat five miles southeast of Robert Lee. Harris Drilling Co. of Wichita Falls has the contract and L. S. Brown is in charge as pusher. The rig was moved from Maryneal.

Land owned by Mrs. Frank Percifull, Bryan Yarbrough and Pat Havins corner near the Deeprock test.

Humble No. 6 R. E. Hickman on the south side of the Bronte field flowed 181 barrels of oil in 24 hours for completion at 4,364 feet. Gauge was through quarter inch choke.

McQueen & Clevenger rotary equipment was moved to Humble No. 6 Ash, a west offset to No. 5 Ash.

Southern Minerals and Seaboard have staked a wildcat in Coke county, 3 1-2 miles southeast of Tennyson. No. 1 R. H. Herring will be 660 feet from the north and west lines of Section 121 Washington County Railway Survey. It will be a half mile west of the Coke county line and a mile north of the Tom Green county line.

Judge Jeff Dean returned Tuesday from a trip to Dallas where he sought the advice of medical specialists. He was encouraged by their findings.

Hospital Edition
The Observer's issue next week will devote considerable emphasis to the new Coke County Hospital and advertising the Formal Opening and Visitors Day set for Sunday, June 18. The newspaper has secured some excellent hospital pictures to be used next week.

Court Opens Monday
The June term of district court for Coke county opens next Monday, June 12. Grand jurors will report at 10 a. m. Monday, while a panel of 48 petit jurors has been called for Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bennett and three children of Ravia, Okla., arrived Tuesday for a visit with their grandfather, J. S. Ross, and the Roy Ross and Elmer Cole families.

Pioneer Woman Dies Suddenly

Mrs. V. L. Gilbert, better known to Coke county folks as "Aunt Lizzie" Davis, died of a heart attack at her home here at 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

Although past 80 years of age, she had been in apparent good health and was active during the day Tuesday. Her passing was sudden and occurred soon after she told her husband she seemed to be getting an attack of indigestion.

Funeral rites were held at 3 p. m. Thursday from the Methodist church in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Ray Lee. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Bethemia Elizabeth Martin was born at LaGrange, Texas, Sept. 9, 1869. Her family moved to Indian Creek, in Brown county, in 1875. She married the late Jefferson Davis June 23, 1887, and they moved to Coke county in June, 1890. For more than 50 years they operated a hotel and rooming house in Robert Lee.

She married L. V. (Pete) Gilbert last September and their brief journey together proved very happy to both. She also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lou Boyd and Mrs. Jennie Murry, of Brownwood.

Launch Drive For Telephone Co-op

Steps were taken at a meeting here Wednesday night for Coke county to join in the movement to organize a Cooperative Telephone Co. along the lines of the REA setup. Twelve counties in the San Angelo area are included in the original plans.

In charge of the meeting was county Agent Hicks and Harry Weaver. Other speakers included Carroll Land, head of the Concho REA, and Chester Kenley, ranchman of Sonora.

R. B. Allen was selected as county chairman to head a drive to secure members. The fee is only \$5. Indications are that rural lines are not going to be improved by the present owner, and a co-op seems to be the solution. Government money is available at 2 percent.

Local chairmen were appointed as follows:
Friendship, Carroll Russell
Green Mt., Joe Garvin
Sanco, Ira Bird
Divide, J. B. Leddy
Paint Creek, Delmir Sheppard
Valley View, Lem Cowley
Graham Valley, L. E. Wink
Tennyson, J. P. Arrott
Ft. Chadbourne, Pete McDonald
Olga, Chas. Copeland

Hospital Now In Full Operation

Formal Opening of the new Coke County Hospital has been set for Sunday, June 18. However, the institution officially opened June 1 and is now fully staffed and accepting patients.

No program of speaking is planned for the 18th, but an invitation will be extended for the public to visit the hospital during the afternoon. Visitors will be shown through various departments.

Mrs. Melrose Murtishaw, head nurse, is on duty during the day with Mrs. Mayme Smith and Mrs. Josie Lindley as nurses aids. Mrs. Hoglund and Mrs. Jack Duncan go on duty in the early afternoon and are relieved at 11 p. m. by Mrs. Harry Schilling, registered nurse, and Ethel Green, nursing aid.

Mrs. Otis Rabb is on duty as housekeeper and the kitchen and dining room are now open under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Varnadore. Manager C. S. Haselden and Mrs. J. C. Strickland, receptionist and bookkeeper, complete the present staff. Dr. John D. McDaniel has his office in the hospital.

Patients cared for during the past week:

June 2—Mrs. R. M. Watkins of Robert Lee admitted; dismissed June 6.

June 3—H. L. Scott admitted; dismissed June 7.

June 4—Linda Porter admitted as a medical patient. She is the 7 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter of Robert Lee.

June 6—Mrs. Donald Tomlinson admitted; 8-pound son born at 1:15 a. m. June 7. The father is employed by J. F. Pritchard Co. at Silver.

Gwendolyn Cople admitted and transferred later to Shannon hospital. She is the 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Cople.

June 7—Mrs. Lowell Roane admitted as a medical patient.

Personals

Miss Tommie Joy Denman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Denman of Texas City, visited here over the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Bell, and other relatives. Tommie Joy completed her sophomore year at the University of Texas and was enroute to Granbury, where she will serve her second year as counselor at a girls camp.

Mrs. Coke Austin left Wednesday on a trip to Chicago, Ill., where she will visit her son, Coke, Jr. and his wife.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Peays the past week are their son, G. B. Peays and wife, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Green, all of Borger.

Mrs. J. C. Slaughter spent some time in Bronte last week with her daughter, Mrs. R. T. Caperton, who was ill. The patient is much improved.

Joyce Littlefield has gone to Houston for a visit in the home of her uncle, Walker Bernard.

Eckert Tinkler has gone to Pecos where he has accepted a position in the office of City Secretary Bob L. Davis.

Jun per, Donald Huffaker Hayrick, J. W. Labenske Union, Aubrey Denman Bronte, D. K. Glenn Walnut, Elton Mims Wildcat, Tom Schooler Silver, R. B. Allen