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Billy Jack Newton Is Drowning Victim

Billy Jack Newton, 15, former Robert Lee youth, lost his life by drowning at Albuquerque, N. Mex., Tuesday afternoon. His father, the late Ernest Newton, died May 9. The boy was a grandson of Mrs. J. C. Newton and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough.

The body was brought to Robert Lee Thursday and services will be held from the Methodist church Friday afternoon.

From brief details received here it is understood that Billy Jack was swimming with a group of boys when he fell from a floating ladder and drowned in deep water. He was a high school sophomore and it is thought the group may have been on a picnic, since the school term was due to close the following day.

Billy Jack was born in Robert Lee July 31, 1931, the youngest child in the W. E. Newton family. They moved to Odessa eight years ago and later to Albuquerque. Following the death of his mother, Billy Jack came to Robert Lee and attended school during the fall semester in 1942. He was a lovable boy and was greatly admired by his family and friends.

Since the death of his father a few weeks ago he has continued to reside at Albuquerque with his stepmother and brother, W. E. Newton, Jr. He is also survived by a brother, James G. Newton and two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Jackson and Mrs. J. D. Olsen, all of Odessa, and a step-sister, Mrs. Otis Carter of El Paso.

Ellis Parts Team Plays Here Sunday

The Ellis Parts club of San Angelo will be in Robert Lee next Sunday for a Concho Basin league game. The Angelo team is getting good and dumped Eldorado by a one-sided score last week.

Robert Lee brought home a 16-8 victory from Lowake last Sunday in a rough and ready battle. Fred Campbell knocked a home run with two men on, and Roy Tinkler brought in five runs with a couple of timely blows.

Last Sunday's results:
Robert Lee 16, Lowake 8.
Ozona 12, Veribest 7.
Ellis Parts 18, Eldorado 2.
Maverick 15, Sonora 11.

Casey Reunion

A Casey family reunion took place last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Collett on the Harris Ranch, south of Robert Lee, the happy affair being attended by a group of 66 persons. All surviving children of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Casey were present except Hosey Casey of Goose Creek, Texas. The other children are Mrs. Lem Cowley, Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Monroe Parker, Mrs. Nealy Lee of California, Mrs. John Vowell of Stafford, Okla., Mrs. Pat Havins, Cleve and Martin Casey. It is more than 20 years since some of the brothers and sisters had been together.

Depart on Western Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and daughter, Jean, of Bronte, accompanied by Mrs. Smith's sister, Dale Stephenson of Robert Lee, left Monday on a month's vacation trip. They planned to visit over night Monday with the Franklin Cowleys at Ft. Stockton. The party will visit relatives at San Diego, Calif., then motor up the Pacific coast to Oregon and Washington, and return home through the Yellowstone Park and Denver.



Jo Ann Bilbo Is Bride Of Jarvis Littlefield

In a ceremony performed at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Methodist church Miss Jo Ann Bilbo became the bride of Mr. Jarvis Delane Littlefield. The Rev. Fred D. Blake read the single ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white two-piece street length dress with white picture hat. Her corsage was designed with an orchid. Miss Jamie Bilbo, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Bill Allen was best man.

Miss Joyce Littlefield, sister of the bridegroom, presided at the piano, and Miss Ava Lou Tubb and Miss Betty Jo Mauldin sang "Always." A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left for a week's visit in Weatherford, Fort Worth and Dallas. They will reside in Robert Lee.

The contracting parties are among Robert Lee's most popular young people, and both were members of the 1947 graduating class of the local high school. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. A. W. Littlefield and operates a dairy business which he recently purchased from Frank and Wilson Bryan.

Jarvis and Jo Ann have a wide circle of friends who join in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Memorial Day Program

An impressive Memorial Day program sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary was held at the court house last Thursday night. Principal speaker was Tom Martin, state representative of Fredricksburg, who gave an interesting address. Aside from his emphasis on the importance of honoring our war veterans, Mr. Martin touched on politics and stated that the people of Texas would be better off if the legislature had adjourned several weeks ago. He indicated that he may be a candidate for congress next year.

Frank Dickey Opens Law Office Here

Frank C. Dickey announces that he has opened offices in Robert Lee for the general practice of law and will specialize in land titles and gas and oil business.

He is a native of Coke county and enlisted with the first volunteer company out of San Angelo for service in World War I. He practiced law in Ballinger 20 years and during the recent war served four years as a special agent of the Selective Board.

Frank set up law offices in Del Rio last year and will continue to operate there as well as in Robert Lee. He has two sons, Frank, Jr. and Jimmie, who will join him in the law business when they complete their schooling.

Towner Leeper and Eddie Paul Good, students at Hardin-Simmons university at Abilene, are home for the summer vacation.

Ivey Electric Store Opened This Week

Robert Lee's newest business firm, the Ivey Electric Appliance Co., welcomes the public to its opening, on Saturday, June 7. At this time a full line of General Electric appliances will be on display, including a wide variety of equipment that has been impossible to obtain during the war period.

While some articles are still scarce, production is going ahead at a rapid rate and the local firm expects to have frequent deliveries from now on.

Owned by Cumbie Ivey, who erected a new fireproof building adjoining his garage, the structure both inside and out is highly attractive, and the store itself would do credit to a city of 100,000 people.

Mr. Ivey has engaged C. E. (Doodad) Davis as manager of the store, and this is also an excellent choice.

Grain Harvest Delayed

While some oats have been harvested, most of the big Coke county grain crop will not be ready for another week or two. Early oats are making around 25 to 30 bushels, while heavier yields are expected from the later fields. Ray Ledbetter, north of town, combined 45 acres of oats last week which made 30 bushels. He sold the grain from the combine at 75 cents a bushel. Frank Percifull is perhaps the largest grain farmer in the county this year, with 700 acres of oats and 560 acres of wheat. He has already harvested 150 acres of oats which made a 25 bushel average.

Vacation Bible School

A vacation church school sponsored by the Methodist church will start next Monday and continue during the entire week. All children between the ages of 4 and 14 are invited to attend the daily classes from 9 to 11 a. m. Mrs. Marvin Simpson is director of the school and will be in charge of the primary department. Other instructors include: Beginners, Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr.; Juniors, Mrs. Roy Taylor; Intermediate, Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick. Classes will include singing, handwork, games, story telling, worship, etc.

Aged Lady Injured

Mrs. M. H. Havins, 80 year old Robert Lee lady, received a dislocated shoulder and fracture in a fall Saturday afternoon. She had started to walk over to the home of her son, Fern Havins, when she tripped on some old wire lying along the highway. Mrs. Havins was taken to the hospital Sunday where she remained over night. A daughter, Mrs. May Winans of San Antonio, arrived Sunday night to help care for her.

Cumbie Ivey was in Dallas Thursday attending a big meeting of Ford dealers. Henry Ford II was out from Detroit to address the gathering.

County Judge and Mrs. Bob L. Davis are the proud parents of a son born early Thursday at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. This is their first child.

Mr and Mrs. Lee Ligon and children of Odessa were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor.

Mike Casey and wife are now occupying the Steve Moore residence which was recently vacated by George Pennington and family.

Delmir Morris Sheppard and wife of Mertzton spent Sunday with his parents, west of town.

Murtishaw Reunion

A happy occasion occurred Sunday in the J. I. Murtishaw home when a number of his children gathered for a reunion. A delicious picnic dinner was enjoyed. Mr. Murtishaw, who has lived in Coke county more than 50 years, is 85 years old and was up and round most of the day. Three sons living at a distance were unable to be present. The five children who attended the reunion here Sunday were Mrs. Ola Blackburn, Missoula, Mont., Mrs. Charlie Boykin and husband of San Angelo, Mrs. Lee Augustine and husband of Sterling City Mrs. Bert Smith and husband of Nogales, Ariz., and Wilfred Murtishaw and wife of Paducah, Texas.

Fred O. Green Resigns City Clerk's Position

Fred O. Green this week submitted his resignation as city clerk, with a request that he be relieved of his duties by the first of July. He said his health had not been good lately and it was necessary for him to give up the work.

Mr. Green has been city clerk since 1934 and has given excellent service. Mrs. Green has been helping in the office the past year, while S. R. Young assisted with the assessing this spring.

At a meeting of the city commission Tuesday night the matter of selecting a board of equalization was discussed. Several names were suggested and Mayor Clift will make the selection within the next few days.

Mrs. Percifull's Father, Dave McCrohan, Is Dead

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Frank Percifull and family in the passing of her father, Dave McCrohan whose death occurred Tuesday morning at San Angelo. He had been in failing health for some time and became serious with a kidney ailment a few days before his death. Funeral rites were held at Sacred Heart church in San Angelo at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

Mr. McCrohan was 82 years old and his entire life was spent in this section of West Texas. He formerly owned a ranch southwest of Robert Lee where W. E. Burns now resides, and retired to his home in San Angelo 20 years ago.

Surviving are his widow and five children as follows: Mrs. Frank Percifull, (Emma) of Robert Lee, Mrs. Richmond Stroud (Katy) of Dumas, Mrs. Mary Roe, Mrs. Grace Pratt and Dave McCrohan, all of San Angelo.

