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## Robert Lee Hopes To Defeat Miles 2 Games Straight

Interest of base ball fans in this section will be directed to Miles and Bronte next Sunday for second round contests in the Concho Basin league playoff.

Robert Lee took the jump on Miles last week and will be anxious to make it two straight when they tangle with Brandy Ray's club on the latter's diamond. Bronte lost its opener to Veribest last week and will have to win the next two to get into the final round.

Red Weatherford & Company licked the Coke county team 13 to 6, quite a surprise, indeed. From reports it seems that Bon Spoons wasn't quite up to pitching form and the Cultivator Jockeys landed on his slants for a flock of safe blows. There was some luck, too, as most every ball they hit went into safe territory.

But you can bank on Bronte being able to take care of themselves on their home grounds next Sunday. They have defeated Veribest handily this season and will be out for revenge.

Robert Lee is highly encouraged from their 3 to 2 victory over Miles here last Sunday. It was a great game, with the local club's timely hitting being a feature. The same lineup, probably the best of the year, will start against Miles next Sunday.

Clarence Tinkler returned to his old form last week. He had control (never walked a man) and his curve was fast and sharp. Umpire Henley was giving both pitchers the corners, and that's what they are entitled to. In addition the "colonel" was given perfect support in the field.

A large delegation will accompany the Robert Lee club to Miles next Sunday. Fans are making up a cash purse which will be distributed during the game to the players for hits, runs, strikeouts, and other outstanding achievements.

## Sheriff Raids Card Game; Nine Arrested

Nine men each paid \$5.00 fines and \$11.70 in costs when they pleaded guilty to gambling before Justice R. S. Crum here Wednesday morning.

They were apprehended at midnight Tuesday in a raid conducted by Sheriff Paul Good and Deputy Frank Kessie. The men were engaged in an alleged poker game at the J. J. Rogers farm, four miles north of Bronte.

Sheriff Good said complaints had been filed and he had warned Rogers against allowing the card games to continue. The vacant house on the Rogers farm is close to the road, which leads west from the pavement.

Edith Walker left Monday for Lubbock after spending a three weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Walker, and other relatives and friends.

### Seismographic Survey

Geophysical Service, Inc., of Dallas moved its crew into Robert Lee the first of the week. It is understood they will make additional seismographic surveys for Southern Minerals Oil Company, which has large lease holdings to the south and west of Robert Lee. Otis Ayres is party chief and the crew includes about 20 men. Headquarters have been established in one of the Frank Dickey apartments.

Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick and Tommy returned Monday night from a three weeks vacation visit. Mrs. Kirkpatrick spent the period with her parents and other relatives in northern Iowa, while Tommy continued to Pittsburgh, Pa., and Washington, D. C., where he visited his sisters. In returning home they stopped over to visit relatives at Kansas City. They made the trip from Kansas City to San Angelo by air.

## Clint Wilkins, 63, Bronte Man, Dies

Clint H. Wilkins, 63 a resident of Coke county 49 years, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Bronte hospital. He had been in failing health for more than a year when he underwent an operation, and was critical the past six weeks.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday from the Bronte Baptist church. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery at Bronte.

Mr. Wilkins was born in Coleman Dec. 20, 1885, and came to Bronte about 1900. He owned and operated a stock farm just south of Bronte, known as the old McCutchen place.

He was prominent in community affairs and an active member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Annie McCutchen Wilkins; one son, Joe George of Bronte; one sister, Mrs. W. S. Beam of Abilene; one brother, C. A. (Jake) of Abilene; three grandchildren, Don, Jerry and Jen all of Bronte and nieces and nephews.

### Party For John Jacobs

Mrs. O. B. Jacobs honored her son, John, on his third birthday anniversary Tuesday afternoon with a party at her home.

Games were played after the honoree had opened his birthday gifts. A pink and white birthday cake was served with ice cream.

Plastic whistles were favors for Diane Samuelson, Martha Kay Sheppard, Kay Fern Havins, Billy Rankin Roach, Mary Beth Bloodworth, Mary Beth Walker, Mary Alice Wojtek and the honoree.

