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Allens Sell Drug Store After 24 Yrs.

An important business deal was closed here this week when the City Drug Store was sold to T. W. Farris and son, M. W. Farris, of Brownwood. The transfer will be effective Sept. 1.

H. C. Allen, former Tom Green county sheriff and Coke county rancher, brought the store Jan. 10, 1924, from P. D. Coulson & Son. Gerald Allen then only 19, became associated with his father in the business and a short time later attended pharmacy school and became a registered pharmacist. The business has since been operated as a partnership, with Gerald being active in its management.

In announcing the sale Gerald says he will devote his time for the present to his ranching interests and other activities which require much of his time. He is secretary-treasurer of the Upper Colorado River Authority, is a stockholder and vice president of the Robert Lee State Bank and is president of the Board of Community Development.

The elder Mr. Farris has been in the drug business in West Texas 35 years and is a graduate of Baylor College of Pharmacy. He first started in a store at Loraine and was in the drug business 23 years in Sweetwater. For eight years he operated a store at Coahoma.

The past two years the Farris father and son have been in the wholesale oil business at Brownwood. They are also stockholders in Prescription Laboratories, Inc. in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris have two other children. A son, G. R. Farris, owns a drug store at Menard, and they have a daughter, Mrs. W. E. Milam, of Stanton. M. W. Farris is married to a Brownwood girl. He served nearly four years in the Pacific with the Second Marines.

Both the Farris families will move here as soon as they can obtain living quarters. Robert Lee people are happy that the Allens have no intention of leaving, and a welcome will be extended to the new owners of the City Drug Store.

Football Squad Small; First Game Sept. 9

A small squad of about 25 turned out Monday to inaugurate the Robert Lee high school football training period.

Coach Mike Hughes, former Abilene Christian College athlete, is the new coach. He seems to have a fairly good first string, but replacements will be light and inexperienced.

The opening game will be against Baird here on Thursday night, Sept. 9.

Notice

All farmers who are raising cotton are requested to meet with us Saturday, Aug. 21, at 4 p. m. at the Robert Lee Gin, to discuss whether or not we will run the gin this fall.—Fred McDonald, Sr. and Fred McDonald, Jr.

Up Town Merchandise

Mrs. H. L. Scott and her son-in-law, W. T. Roach, spent some time last week at the wholesale houses in Ft. Worth and Dallas. They came home highly elated over being able to buy more merchandise of all kinds than they have been able to get in the last few years. Commenting upon their successful buying trip, Mrs. Scott said: "We are going to have an up town store right here in Robert Lee this fall. We bought more of everything in the line of men and women's apparel, shoes and a big stock of gifts." While merchandise is more plentiful, the prices remain pretty high, Mrs. Scott added. Their new line of fall goods is starting to come in now.

Dee Ballew Buys Local Cleaning Plant

Dee Ballew is the new owner of the Y-Mack Cleaners establishment having taken charge the first of the week.

The business opened in Robert Lee in May 1947 was owned by T. A. McMillan and Fred Young, who also have a plant at Winters. The plant here has done a good business, but the partners wished to devote their entire efforts to their Winters concern.

Mr. McMillan has been in charge of the Robert Lee plant and he and his wife will return to Winters where they own a home. "Mac" has taken an active part in community affairs and was elected to the city council last spring.

Ballew learned the business in the McMillan & Young plant at Winters and is well qualified to launch into business for himself. He has had a number of years experience and will have competent help, including Mrs. P. E. Mahon, who will remain in his employ.

Dee is an enterprising young man and is sure to make a fine success of his undertaking. He is a brother of Mrs. J. D. Green.

Four Write Exams For Postmaster

A Civil Service examination for applicants for appointment as postmaster in Robert Lee was given at San Angelo Saturday.

Persons writing the examination were Hugh S. Lewis, Jr., James Newton Montgomery, Jr., Miss Myrtle Lea Hurley and Mrs. Sallie Goebel Rabb.

It is understood that names of the three highest applicants will be certified to Congressman O. C. Fisher who will make the final appointment.

A vacancy occurred in the local office with the resignation of Mrs. Carroll Russell last June 30. Since then Miss Hurley has been acting postmaster.

The office now pays \$3,250 per year, following a recent increase in salaries granted by congress.

Mrs. J. L. Reid, Jr. has been serious this week from complications following an operation ten days ago at Shannon hospital. Reports from her bedside Thursday were encouraging.

Notes from the Oil Field



No. 1 Jack Lassiter, Allen Guiberson's recently discovered wildcat 3 miles northwest of Sanco, has been given an allowable production of 127 barrels daily. Gravity of the oil was raised to 50.3 after use of high pressure separator and vapor knockout.

No. 2 Lassiter, a northeast diagonal offset, was drilling Thursday at 3,452 feet in shale and lime. No. 1 B. D. Gartman, a west offset of the Lassiter discovery, was drilling in lime and shale at 3,400 feet. Longhorn Drilling Co. is the contractor.

Paul Rutledge, one of the owners of Crudoil Drilling Co. of Dallas, was here this week looking after his big rotary rig which is drilling Sun's wildcat on P. W. Millican, west of Edith. Crudoil drilled two producers for Sun south of the river near Silver.

Dave Harris and his family are enjoying a vacation at Victoria, British Columbia, and is receiving a copy of The Observer each week by air mail. Dave is part owner of the Ray-Harris Drilling company and the H & L Truck Co.

Al Hill's No. 2 Ralph Harris estate spudded in Monday night. Location is at the upper end of the Harris River Ranch and just east of Sun's block south of Silver. No. 1 Harris Estate was plugged after failing to produce in the Ellenburger.