Methodist Appointments

Rev. J. H. Estes was returned to Robert Lee at the close of the Methodist conference in San Antonio on Sunday. He was assigned to the local pastorate last fall. Rev. Geo. McCrary, pastor at Bronte the past two years, was transferred to Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis of Ballinger are the parents of a daughter, Kathleen Clift, born May 27. The baby weighed 7 pounds. Mrs. Davis is the former Dorothy Clift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift of Robert Lee.

It is announced that all members of the American Legion and Auxiliary are invited to attend a "42" party at the Legion home next Tuesday night, and a good turn out is expected.

Parking Restriction

Vic Simpson, constable and city night watch, wishes to announce that hereafter no parking of autos will be permitted in the street south of the post office corner.

Union Abandons Jim McCutchen Test

Union Oil company's No. 1 Jim McCutchen test, 3 miles east of Robert Lee, was plugged and abandoned the first of the week, having reached a total depth of 6,748 feet in the Ellenburger dolomite.

John Klinger, in charge of the Rowan company's rotary drilling outfit, said Thursday he was standing by awaiting orders. The equipment has been dismantled and is ready for moving. Union has not announced another location, but it is rumored they would make another test in their 20,000 acre leased block to the east and north of Robert Lee.

While oil showings were numerous in the McCutchen test, there was not enough to bring in a paying well. Top of the Ellenburger was announced at 6,304 feet. Location was staked at an elevation of 1,921 feet. Three drillstem tests were made. In a one hour test from 6,308-27 recovery consisted of 120 feet of oil and gas-cut drilling mud. Recovery from a four hour drillstem test from 6,310-70 consisted of 60 feet of oil and gas-cut mud and 21 feet of salt water. Another drillstem test from 6,694-6,746 feet recovered 4,070 feet of salt water and scum of oil.

No. 1 Willie I. Tubb

Sun Oil company's No. 1 Willie I. Tubb had penetrated 32 feet into pay section Thursday morning at a total depth of 6,300 feet. A drillstem test from 6,265-6,300 feet recovered 90 feet of slightly gas-cut drilling mud. At noon Thursday orders were received to rat hole ahead 20 feet with a 6 1-4 inch hole, and then take another test.

No. 1 Willie I. Tubb is located almost a mile west and north of No. 1 Allen Jameson, the discovery. Walter Tucker is in charge of the rotary rig for Ray-Harris drilling company. Dave Harris, one of the owners who now resides in San Angelo, has been at the lease much of the time this week.

No. 2 Allen Jameson

Sun's No. 2 Allen Jameson, a half mile north of the discovery producer, failed to strike pay in the Pennsylvania and is now scheduled to explore the Ellenburger. Following a drillstem test Thursday morning, an electrical survey was made of the hole to 6,510 feet, the present depth. A depth of below 7,000 is expected necessary before striking the Ellenburger.

No. 3 Fred Jameson

Sun's No. 3 Fred Jameson set pipe at 1,456 feet last Friday and rested until Sunday night. Leonard Tibbets, in charge of the Baker-Taylor rotary rig, reported he was drilling ahead Thursday at 2,550 feet, although he did admit he had done a little fishing this week.

No. 1 Homer Jameson

In order to revive the flow which had slackened considerably, Sun pumped 10,000 gallons of acid into to the No. 1 Homer Jameson well Tuesday afternoon. The hole was swabbed Wednesday and was reported flowing again normally Thursday.

Mrs. A. E. Latham went to Carlsbad, N. Mex., over the weekend and was accompanied home by her little granddaughter, Monnette.

The county agent's office has complete information for persons interested in working in the harvest fields. There is need of combines, trucks and labor.



THE MASTER CARVER . . . The elements, at work since the beginning of time, have carved this gigantic trough in the Grand Canyon of Colorado river. One of nature's most spectacular sights, the canyon is 297 miles in length, a mile deep and at some places 18 miles wide.

NATURE'S MASTERPIECES

Erosion Carves Stupendous Spectacles in Three Canyons

WNU Features.

From the beginning of time, wind and water have combined to carve the earth's surface in a small section of northern Arizona and southern Utah into three of the most stupendous spectacles in the world, the Grand Canyon of Colorado river, Zion canyon of Virgin river and the great horseshoe-shaped amphitheater known as Bryce canyon.

Each area in this scenic triumvirate is now a national park and as such belongs to the people of the United States. These parks may be counted among the incomparable jewels in the national treasure—to be enjoyed by us today and to be held in trust for the benefit of generations of Americans yet to come. Grand Canyon National park in northern Arizona is the largest of the three parks, containing 645,000 acres. Zion National park in Utah is second in size with 94,000 acres and Bryce Canyon National park, also in Utah, is the smallest with 36,000 acres. In 1946 more than 825,000 people visited these parks.

**National Parks
Fifth
In a Series**

Grand canyon is 297 miles in length, a mile deep and in some places 18 miles wide. Mighty mountains, rising thousands of feet from the depths of the gorge, are dwarfed by the enormous proportions of this titanic trough. From the rim of the canyon the visitor may look down on the summits of these mountains. Wave on wave they reach to the horizon, garnet, purple, topaz, like a stormy sea on fire. And a thousand feet down real storm clouds may lash these mountains, lightning may sparkle and thunder may reverberate from wall to wall, while above the sun shines in a cloudless sky.

BRYCE CANYON presents a sharp contrast to Grand canyon. Here the visitor enters a fairyland of pink, white, red and lemon yellow, a land of mixarets and towers, a land of castles and cathedral domes, a dreamland of goblins and grotesque shapes. There are 30 miles of pink cliffs carved and sculptured.

The main amphitheater, three miles long and about two miles wide, is crammed with fantastic figures and kaleidoscopic color. Trails lead to such places as Sunrise Point, Fairy Castle, Queens Garden, Peek-a-boo Canyon, and Silent City.

AGAIN IN SHARP contrast, Zion canyon is like a vast cathedral. The dome of heaven seems to rest on its sheer stone walls. Considered by many people the most satisfying of all national parks, Zion, by the splendor of its scene, invariably commands silence from all who enter. Approaching by Mount Carmel highway, the first view is from the wall of the canyon through windows in the highway tunnel. From the south the visitor enters along the course of Virgin river passing between the huge rock masses called the East and the West Temples.

Once inside these gates, the traveler stands in a level valley enclosed by almost perpendicular walls which rise more than half a mile above him. Side canyons cut these walls into tremendous blocks, which rise from a blood red base, changing to reddish brown and, two thirds up, to gleaming white, tinted with buffs, grays and reds.

As the visitor proceeds along this monumental valley he passes the Sentinel, the Mountain of the Sun, the Court of the Patriarchs, the Great White Throne, Angels Land-

ing, the Weeping Rock and finally the Temple of Sinawa.

This mystical amphitheater is completely surrounded by stone rock walls. The level floor is green with trees and in early summer bright with blossoms. In the center of the circle stand two large stone pillars. The larger one is called the altar and the smaller one is known as the pulpit. The visitor instinctively listens for the sermon and waits for the sacrifice. The early pioneers, deeply religious Mormons, were so impressed by the solemnity of the scene that they named the canyon "Little Zion."

THESE THREE national parks are readily accessible by paved highways, but the roads on the north side of Grand canyon are closed by snow from October 15 to May 15.

Accommodations of all types, including hotels, lodges, cabin camps and cafeterias, are found on the south rim of Grand canyon. Lodges and cabin camps also are available at the north rim and in both Zion and Bryce. Free campsites for motorists bringing their own equipment are maintained in all of the parks by National Park service.

Excellent paved highways within the parks make it possible for all travelers, without physical exertion, to see many of the principal wonders of each park. For harder persons, there are miles of foot trails, and the adventurously inclined may explore more distantly on horseback. It is possible to cross on foot, by mule or horse from the south rim to the north rim of Grand canyon, but this trip and all trips down into the canyon should be taken only by persons in excellent physical condition.

In each park, ranger-naturalists give frequent talks, and in the evenings they conduct entertaining programs around the campfires.



VERITABLE FAIRYLAND . . . Fantastic figures and kaleidoscopic color prevail in Bryce Canyon National park in Utah.

Gags BEST LAUGHS OF THE WEEK

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The World at Its Worst By Gluyas Williams



SILLY FEELING WHEN IN SCOOPING UP YOUR CHANGE A COIN TINKLES TO THE FLOOR AND ROLLS UNDER AN ADJACENT TABLE THE OCCUPANTS OF WHICH OBLIVIOUSLY MOVE THEIR CHAIRS AND THE WHOLE RESTAURANT BECOMES INTERESTED IN YOUR SEARCH WHICH ENDS IN YOUR RECOVERING A BRIGHT NEW PENNY

Giving Him a Chance
"Have you noticed how untidy Old Maid Jones' house has become lately?" asked the first gossip.
"Yes," replied the second, "ever since the minister said, 'Man sprang from dust,' she quit sweeping under her bed."

That's Right!
Teacher—George, what is a cannibal?
George—I don't think I know.
Teacher—Sure you do. If you ate your mother and father, what would you be?
George—An orphan, I guess.

Gems of Thought

ANGER is the wind which blows out the lamp of the mind.

Put off thy cares with thy clothes; so shall thy rest strengthen thy labor and so shall thy labor strengthen thy rest.