The mothers of the children were present, also Mrs. J. E. Roane, Mrs. Lowell Roane and Mrs. Dan Campbell.

Johnny Hickman arrived Sunday from New Orleans for a vacation visit in the parental Ed Hickman home at Edith. He was accompanied by his brother, Fred, who spent a few days there looking over prospects of enrolling at Tu- lane University. Johnny has played football there the past two seasons and will be one of their main backfield men this fall.

## Edith Homecoming Set For Aug. 21st

Committees to be in charge of the annual Edith Homecoming August 21 were named at a meeting in the court house last Saturday. Officers of the Homecoming association are Ed Hickman, president, and Waymon Robertson, secretary.

The event is held the third Sunday in August each year and attracts hundreds of people, including many former residents of the county. Plenty of barbecued meat, beans, bread, pickles, coffee, tea and lemonade is served free by the committee and there is always a big supply of food.

W. L. Carr has been appointed program chairman, and the address of welcome will be given by Frank Dickey.

The following committees were named:

Working Committee—Clarence Mitchell Sloan Boone, Finnell Smith, Crowley Harmon, D. O. King, Elbert Davidson, Fred Ashworth, Floyd Harmon and Ralph Garvin.

Wood Haulers—J. W. B. Robertson and Alfred Fields.

Finance—Charlie Thompson, J. B. Robertson and L. E. Smith.

Hospitably—Mrs. D. O. King, Mrs. Ralph Garvin and Mrs. Hat- ey Richards.

Buying Committee—Ed Hickman, Floyd Harmon and Finnell Smith.

Meat Committee—A. B. Sheppard, Delmir Sheppard, T. R. Harmon, P. W. Millican, Alfred Fields and Floyd Harmon.

Food Serving—Lonnell Landers, Wilburn Millican, Finus Millican and wife, Hawley Fields, Conrad Millican and wife, Curtis Trimble and wife, Zona Mae King, Eula Fay Smith and Lawana Harmon.

### Stickney Family Reunion

A reunion of the Stickney family was enjoyed over the weekend at Lake Sweetwater. The one brother and five sisters were all present, including a number of their children. They were A. B. Stickney of Midland, Mrs. D. L. Buchanan and Clydene Stickney of Colorado City, Mrs. C. H. Brown of Roswell, New Mex., Mrs. H. L. Hall of Lubbock and Mrs. J. S. Gardner of Robert Lee. This is their first reunion since prior to the war, and since that time four of the brothers and sisters have passed away.

### Purchase New Fords

Ivey Motor Co. reported the sale of three new Fords the past week. W. A. Mays of Silver bought a 2-door 6 cylinder, while Robert Walker and Curtis Walker of Silver each purchased 4-door Eights.

Mrs. Pearl Rutherford writes: "Sure would not want to miss a copy of The Observer. Was wondering when my subscription was out. Brother enjoys it also though he has been away over 40 years. Everything is fine out here and I like it very much. My address is 2531 Copper St., El Paso, Texas."

Mrs. O. V. Looney visited last week in the home of her nephew, George Looney, near Orient. His mother, Mrs. W. J. Looney of Sherman was also there on a visit.

### Resume Drilling on Harris

Penrod Drilling Co. is moving in rotary equipment from Goliad, Texas, to resume drilling for Al G-Hill on the Harris River Ranch above Robert Lee. J. D. Norris is handling tools and most of the drilling crew have found quarters in Robert Lee. Hill completed five wells before drilling was halted six months ago when Saul heirs filed a title suit against the Ralph Harris Estate. The matter was settled out of court. Hill's block joins Sun's leases on the southeast. Production has been from the Strawn sand around 5,800 feet.

## Notes from the Oil Field



Humble No. 3 Nannie Ash in the Bronte pool planned to perforate 5 1-2 inch casing from 4,365 to 4,385 feet and test. Casing was cemented to 4,389 feet after recovering 2,980 feet of pipeline oil on a test.