Sun's No. 1 Calla Mae Cargile, southeast outpost to the Arledge (Marble Falls) field north of Sanco was plugged and abandoned the last of the week after getting sulphur water soon after striking the Ellenburger at 6,890 feet. Sun sent the J. C. Hawkins rig to their new Mamie Haynie field north of Maryneal and has no operations under way at present in The Arledge field.

Singing School

Mrs. Ethel Powers will teach a Singing School at Pecan church starting Monday night, Aug. 23. Surrounding communities are invited.

Mrs. Monroe Parker is spending the week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bowman, in Stamford.

The condition of Mr. Dan Campbell remains very serious at Shannon hospital where he has been a patient the past two weeks. He is suffering from a general weakness and kidney complications. Mrs. Campbell is at his bedside continuously, and with him much of the time are his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lassiter and children, Douglas and Jeanette, and Mrs. Lassiter's mother, Mrs. L. W. Campbell, returned the first of the week from an extensive motor trip through a number of western states.

Hospital Donations

Individuals and organizations who plan to furnish rooms for the new Coke County Hospital are requested to make their plans definitely known in the near future, by contacting any member of the commissioners court or the hospital board.

This information should be had immediately, according to Commissioner Henry Varnadore, because bids will be submitted for the building and equipment within the next few weeks.

The architect's plans for the hospital are very attractive. Since only \$50,000 is available in county funds for the project, any and all gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Kresta Gins First 1948 Bale of Cotton

O. E. Kresta, farmer living 2 miles west of Robert Lee, brought in the first bale of cotton harvested here this year.

Because the Robert Lee gin was not open he hauled his cotton to Wall and made a bale of slightly less than 500 pounds. Kresta received 31 cents a pound for the lint.

The Robert Lee man has between 70 and 80 acres and is expecting to make 25 or 30 bales, although the crop has been badly damaged by recent dry and hot weather. He thinks he would have picked a half bale or more to the acre if rain had come three or four weeks ago.

Others in the community with good cotton fields are Lowell Roane and Clarence Tinkler.

However, Fred McDonald, Jr., owner of the local gin, doubts if there will be enough cotton to pay him to operate the gin this season. He ginned more than 400 bales last year from 2,500 acres, but says there are only about 500 acres of cotton in the community this season. McDonald has called all cotton raisers to meet with him at the gin Saturday afternoon to discuss the matter.

Big Crowd Attends Edith Homecoming

A fine crowd, estimated at close to 1,000 people, attended the annual Edith Homecoming last Sunday. Frank Dickey gave a welcome address to open the program, but the day was largely spent in visiting.

The barbecue dinner was one of the finest ever served anywhere.

Credit for the well cooked sheep and goats (20 head donated by Edith ranchmen) goes to O. B. (Cedar Hill) Johnson, who knows how to handle a barbecue pit and make up a tasty sauce. Then there were lots of beans cooked with pork, besides huge long tables full of salads and pies and cakes brought by the ladies.

The Edith Homecoming is a grand affair and the reunion of former residents of the community becomes more precious as the years go by. It's a well established institution and the younger generations will see that it is perpetuated.

Mathers 5 Flows 254 Barrels Oil

Sun Oil company's No. 5. C. E. Mathers flowed 254.7 barrels of 48 gravity oil in its official 24-hour test completed Aug. 14. Location is in the southwestern part of the Jameson field at Silver. Tubing pressure was 515 pounds and casing pressure 1,115. Gas-oil ratio was 1,430-1.

Sun's No. 9 Fred Jameson flowed 84 barrels of oil and no water on its recent 24-hour test, with tubing pressure of 425 pounds. A top heavy gas-oil ratio of 4,875-1 will mean the flow will be materially reduced under the field daily allowable production of 110 barrels.

No. 4 Willie I. Tubb was drilling Thursday at 5,783 feet in shale.

No. 7 Mathers was coring at 6,267 feet in lime. Casing had been set to top of reef at 6,192 feet.

No. 8 Mathers was drilling at 3,330 feet in shale and lime.

No. 8 Fred Jameson was drilling in shale at 3,868 feet.

No. 2 J. B. Walker, south of the Colorado River, tested a sand section at 5,762 feet without a show, and was drilling ahead.

No. 1 P. W. Millican, Sun's wildcat 3 miles west of Silver, was drilling 7th hole to 5,199 feet, after plugging back a second time to 5,100 feet because of a crooked hole. Latest check showed the hole one degree off vertical, while 2 degrees is allowable.

Sun's No. 2 Ellwood Estate on Spade Ranch in Mitchell county was drilling at 6,123 feet in shale and lime.

No. 1 Mamie Haynie, Sun's new wildcat 3 miles north of Maryneal was rigging up. J. C. Hawkins is the contractor, having moved rig from Calla Mae Cargile failure in Arledge field north of Sanco.

Bronte vs. Ozona In League Playoff

Bronte and Ozona start the final 3-game playoff series for the Concho Basin league title next Sunday. Bronte won the toss and chose to play the first game on their home ground, while the second contest will take place at Ozona the following Sunday.

Ozona defeated Robert Lee two straight to get into the finals, while Bronte downed Lowake in a double header last Sunday after losing the first tilt the previous week. Ozona won from Robert Lee here 10-3 a week ago and took the second contest 6 to 3 at Ozona last Sunday.

Bronte had a walkaway in licking Lowake in their first battle Sunday by 14-2 score, but had to come from behind to take the deciding contest 9-6.

A big crowd is expected at Bronte next Sunday to see the first playoff game. Bronte has not been able to defeat Ozona the past two seasons, but they are playing good ball and should win. We'll pick Bronte to do the trick.

A little want ad will sell it.