He made himself old friends with me at once.—Mark Twain.

By the streets of "by and by" one arrives at the house of "never."—Cervantes.

Every man has three characters—that which he exhibits, that which he has, and that which he thinks he has.—Alphonse Karr.



All and None

"What do you do?"
"I keep house, scrub, scour, bake, wash dishes, cook, do the laundry, iron, sew."
And the census taker listed here: "Housewife—no occupation."

Or Not?

The employer, on leaving his office, was instructing his new secretary what to say if anyone called while he was out. "I may be back this afternoon," he told her. "And then again, I may not." The girl nodded brightly. "Yes, sir," she said. "Is that definite?"

Short Reach

Two men were discussing a mutual acquaintance.
"Nice fellow," said one, "but have you noticed how he always lets his friends pick up the dinner bill?"
"Yes," replied the other. "He has a terrible impediment in his reach."

Definition of a style leader: A girl who is a chump ahead of everyone else.

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Most people find this all they need—stimulates normal bowel action day after day!

Lemon and water is good for you. Lemons are among the richest sources of vitamin C, which combats fatigue, helps resist colds and infections. They supply valuable amounts of vitamins B₁ and P. They pep up appetite. They alkalinize, aid digestion. Lemon and water has a fresh tang too—clears the mouth, wakes you up, starts you going.

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Plan To Make Your
Dreams Come True!

Attend the Opening of the New

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In Robert Lee

Saturday, June 7, 1947

If you are dreaming of the home you hope to have soon or want to modernize the one you have . . . we have been making some practical plans to make your dreams come true. There is no satisfaction comparable to that of having your home just like you want it. If you will visit us Saturday we will have on display practically every known General Electric household appliance that will make your home perfect in all respects. We will have on display:

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AIR CONDITIONERS

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Folks You Know

R. B. Young, Jr. and wife of Abilene were Sunday guests in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Chism Brown and husband.

Mrs. R. L. Holland is a guest in the home of her mother, Mrs. Fred Roe, since her husband has been transferred to Phoenix, Ariz., where he is a major in the air corps. Mrs. Holland plans to move to Phoenix as soon as living quarters are available.

Bro. R. B. Young departed Sunday for Ralls for a visit in the home of his son, Kendall Young, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keys and daughter, Koleta, of Christoval spent the weekend with Robert Lee relatives.

Robert Lee cafes are now alternating in remaining open on Sundays.

Robert Lee students of Sul Ross college at Alpine, who arrived home last week for the summer vacation, were Eckert Tinkler, Martha Smith and Sarah Lou Sheppard.

Misses Alta Bell and Jamie Bilbo and a friend, Lamar Kay, came from Alpine to attend the wedding of their sister, Jo Ann Bilbo and Jarvis Littlefield. Alta Bell has a position in the registrar's office at Sul Ross college, while Jamie has completed her sophomore year and will take summer work at the college. They returned to Alpine on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Savage and children, Forest and Martha Jane, and Mrs. Babe Howle and grandson, David, of near Denver City visited the first of the week with relatives in the Silver community.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Keele and children of San Angelo spent Sunday in the T. A. Richardson home. Bro. M. E. Shelton of Abilene, who preaches at the Church of Christ, was a Sunday diuner guest of the Richardsons.

Capt. H. E. Lewis recently submitted to a delicate operation at Letherman General Hospital in San Francisco. He was in the operating room six hours while surgeons were splicing together a nerve in his leg which had been severed during fighting in the Philippines two years ago. Relatives have been advised that his leg will be in a cast for six weeks, and they are hopeful that the operation will be a success. Hugh is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lewis of Robert Lee and his wife and two children are also making their home here.

A group of Robert Lee young men who enjoyed a weekend trip into Old Mexico included Bill Higgins, Bert Sheppard, Hawley Fields, Wilburn Millican and Pete Hickman.

Mrs. Cumbie Ivey returned Tuesday from Galveston where she visited the past week in the home of her brother, W. A. Hickman, and family.

T. A. Richardson, cashier, of the Robert Lee State Bank, was confined to his home the first of the week with arthritis.

Cumbie Ivey, Jr. is home for a summer vacation, having completed his year at Denton state college.

Mrs. Powell Hailey of San Antonio visited here a few days recently with her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. H. Millican. She was enroute to the west coast and will continue to Tokyo to join her husband, who went overseas the first of the year. Powell re-enlisted in the army after the war with the rating of master sergeant. He has eight years of army service.

New air conditioners were delivered Monday by Ivey Electrical Appliance Co. to Willis Smith and the west side Church of Christ. New fluorescent lights were also sold to the church.

Coke Austin has completed laying new rock walls of the Ed Ratliff home six miles south of Bronte. The residence was extensively remodeled and the rock work is said to make it one of the most attractive homes in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zoet and little daughter, Beverly, came from San Antonio for a visit over Memorial Day in the parental G. E. Davis home.

Myrtle and Ada Hurley left Saturday for Pecos for a visit in the home of their brother, Charlie. Miss Myrtle planned to go on to Alpine where she will take summer school work at Sul Ross college.

Sterling City News-Record: Visitors at the Lee Augustine home have been Mrs. Augustine's sister, Mrs. W. W. Blackburn of Missoula, Mont., and their father, J. I. Murtishaw of Robert Lee.

Friendship HD Club

The Friendship WHD club met with Mrs. Lee Roberts on May 29th. Two members of the Robert Lee Garden club gave interesting talks to feature the program. Mrs. W. B. Clift spoke of the "Value of Flowers" and Mrs. R. C. Russell's subject was "The Arrangement of Flowers."

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Willis Smith, Tom Rives, Lowell Roane, Pat Rives, A. D. Fields, Howard Eaton, T. M. Wylie, Jr., A. V. Hughes, Frank Bryan, Sr., Wilson Bryan, Ell Hatley and the hostess. Visitors included Mesdames Oscar Kresta, R. C. Russell, W. B. Clift and Milton Monroe.

The next club meeting will be June 12.

Union WHD Club

By Mrs. Lela Parker

The Union WHD Club met Friday, May 23rd, in the home of Mrs. Mary Spencer with Mrs. John Walker serving as co-hostess. The meeting was called order to by the president, Mrs. Nettie Lee Coalson. Seventeen members and eleven visitors attended this meeting.

The program consisted of discussion and pointers on "Flower Arrangement," and the making of double purl edge buttonholes. Mrs. Altha Best gave a very interesting report on flower arrangements and Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Beavers taught each member how to make double purl edge buttonholes.

Ice cream and cake were served to the following members: Mrs. Mrs. Marshall Stephenson, Mrs. Leatha Wrinkle, Mrs. Ruth Sandersky, Mrs. Thresa Wrinkle, Mrs. Faye Scott, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Mary Spencer, Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Beavers, Mrs. Louise Ivey, Mrs. Ara Eubanks, Mrs. Altha Best, Mrs. Sam Gray, Mrs. John Keeney, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. Nettie Lee Coalson, Mrs. Lela Parker, Mrs. Homer Phillips and visitors Mrs. Susie Jackson, Mrs. Juanitta Coalson, Mrs. Maudie Clark, Mrs. Ida Warner and children, Mary Beth Ivey, Ida Lee Parker, Richard Spencer, James Arthur Coalson, Wilburn Wrinkle, Bettie and Nellie Bennett.

Mrs. John Walker was the lucky lady in drawing for the prize which was a cake. The club members and their families enjoyed an ice cream supper Monday, May 26, at the park.

The next meeting will be June 13th in the home of Mrs. Faye Scott, with Mrs. Ira Scott as co-hostess.

Jimmie Wright and Tommy Jackson of Colorado City returned to their homes Tuesday after a week's visit with Jimmy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers.

Mrs. D. I. Durham has sent in for a year's subscription to The Observer for her brother, Tom Smith at Ozona. She comments: "He was raised in Coke and will enjoy the county's prosperity."

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Soviets Seek To Outlaw Atom; No Slump—Readjustment Seen; Postal Rates May Be Increased

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Happy about the whole thing are Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker (center) and pilots Mac Johnson (left) and Dick Merrill as they arrive at La Guardia field, New York, after setting a new official record for a commercial plane flight from Miami to New York. They made the distance in a new Constellation in three hours, 29 minutes and 45 seconds.

ATOM BAN: Russia's Goal

Rejecting the American plan for international supervision of atomic energy, Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the United Nations, called for an immediate decision to outlaw the use of atomic weapons.



GROMYKO

He described present United States monopoly of the atom as "an illusion" and predicted that this country's dominance in the field might be overcome soon by other nations.

Gromyko presented a four-point outline of Russia's position in the debate over the atom:

1. Prohibition of atomic and mass destruction weapons is the greatest problem before the United Nations.
2. Russia is willing to submit to international control and inspection only if the atomic bomb is previously discarded.
3. Inspection must be limited in authority to "the necessity of ensuring the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only," and it must not interfere with the internal Soviet economy.
4. Ownership and management of atomic energy production facilities cannot be placed in the hands of an international authority.

POSTAL RATES: May Go Up

A measure embodying the first general revision of postal rates since 1879 which would add about 110 million dollars a year to post office revenues has been introduced in the house of representatives.