A new location is Humble No. 2 Olive May Keeney and others 980 feet from the south and 650 feet from the west lines of the southeast quarter of Section 453. Beginning immediately, the 4,500 rotary test will be two miles southwest of Bronte.

Rice Brothers No. 1 W. R. and George M. Stephenson, wildcat 4 miles south of Bronte, was drilling below 3,500 feet in lime and shale.

Placid No. 1 Robert Forman on the north side of the Bronte pool was waiting on official Railroad Commission test as a gas well. No official gauges are available but it is rumored a good well.

Humble No. 2 Sallie Odom, wildcat 2 3-4 miles northwest of the discovery in the North Chadbourne pool in northwestern Runnels county, was drillstem testing from 5,674 to 5,694 feet. Recovery was 110 feet of heavily oil and gas cut mud and 5,400 feet of free gas. In a previous test 350 feet of heavily oil and gas cut mud was recovered from 5,502 to 5,522 feet in the Strawn.

Four and a half miles west and slightly south of the Fort Chadbourne pool, Barnsdall Oil Company No. 1 Harris Davenport, was fishing at 5,402 feet in lime. The northeastern Coke county location is in league 475, Seth Clark survey.

Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr. and Mrs. J. C. Strickland left Thursday morning for Ft. Worth to attend the state convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

H. O. Lewis of Borger was called here this week by the illness of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Schooley.

### Check School Taxes

The Board of Equalization of the Robert Lee Independent District finished up its work Tuesday, and it is reported that some land assessments were raised to equalize other property in the district. Members of the board were E. C. Davis, Victor Wojtek and J. F. McCabe, Jr.

## Cummings No. 5 Flows 257 Barrels In 24 Hour Test

Sun No. 5 Annie Cummings flowed 257 barrels of 48 gravity oil during its 24-hour official test last week. Topping the lime reef at 5,880 feet, the hole was bottomed at 6,039 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,000-1.

Location is in the northwest corner of Section 187, four miles west and north of Edith. Drilling contractor was Paul F. Rutledge.

Rutledge moved to Sun No. 1 G. W. Davidson in the southwest corner of Section 158. The rig was down several days while engines and drawworks were overhauled. John Auten, pusher for Rutledge, reported a depth of 410 feet in red-beds Thursday morning after spudding in the Davidson test Wednesday.

Sun also staked No. 6 Cummings, a south offset to No. 5 and west of No. 4. There is no indication that another drilling rig will be moved in until after completion of No. 1 Davidson.

In Sun's Jameson field south of Silver No. 1 J. B. Walker, south of the Colorado River, was drilling Thursday at 5,800 feet in shale. Baker-Taylor is the contractor.

Sun No. 9 Jewell Brannan was drilling in shale at 4,930 feet. Contractor is Ray-Harris.

## County School Board Approves Transfers

The Coke County Board of Education met here Monday afternoon to approve school transfers. Present for the session were S. E. Adams, chairman, W. F. Fikes, Noah Pruitt, D. O. King and L. Y. Harrell.

Transfers from Silver included nine to Colorado City and three to Robert. Two others will transfer to Robert Lee if transportation can be arranged.

Green Mountain transferred 11 pupils to Robert Lee, and two to Sterling City.

Tennyson transferred its five high school pupils to Bronte.

The contract of Miss Myrtle Hurley as teacher in Green Mountain was approved.

### Moves To Snyder

L. A. Tibbets moved his family to Snyder this week. Leonard is pusher for the Baker-Taylor Drilling Co. and they now have two rotary rigs working in Scurry county. J. C. Jackson will handle tools for their other rig which is drilling for Sun near Silver. The Tibbets family have been living in the Fred Campbell residence. They have leased a house in Snyder at 2505 Avenue I.

The many friends of Mrs. H. C. Schooley will be happy to learn that her condition yesterday was much improved. She was taken to Shannon hospital three weeks ago with pneumonia and complications followed. This week a fluid around the lungs was removed and she obtained immediate relief.