The bill provides for a 30 per cent increase in parcel post rates and would revise the air mail rate from five to six cents an ounce. In addition, the new plan would add about 30 per cent a year to present fees for second-class mailing of newspapers and periodicals sent outside the county in which they are published.

Another provision would maintain the current three-cent local and non-local rate for first class mail beyond the July 1 deadline when those rates were slated to revert to the former two-cent level.

The new rates would go into effect 60 days after the bill is passed and signed by the President.

NET PROFITS: Industries Gain

Top money maker in the United States in 1946 was the textile industry which, according to a Wall Street Journal survey, rode the seller's market harder than any other group to register a 219.9 per cent increase in net profits over 1945.

Fourteen textile corporations were reported to have net profits of \$109,435,562 in 1946, compared with \$34,206,787 the previous year.

Profits 78.9 per cent above 1945 were recorded by food products and packing house industries, those which lie closest to the family coffers.

Gains also were made by distillers, whose net profits soared 144.6 per cent, and iron and steel with a 53.7 per cent increase despite damaging strikes.

READJUSTMENT: No Depression

Not a depression but a price "readjustment" is in store for the United States, the federal reserve board has predicted.

Reserve board economists explained that heartening news by pointing out that a downtrend in prices is "necessary, healthy and inevitable." The inconsistencies in the national economy, which have arisen out of the fact that our economy is part rigged and part free, will have to be eliminated.

For instance: About 14 million organized workers have derived benefits through forcing higher wage levels. Twice that many unorganized workers have not shared to an equal extent in the wage increases.

A number of industries, able to control prices, have driven them upward. Others, at the same time, have been held down by government controls.

The main reason that farm and food product prices soared after the war was that there was little else the consumer could purchase. Now, with production making a comeback, the previously scarce radios, refrigerators, automobiles and so on are competing for the consumer's money.

Federal reserve board economists say that farm prices are expected to stabilize about 25 per cent under the 1946 peaks. They also express confidence that they can put the brakes on any further inflation if congress provides the necessary assistance.

Fire Losses Zoom

Losses from fire in the United States followed the general trend of the times during the past year. They went 'way up.

Summing up for the past year, the national board of fire underwriters reported the greatest fire loss for any 12-month period in history of the nation. Total amount was \$616,408,000, making an increase of 22 per cent over the \$497,153,000, in fire losses for the preceding year. Losses during the first four months of this year were greater than those recorded in either 1935, 1937 or 1938.

SEAWAY: Soon a Reality?

Despite powerful opposition, the long-sought St. Lawrence-Great Lakes seaway which would make ocean ports of at least three large inland cities may become a reality in the near future.

The combined seaway and electric power project, designed to bring vessels from the Atlantic ocean along a 2,300-mile waterway to Chicago, Detroit, Duluth and other cities, has been advocated by every president since Taft.

Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (Rep., Mich.) has introduced a bill which would make the vast project self-liquidating within 10 years by means of exacting toll charges from vessels passing through the route. Previous proposals entailed the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars as a public works project.

If the bill is passed by both houses of congress and if American cooperation with Canada is authorized, real work on the seaway may be expected to begin within a year.

Total cost of the project to the United States and Canada is estimated at about 500 million dollars.

GIANT'S DEATH: End of an Era?

The battleship Oklahoma, first of the so-called "super-dreadnaughts," might well be recorded in history as an accurate symbol of the era during which it ploughed the seas for the U. S. navy—heroic but futile. In her 31 years of steel-clad existence she never fired a shot at an enemy.

Based at Berehaven, Ireland, during World War I, she saw no action; and on December 7, 1941, five Japanese torpedoes sent the sturdy old ship lunging to the bottom of Pearl Harbor before her crew could man the guns.

Raised to the surface and then abandoned as not worth salvaging, the Oklahoma was consigned to the scrap heap and taken in tow for the last long voyage across the Pacific.

Suddenly, 540 miles northeast of Pearl Harbor, the tragic battleship listed heavily, as if tired of war and its aftermath, and slipped into the sea, three miles deep at that point, for her final escape from the era of violence that had been her lifespan.

PORK SUPPLY: Seek More Pigs

Seeking to boost the nation's pork supply during the spring and summer of 1948, the department of agriculture has recommended a general 15 per cent increase in pig production this fall.

The increase, achievement of which would bring an additional five million pigs to market next spring and summer, is being sought because present prospects indicate that supplies of beef and veal will be shorter in 1948.

Farmers will have no difficulty in getting sufficient amounts of feed to fatten a larger fall crop, the department said.

While the national goal calls for an overall increase of 15 per cent, the recommended regional increases would be 18 per cent in western states, 16 per cent in the Midwest corn belt and in the Northeast, 12 per cent in East Central states and 13 per cent in the South.

SURPLUS SUGAR: Many Protests

Unless surplus sugar stocks are released to needy housewives, a congressional group will demand immediate repeal of sugar control, according to Senator McCarthy (Rep., Wis.) who is at the head of the movement.

Protests against the department of agriculture's sugar control program have been sent to congressmen from all parts of the country, McCarthy revealed.

"The department of agriculture is trying to make people believe there is a scarcity when there is a large surplus," he said, and added, "They are permitting industrial users to stock up, but are denying housewives the same privilege at the beginning of the canning season when it is needed most."

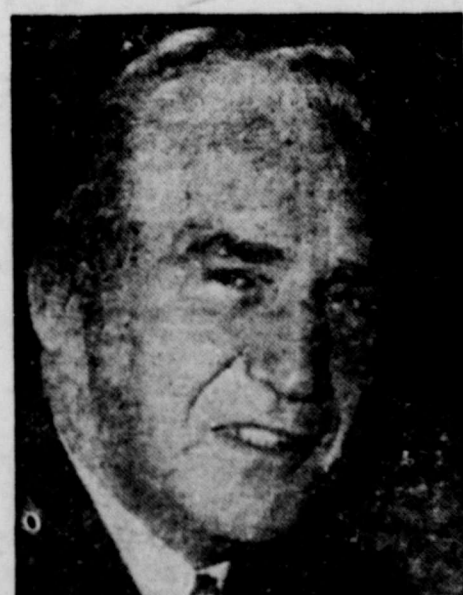
END THE WAR: Students Riot

Demonstrating violently in open defiance of Chiang Kai-shek's order to quiet down, thousands of university students in several Chinese cities fortified their demand that the civil war be ended immediately by calling for a general strike.

Declaring sternly that the student riots were instigated by Communists, Chiang said they would be quelled forcibly if necessary. The students reacted with further parade and violence in Shanghai, Nanking and Peiping.

About 25,000 students were on strike from 16 universities, with their demands including everything from a better system of grading papers to higher government living allowances and an end to the war.

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Lesson for June 6

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MAKING REFORMS SUCCEED

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 22:10, 11; 23:1-5, 21. MEMORY SELECTION—Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law.—Psalm 119:34.

God can bring blessing out of the most unpromising of circumstances. Yes, and men can make chaos out of God's greatest gifts.

The good Josiah became king at eight years of age, and was surrounded by godly counselors who helped him become an outstanding ruler for God. When he was sixteen he had a real religious experience (II Chron. 34:3), and at twenty he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of idols and wickedness.

I. A Book Found and Read (22:10, 11; 23:1, 2).

The Word of God had been neglected for about sixty years. How sad! Yes and how sad that in our homes the Bible is so often neglected—on a book shelf, or in a trunk, or gathering dust on a living room table. A lost Bible, and a people living in sin! How much we need to push aside the rubbish in our lives and bring out our "lost" Bibles.

Observe that they not only found the book, but they read it. That was true of the ones who found it as well as of those to whom they passed it on. What a good thought we have there: read the Bible, yes, but be sure to get someone else reading it too.

In Josiah's day it was thus first received

1. By the King.

The ruler or rulers of the people need to return to God's Word in our day. It is all too often neglected in the council chambers of the nations.

Josiah was moved by what he read to real repentance. He realized that the judgment of God must come. Inquiry at Jerusalem brought word from Huldah the prophetess that it would come, but not in Josiah's day.

The king was not content to keep this word to himself, and insisted that it be read

2. By the religious leaders.

The priests and the prophets who were doubly guilty in neglecting it were now brought face to face with God's revelation.

Who will say that the great need in America is not just this, that its preachers and denominational leaders get back to the reading and teaching of God's Word. Book reviews, lectures in economics and politics, discussions of one world—almost anything but the Bible. Such is the fare of many of our preachers. No wonder that they and their people are spiritually starved.

3. By the people.

Applying that to our day, it is true that the Bible is our best seller, that it is available to every home, and that most decent households have not one but many Bibles. But are they being read? The answer is obviously no. Let's correct that dreadful situation. Read your Bible!

II. A Book Believed and Practiced (23:3-5, 21).

Josiah saw that it was not enough to read and rejoice over the Word of God. Something must be done about it, and he did it.

1. The king made a covenant with God.

What a blessing it is to us when we hear of some man prominent in the affairs of the nation or state who loves the Lord, and keeps his commandments. He is not only an inspiring example, but a real witness for God.

2. The priests cast out the idols (vv. 4, 5).

Here again we say that when religious leaders get back to their first devotion to God and put away the empty philosophies of this world, we shall see a revival.

What did the people do? Josiah saw that they needed some positive expression of their faith. It was not enough to tear down the idols; they must re-establish the true worship of God. So we find that

3. The people kept the Passover.

This was the great feast of the Jews which spoke of redemption from bondage. It pointed forward to Christ the Redeemer from sin. He is our Passover (I Cor. 5:7).

In these dark and bewildering days people are looking to Christian leaders to prepare a feast of remembrance of the death of Christ and of his glorious redemption. Let the people gather round him and, cleansed by his precious blood, keep the feast with joy and purity of heart (I Cor. 5:8)

Ain't It So!

LIBERTY is the right to elect people to make restrictions for you.

When a woman begins to hide her age she really begins to show it.

A dime has been defined as a dollar with the taxes taken out.

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The way to fight a woman is with your hat. Grab it and run.

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Obliging Fellow

The welfare committee of the town decided to form a band, and those wishing to join were instructed to fill out a form. Among those who did was the blacksmith, and he was now being interviewed.

"I see you would like to join the band, and that you would prefer a cornet," said the welfare official. "Have you any qualifications?"

"No," said the blacksmith, "but I'd like to learn."

"The funny thing is," said the official, "that I have forty names here, and you are the only one who wants to play the cornet. All the others have asked for the big drum."

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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Summer Weddings Will Be Incentive For Many Parties



For a simple bridal shower refreshment, a punch bowl with floating orange slices and slivered strawberries makes a pretty picture. Serve this with cake or cookies.

Bridal days are once more with us, and there's hardly any circle of friends where at least one wedding does not take place. A good friend of the bride usually gives the honored girl a shower, and it is with such pleasant doings that we are concerned.

Whether it's a lingerie, kitchen or personal shower, the theme of the party refreshments should be daintiness. If you can carry out the theme with a centerpiece of bride and bridegroom, well and good, but it isn't necessary. Use your daintiest linen and fresh, fragile flowers, and your table is bound to be pretty.

Pastel color combinations in table settings and refreshments are highly favored as they carry out the theme of the occasion. Food, however, need not be elaborate, because the girls probably will be too excited to eat much. Do, however, make everything delectable, and you will be well rewarded for your efforts.

A SIMPLE afternoon or evening party might consist of a light delectable cake and punch as follows:

- Whipped Cream Angel Food.**
- 1 cup whipping cream
 - 3 egg whites
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 2 cups flour
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 3 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt

Whip cream until stiff; beat whites until stiff and combine carefully. Add water, vanilla and dry ingredients, which have been sifted together at least three times. Bake in layers at 350 degrees about 30 minutes or until done. Use the following filling:

- Lemon Filling De Luxe.**
- 1/4 cup shortening
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 3 eggs, beaten slightly
 - Grated rind of 1 lemon
 - 6 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt

Place shortening in pan over hot water to soften. Add remaining ingredients. Cook over simmering water, stirring constantly, until well thickened and of good piling quantity. Cool before using.

- Strawberry Punch. (Makes 4 quarts)**
- 1 quart water
 - 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup corn syrup
 - 2 quarts strawberries
 - 3 cups chilled orange juice
 - 1 cup chilled lemon juice
 - 4 cups ginger ale
 - 2 thinly sliced oranges or limes

Combine first three ingredients. Bring to a boil and add the washed, hulled strawberries, and boil, covered, for 3 minutes. Remove and strain through a sieve, without pressing, and chill. Just before serving, combine with remaining ingredients, using orange slices for

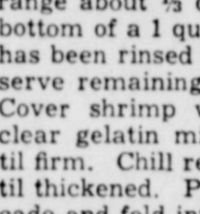
- LYNN CHAMBERS' MENUS**
- Sliced Cold Roast Chicken
 - Potato Salad Vegetable Salad
 - *Whole Wheat Muffins
 - Beverage
 - Berry Pie a la Mode
 - *Recipe given.

garnish, and additional slivered strawberries, if desired.

ANOTHER EASY but satisfying answer to the refreshment problem is a salad served with homemade hot-from-the-oven muffins that take just a few minutes to bake. But first, consider the salad, made with easy-to-use canned shrimp:

- Shrimp and Avocado Salad Ring. (Serves 6)**
- 2 tablespoons plain gelatin
 - 1 1/2 cups cold water
 - 1 1/2 cups boiling water
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice
 - 2 ripe avocados
 - 1/2 cup chopped celery
 - 1 No. 1 can shrimp
 - Mayonnaise

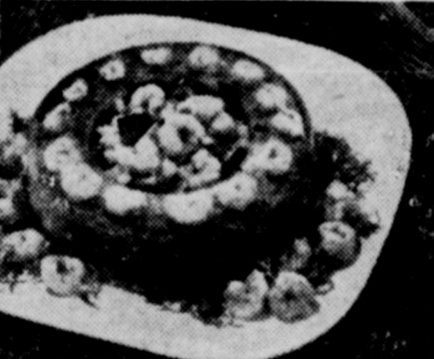
Soften gelatin in 1/2 cup cold water for 5 minutes. Add boiling water with sugar and salt and mix until dissolved. Add remaining cold water and lemon juice and mix thoroughly. Arrange about 1/2 of the shrimp in the bottom of a 1 quart ring mold which has been rinsed in cold water. (Reserve remaining shrimp for filling.) Cover shrimp with 1/2 cup of the clear gelatin mixture and chill until firm. Chill remaining gelatin until thickened. Peel and mash 1 avocado and fold into slightly thickened gelatin mixture. Peel and dice other avocado and add to mixture with celery. Pour over jellied shrimp and chill until firm. Unmold on crisp greens and place Shrimp Filling in center. Serve with mayonnaise.



Combine ingredients and season to taste. Place in center of shrimp-avocado ring.

- Shrimp Filling.**
- Remaining 1/2 can of shrimp
 - 1 cup diced cucumber
 - 1/2 cup diced celery
 - Salt and pepper

Combine ingredients and season to taste. Place in center of shrimp-avocado ring.



Combine shrimp and avocado for a pretty salad. Make your salad in the morning and save last minute flutter when the guests appear. Bread and butter sandwiches made finger style, or whole wheat muffins are a good accompaniment.

YOU'LL FIND these whole wheat muffins nourishing as well as a delightful change from other types because they're less well known.

- *Whole Wheat Muffins.**
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup unsifted whole wheat flour
 - 4 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 4 tablespoons granulated sugar
 - 1 egg, well beaten
 - 1 cup milk
 - 4 tablespoons melted shortening or salad oil
 - 1/2 cup raisins

Mix together dry ingredients. Combine remaining ingredients. Add all at once to the flour mixture, stirring, not beating, quickly and vigorously, until just mixed and of a lumpy appearance, but no longer. Over-stirring will make your muffins coarse. Fill greased or oiled muffin pans 2/3 full and bake in a moderately hot (375-degree) oven for 35 minutes.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

It's all right to leave opened canned goods in the original tin cans in the refrigerator for a short period. But cover the can to prevent absorption of other flavors and odors.

In doing a small plaster repair job it is well to remember to wet the inside as well as the outside surface of the crack. The reason for this is that old plaster is like a sponge, in a way. It will suck the moisture out of the new plaster and make it virtually worthless.

An old toothbrush handle is an excellent means for opening up or running a cord through a starched hem.

Have several round pot holders on hand as well as square ones. These are very handy for removing pies and puddings from the oven as there are no corners to drop into the food and make the holder sticky.

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Fifty Years Ago In Coke County

Remember back when

(From files of The Rustler, June 5, 1897)

With one more good rain we will have as fine corn as anybody ever saw.

Rufe Whitesides and J. T. Hamilton bought a few cattle around town this week.

J. F. Sturman of Valley View was in town Thursday with vegetables for sale.

News comes to town that Grandma Stepp, who is stopping with her son near Bronte, is lying very low.

Sam Sayner of the Mule Creek county was in the city a day or two this week.

County Treasurer C. L. Hughes and fair bride went to Angelo Tuesday to purchase their house-keeping outfit.

Mrs. Emma Thurmond and

Miss Loula Douglas arrived Monday evening, the guests of Mrs. J. T. Hamilton and Mrs. J. W. Reed.

Everything is lovely with Coke county, good crops and plenty of grass and water and as we have said before Coke is the best county in West Texas.

Alvis Ashley inform us John Burroughs, Mr. McDorman and others have fine oat crops in that neighborhood.

J. R. Purcell and wife of Edith visited friends and relatives at Hayrick and here the first of the week. He informed us that he had a fine corn crop.

The president did a commendable act, even though he is a Republican, when he appointed Mrs. Morrow, Sam Houston's daughter, to be postmistress at Abilene.

G. W. Webb was bragging around town yesterday evening about having fresh peach pie for dinner, the peaches from his own orchard at Ft. Chadbourne.

J. G. Moore sold to Dick Arnett of Colorado City yesterday 205 head of 2-year-old steers at \$14.50 per head.

(Editors Note: The Rustler dated May 29, 1897, was missing from our files, hence it was necessary to skip from May 22 to June 5. Referring to the above item about C. L. Hughes, we may add that his "fair bride" was Eva Vestal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vestal, and they were married May 27, 1897. She is now Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw of Robert Lee.

BRONTE NEWS

By D. M. WEST

Gerald Allen, son of Mrs. O. E. Allen, has been removed from Ballinger, where he was seriously injured a few days ago, by a heavy truck tire falling across his lower abdomen while he was repairing the tire to the home of his mother. He is reported as doing very well. Mr. Allen was working at the service station owned by himself and brothers at Ballinger. The doctors advise that he will have to be very careful in order to recover without permanent injuries.

Will Whitley and Roscoe Frazier of Maverick, who have leased the Mrs. O. E. Allen business house on East Main street, have moved in a battery of washing machines and other laundry equipment and opened their place Monday morning.

Ed Ratliff, Coke county's purebred Rambouillet sheep breeder, whose ranch is seven miles south of Bronte, is finishing up a rock veneer house on his ranch, which is said to be one of the finest residences of its kind in the county.

The Methodist church in Bronte began its annual summer Bible school Monday which will continue two weeks. Everything was set in readiness for the school before Rev. McCary, the pastor, went away to annual conference last week. Hence the school moved off smoothly at the opening of the session Monday morning.

Mrs. Cora Kennedy from Forsan is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Palmer. Mr. Kennedy came by but went on to Waco to visit his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have taught school at Forsan for several years.

Mrs. Ruth Stubblefield and Mr. Stubblefield and children, from Winslow, Arizona, are visiting Mrs. Stubblefield's mother, Mrs. O. E. Allen and family.

Mrs. I. E. Loyd, who has been visiting her daughter in the Valley for several months, has returned to Bronte. Mr. Loyd who has been in a hospital at Waco for some time is coming home in a few days and is much improved. His friends will be glad to see him.

Mrs. Will Ragsdale of San Angelo visited briefly in the D. M. West home Wednesday afternoon. The writer knew Mrs. Ragsdale's parents before she was born.

Sam Hailey of El Paso visited a couple of days last week with his mother, Mrs. C. H. Millican, west of town. He is an aviation instructor and flew a plane to San Angelo. While here Mr. Hailey gave members of the Millican family their first plane ride, including his grand mother, Mrs. Betty Neagle, who is past 80 years of age. Mrs. Neagle as well as the others were thrilled with the experience.

Folks You Know

George Pennington and family have moved to San Angelo where the former is helping install electrical wiring in the new Sears Roebuck building.

I. A. Bird, well known ranchman near Sanco, sold 211 head of shorn lambs on the Fort Worth market this week at \$19. They averaged 93 pounds.

In sending a renewal for The Observer Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe, Jr., write from Honey Grove, Texas: "We surely enjoy it — in fact we read every line."

Mrs. A. E. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers, Silas Angell of Colorado City and Mrs. E. L. Kuykendall of Big Lake made a business trip to Oklahoma recently.

J. M. Barnes and wife of Buena Vista visited here over Friday night with his sister, Mrs. W. M. Summers

Miss Iva Snead of Fort Davis arrived the middle of last week for a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin and daughter, Sylvia, of McCamey, enjoyed a vacation visit in Robert Lee over the weekend with their daughter, Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr. and children.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by the addition of two new sections to be known as Sections 17 and 18 providing a special fund for the payment of Confederate pensions and providing a method of payment for the construction and equipment of buildings and other permanent improvements at state institutions of higher learning; providing for a five-cent reduction in the maximum allowable state tax on property; providing for an election on the issuance of a proclamation therefor. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 17. The Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Sections 17 and 18 which shall read as follows: "Section 17. In lieu of the state ad valorem tax on property of Seven (7c) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation heretofore permitted to be levied by Section 51 of Article 3, as amended, there is hereby levied, in addition to or in part of the ad valorem tax on property of Two (2c) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations, and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax rate hereinabove levied.

"Also, there is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes permitted by the constitution of Texas, a state ad valorem tax on property of Five (5c) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and initially equipping buildings, or other permanent improvements at the designated institutions of higher learning; and the governing board of each of such institutions of higher learning is fully authorized to pledge all or any part of such funds allotted to such institution as hereinafter provided, to secure bonds or notes issued for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and initially equipping such buildings or other permanent improvements at said respective institutions. Such bonds or notes shall be issued in such amounts as may be determined by the governing boards of said respective institutions, shall bear interest not to exceed three per cent per annum and shall mature serially or otherwise not to exceed ten (10) years from the first (1st) day of January of each year in which such bonds or notes are issued; provided, that the power to issue bonds or notes hereunder is expressly limited to a period of thirty (30) years from the date of the adoption of this amendment; and provided further that the Five (5c) Cent tax hereby levied shall expire finally upon payment of all bonds hereby authorized; provided further, that the state tax on property as heretofore permitted to be levied by Section 9 of Article VIII, as amended, exclusive of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed Thirty (30c) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation. All bonds shall be examined and approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and when so approved shall be registered in the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas. Said bonds shall be sold only through competitive bids and shall never be sold for less than their par value and accrued interest.

"Funds raised from said Five (5c) Cent tax levy for the ten (10) year period beginning January 1, 1948, are hereby allocated to the following institutions of higher learning, and in the following proportions, to-wit:

Institutions	Per Cent of Total
John Tarleton Agricultural College	5.72107
North Texas Agricultural College	6.17028
Texas State College for Women	11.52992
College of Arts and Industries	4.75591
College of Mines and Metallurgy	4.71936
Texas Technological College	16.54877
East Texas State Teachers College	8.10657
North Texas State Teachers College	12.84522
Sam Houston State Teachers College	5.55068
Southwest State Teachers College	6.75474
Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College	4.55414
Sul Ross State Teachers College	2.15815
West Texas State Teachers College	5.41845
Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas	5.34416

"Not later than June 1st of the beginning year of each succeeding ten (10) year period, the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, based on the average long session full-time student enrollment for the preceding five (5) year period of time, shall re-allocate, to the above designated institutions of higher learning then in existence, all funds to be derived from said Five (5c) Cent ad valorem tax for said ten (10) year period; and all such designated institutions of higher learning which participate in the allocation or re-allocation of such funds shall not thereafter receive any other state funds for the acquiring or constructing of buildings or other permanent improvements for which said Five (5c) Cents ad valorem tax is herein provided, except in case of fire, flood, storm, or earthquake occurring at any such institution, in which case an appropriation in an amount sufficient to replace the loss so incurred may be made by the Legislature out of other state funds. This amendment shall be self-enacting. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts shall draw all necessary and proper warrants upon the State Treasury in order to carry out the purpose of this amendment; and the State Treasury shall pay warrants so issued out of the special fund hereby created for said purpose."

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"Section 18. For the purpose of constructing, equipping or acquiring buildings or other permanent improvements, the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is hereby authorized to issue negotiable bonds or notes not to exceed a total amount of Five Million (\$5,000,000.00) Dollars, and the Board of Regents of The University of Texas is hereby authorized to issue negotiable bonds or notes not to exceed a total amount of Ten Million (\$10,000,000.00) Dollars. Any bonds or notes issued hereunder shall be payable solely out of the income from the Permanent University Fund. Bonds or notes so issued shall mature serially or otherwise not more than twenty (20) years from their respective dates, and in no event later than twenty-five (25) years after the date of the adoption of this amendment. This amendment shall be self-enacting.

"Said Bonds are severally authorized to pledge the whole or any part of the respective interests of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and of The University of Texas in the income from the Permanent University Fund, as such interests are now apportioned by Chapter 42 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the 42nd Legislature of the State of Texas, for the purpose of securing the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds or notes. The Permanent University Fund may be invested in such bonds or notes.

"All bonds or notes issued pursuant hereto shall be approved by the Attorney General of Texas and when so approved shall be incontestable."

"Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at a special election to be held throughout the state on the fourth Saturday in August, A.D. 1947, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon: "For the amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding Sections 17 and 18 providing for the levying of a state ad valorem tax on property in lieu of the present state ad valorem tax of Seven (7c) Cents for Confederate pensions in order to create special funds necessary for the payment of Confederate pensions and for the financing of the construction and equipment of buildings and other permanent improvements at state institutions of higher learning in the amounts of Two (2c) Cents and Five (5c) Cents respectively; providing for a Five (5c) Cent reduction of the maximum allowable state tax on property, making such tax not to exceed Thirty (30c) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation; providing a method of payment for the construction and equipment of improvements and buildings at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and The University of Texas."

"Section 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the constitution and laws of this state.
Sec. 4. The sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the state, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election."

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THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF COKE)

To the Resident Qualified Property Taxpaying Voters of Coke County, Texas:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 14th day of June, 1947, in said County, in obedience to an order duly entered by the Commissioners Court on the 26th day of May, 1947, which is as follows:

On this the 26th day of May, 1947, the Commissioners Court of Coke county, Texas, convened in regular session at a Special Term of said court at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas, with the following members of the Court present, to wit:

Bob L. Davis, county Judge,
H. C. Varnadore, commissioner Precinct No. 1,

W. J. Eads, commissioner Precinct No. 2,
Thomas R. Harmon, commissioner Precinct No. 3,

Ben Brooks, commissioner Precinct No. 4,

Willis Smith, county Clerk,
When, among other proceedings had, the following order was passed:

It was moved by commissioner H. C. Varnadore, and seconded by commissioner Ben Brooks, that there be submitted to the qualified voters of the said county who are property taxpayers who own taxable property in said county and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, the proposition for the issuance of bonds of said county in the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand (\$275,000.00) Dollars, for the purpose of constructing and equipping a Courthouse and Jail in and for said county, the election to be held on the 14th day of June, 1947; the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Varnadore, Eads, Harmon, Brooks;
NOES: NONE.

Thereupon, the following ELECTION ORDER was adopted:

WHEREAS, the commissioners court of Coke county, Texas, deems it advisable to issue bonds of said Coke county, Texas, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned;

Therefore, be it ordered by the commissioners court of Coke county, Texas: That an election be held on the 14 day of June, 1947, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

Shall the commissioners court of Coke county, Texas, be authorized to issue bonds of said county in the sum of \$275,000, payable serially within thirty (30) years from their date, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed three (3) per cent per annum, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of constructing and equipping a courthouse and Jail in and for said county, as authorized by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including particularly Chapter 2, Title 22, Revised Statutes, 1925.

The said election shall be held at the following places, and the following named persons are hereby appointed presiding officers for said election:

At the court house building, in Robert Lee, Election Precinct No. 1 with Roy Taylor as presiding Officer.

At the city hall building, in Brents, Election Precinct No. 2, with B.F. Bridges as presiding Officer.

At the Baptist church building, in Fort Chadbourne Election Precinct No. 3, with Lum Laswell as presiding Officer.

At the school house building, in Tennyson, Election Precinct No. 4, with J. P. Arrott as Presiding Officer.

At the church house building, in Divide, Election Precinct No. 5, with Fred McCabe as Presiding Officer.

At the school house building, in Sanco, Election Precinct No. 7, with Jack Lassiter as presiding officer.

At the school house building, in Silver, election precinct No. 8, with R. B. Allen as presiding officer.

At the school house building, in Green Mountain, election precinct No. 9, with L. W. Pruitt as presiding officer.

At the school house building, in Wild Cat, election precinct No. 10, with M. D. Chumley as presiding officer.

At the school house building, in Olga, election precinct No. 11, with R. V. Copeland as presiding officer.

At the C. G. Munn's house building, in Walnut, election precinct No. 12, with C. G. Munn as presiding officer.

At the school house building, in Lometa, election precinct No. 13, with J. C. Harwell as presiding officer.

At the school house building, in Hayrick, election precinct No. 14, with M. O. McCutchen as presiding officer.

At the school house building, in Juniper, election precinct No. 15, with Homer Cornelius as presiding officer.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 22, Revised Statutes, 1925, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified voters who own taxable property in said county and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be allowed to vote.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"For the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof"

"Against the issuance of the

bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

Each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote.

A copy of this order signed by the county Judge of said county and certified to by the county clerk of said county shall serve as proper notice of said election.

The county judge is authorized and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at the places designated for holding the election and also at the courthouse door of said county, at least fifteen (15) full days prior to the date of said election.

The County Judge is further authorized and directed to cause said notice of election to be published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date set for said election.

Passed And Approved this 26th day of May, 1947.

Bob L. Davis, county judge.

H. C. Varnadore, commissioner Precinct No. 1.

W. J. Eads, commissioner Precinct No. 2.

Thomas R. Harmon, commissioner Precinct No. 3.

Ben Brooks, commissioner Precinct No. 4.

The State Of Texas)

County Of Coke)

I, the undersigned authority,

clerk of the county court and Ex-Officio clerk of the commissioners

court of Coke county, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order passed by said commissioners court on the 26th day of May, 1947, and of the Minutes pertaining to its adoption, as said order appears of record in Book 7, Page 542, Minutes of said court.

Witness My Hand and the seal of the commissioners court, this the 26th day of May, 1947.

(SEAL) Willis Smith

Clerk of the county court and Ex-Officio clerk of the commissioners court of Coke county, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Shepard of Pueblo, Colo., arrived last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ross. The Shepards returned home Sunday and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ross who will spend the summer in Colorado.

During the past few months there have been several loads of tin cans and rubbish dumped in our pastures a short distance from the highway. This is a serious menace to our livestock and it also causes an unsightly condition which we regret. We believe this has been done by persons who have not stopped to think what harm it is doing. We understand that Robert Lee provides a free dumping ground east of town, and we earnestly ask your cooperation in not using our property for that purpose in the future.—Weaver & Tucker Ranch, by Mrs. Helen Harris Weaver. 4wp

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Your County HDA

Mary Pearl Bearden

"A" For Asparagus

Fresh asparagus in an early comer to the spring scene, and here's passing along some hints on selecting and cooking asparagus.

When you buy asparagus, be sure the stalks are fairly straight, tips uninjured and tightly closed. Spreading tips and scales mean the vegetable has passed its prime. Remember that asparagus needs thorough washing, because the stalks are cut below the surface of the ground.

When cooking asparagus, do not over-cook it until the green color is lost and the tender heads crushed beyond recognition. Here are two tricks that will help prevent this. First, cut the asparagus in half and drop the lower ends of the stalks into a small amount of salted water and let cook for five minutes before adding the top ends. The total cooking time should be from ten to fifteen minutes.

Or, if you have a pan which is tall enough to permit you to cook asparagus in an up-right position, tie the stalks loosely together and stand them in about one inch of boiling salted water. Then cover and steam them until tender—about ten to twelve minutes.

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Coke County Needs A New Court House

Let's build the new court house now. I don't believe that anyone will deny that there is a county anywhere that is more in need of a new court house than Coke county. The present court house is so old and has been repaired and braced so many times that it should really be condemned for further use.

We have realized for several years the need of a new court house but have dismissed the proposition with the thought that the county site would have to be moved in the event the lake was built. Now that it seems definitely settled that the lake will not be built at this site we believe that it is the opportune time to build a new court house.

Some have raised the question of cost and materials at this time. In that respect we wish to call your attention to the fact that the cost of materials and labor is not very likely to be reduced within the next few years. On the other hand, money rates are advancing and only a small raise in the interest rates on the bonds would more than off set the lower costs of building.

There should be very little if any raise in the tax rates to take care of the bond issue, since the full legal limit of 25c per hundred for the court house fund is already being assessed and used as an upkeep fund for the old court house, and for rent on buildings outside of the court house for use of the AAA, county agent and other state and county agencies. With a new court house we would not only save this expense but would actually have a few offices to rent to lawyers and others who might need them.

Tax valuations will show a considerable increase next year and for several years to come on account of increased oil business within our county. The office space in the old building is totally inadequate, especially in the county clerk's office and vaults. Larger vaults are desperately needed to take care of the increased business and will be especially needed from now on.

The question has been raised as to where the new court house will be located. The law specifically states (Article 1595-96-97 of Vernon's Annotated Statute of Texas) that the court house shall be located in the county site. Also that if the county site is located within five miles of the center of the county and has been so located for as much as forty years a petition containing a majority of the qualified voters of the county must be presented to the commissioner's court requesting another location for the county site, and then if such election is called it would require a two-thirds majority to change the location.

The very able architectural firm of Castle & Castle of Abilene were asked to make an estimate of the cost of the new building and their estimate of around \$260,000.00 is considered adequate and we would not be surprised if and when a contract is called for that the total costs will be a considerable amount less than this, in which case bonds would be issued only in the amount necessary to complete the building.

Since we all realize the very urgent need of a new court house and since the additional costs in taxes will be so small if any let's all get out and vote for the new court house for Coke county.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. RICHARDSON

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe, Jr. of Honey Grove, Texas, are the happy parents of a daughter, Daphne Elaine, born May 28. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces. Mr. Roe (Snookie) is a former well known Robert Lee resident and his wife was Faye Croslin, former Coke county home demonstration agent. They moved to east Texas a year ago where they purchased a farm.

WANT ADS

For Sale—Dobbins bucket spray pumps; also shower bath stalls. Leeper Supply Co.

For Sale—1 Thor Gladiron. Iron shirts in 4 1-2 minutes with this automatic ironer. Butane Service Company, Bronte, Texas.

SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Mrs. Ernest Adkins attended a shower at Hilton, Texas, Tuesday in honor of Miss Gene Wagner, bride-elect of Burj Montgomery, a nephew of Mrs. Adkins and a grandson of Mrs. Montgomery of Robert Lee.

Guests in the E. Arbuckle home on Sunday were a sister, Mrs. Minnie Marshall, and son, Ed, of Colorado City.

Visitors in the Bill McCutchen home Sunday included Billy McCutchen of Midland, Beulah McCutchen and children, Charles Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Devoll.

Effie Carwile was home this weekend visiting her parents.

John Allen and wife visited Sunday afternoon with Joe Allen at Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McKinley and June, and Mrs. Nolan Penticost were visitors Sunday afternoon in the home of Ira M. Bird and Mrs. Smith Bird.

Everyone had a nice time at the picnic Friday night. A large crowd was present and there were lots of good eats and drinks. The sum of \$13.80 was taken in on the bedspread which went to Elmer Adkins on the drawing.

B. T. U. groups are to enjoy a social at the Guy Denman home Wednesday night. Rev. Blake of Robert Lee and four others are to put on a program concerning B. T. U. work at the Sanco Baptist church Tuesday night.

Remember church services and B. T. U. at the Sanco Baptist church Sunday. Come and bring someone with you.

Miss Bennie Helen and W. H. Watt, Jr. were visitors in the Truett Arbuckle home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Denman of near Bronte visited with the Guy Denmans Sunday.

Truett Arbuckle is helping Bryan Gartman with harvesting.

Mrs. L. S. Bird says her oats are real good this year and will be ready for harvesting soon.

Mrs. Sam Fowler was taken to the doctor this week with an infected foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman had their daughter, Winifred, and husband with them Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Killiam is visiting in Abilene this week. Her husband is working there.

Bill Roe and family visited Gerald Lynn Roes on Sunday.

Bro. Wilson Carwile took his family with him Sunday to his church.

Mrs. J. L. Reid has been sick in bed several days but is better now.

Lurlene Reid of San Angelo visited with her parents, the J. L. Reids, last weekend.

Sanco Quilting club met with Mrs. Burley Adkins Monday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Ira M. Bird, Leo Prine, John Allen, Jess Adkins and Helen Fowler. Mrs. Adkins also had with her two daughters and Mrs. Aubrey McKinley and Mrs. Nolan Penticost and several children as guests.

Rev. Ulmer Bird and wife are coming back to the Bird Ranch for the summer. He plans to go to school in the fall and did not take a regular assignment at the recent Methodist conference. He has been at Blackwell the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Devoll of Robert Lee visited Sunday with the Leo Prines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt visited Monday night with his sister, Mrs. M. H. Havins, in Robert Lee. She fell and broke her arm near the shoulder last Saturday afternoon.

Be making plans to attend the Sanco camp meeting July 17 to 27, with Rev. Edward Vanderjagt as evangelist.

For Sale—Garden supplies of all kinds. Leeper Supply Co.

Trucking—Anything, anywhere, any time. Cargoes insured for your protection. J. N. Baugh, Robert Lee, Texas. Box 344. 48w4p

For Sale—All of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Block No. 4, by owner. Write P. O. Box 121, Pecos, Texas

For Sale—1 1940 Model 4 door Chevrolet sedan. Good condition. Come in and drive it and buy it. Butane Service Company, Bronte, Texas.

For Sale—Every house needs Westinghouse. 25, 40 and 60 watt light bulbs, 11 cents each, plus tax. Leeper Supply Co.

Notice—I have listed my real estate holdings in Robert Lee with Mr. S. R. Young. Anyone interested may see him. C. A. Adams, Greensburg, La. 48w4p

For Sale—Radion Electric Irons, adjustable for rayon, silk, wool, cotton and linen. Guaranteed for 1 year, only \$9.95. Leeper Supply Co.

For Sale—Two lots with 4 room house, bath and butane; also auto repair shop and blacksmith shop; all for \$4,000. Glenn Simpson. 1p

For Sale—1 Western Holly Butane Gas Range. Also complete Butane Gas systems at prices you should investigate before you buy. Butane Service Company, Bronte, Texas.

Just arrived—A few plumbing fixtures, also butane water heaters, cane bottom chairs and folding lawn chairs. Leeper Supply Co.

For Sale—For the first time in more than a year we have Pyrex Percolators. They're only \$2.95. Leeper Supply Co.

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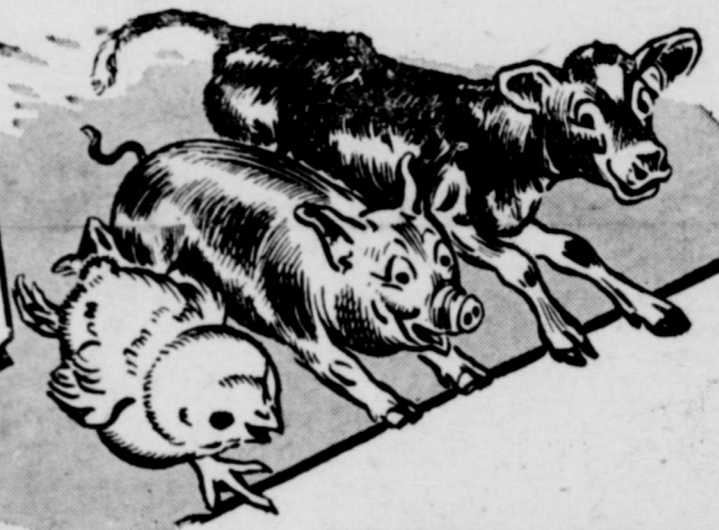
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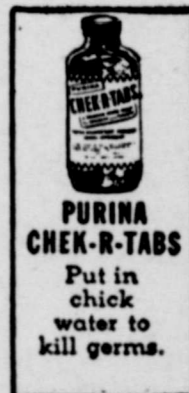
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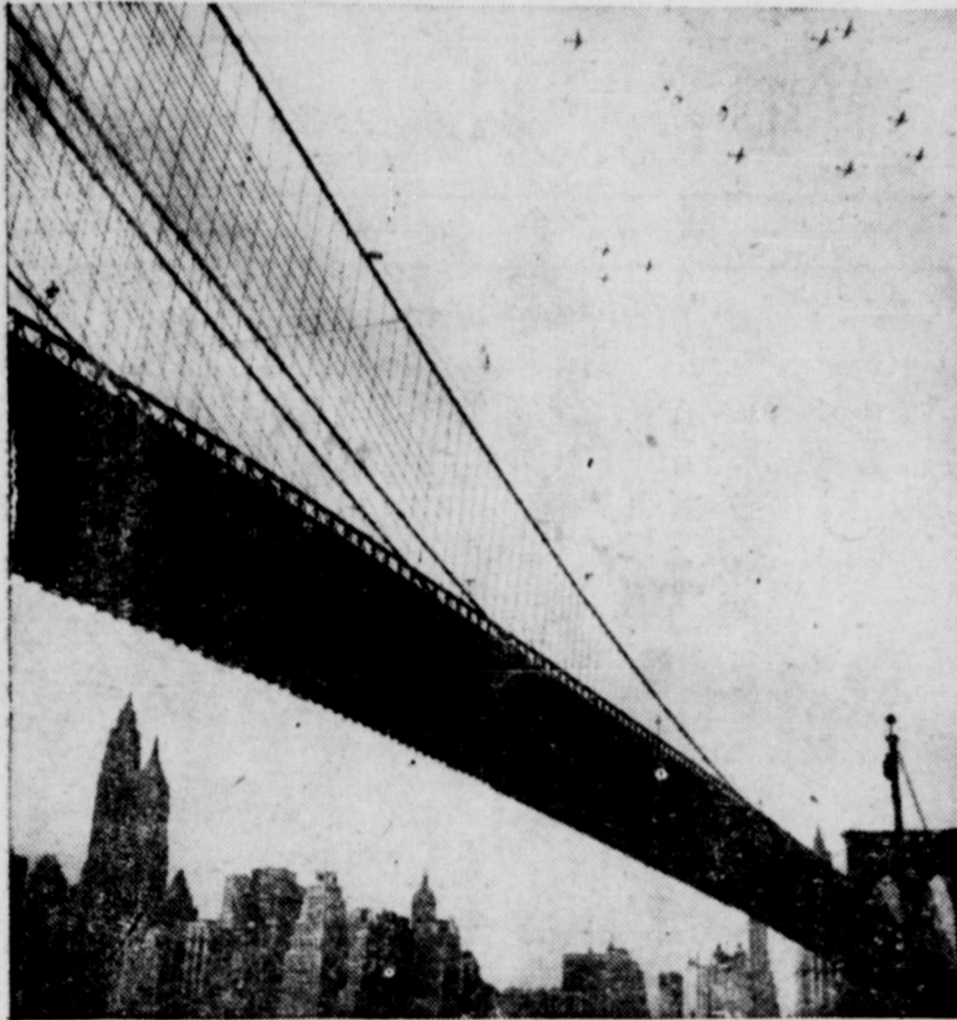
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Changing WORLD



TARGET, NEW YORK CITY . . . Brooklyn bridge was in the bomb-sights of this flight of B-29 Superfortresses when, as part of an armada of 100 such planes, they flew over New York City in a simulated bombing raid. The 100 giant airships, nearly all the strategic air command could muster, according to Gen. George C. Kenney, converged on metropolitan New York from six different fields in various parts of the country.



NO BALLPLAYING FOR GLENNY . . . Glenwood (Glenny) Brann II, whose legs were amputated after he was branded by playmates during a game of cowboys and Indians, shows his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Brann, Malden, Mass., the autographed baseball and bat presented to him by Joe Dobson and Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, who visited him in the hospital.



MONSIEUR IN-BETWEEN . . . American football doesn't have a monopoly on roughness if this picture of a typical squeeze play in a game of rugby at Paris is any indication. Player in white, who doesn't know whether to hold the ball or throw it away, is showing little joy over the feverish embraces being bestowed upon him by two opposition men. Action occurred in a semi-final game of the French rugby cup competition.



TWO VETERANS TALK . . . Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), army chief of staff, chats with Sgt. Edward Beamon, armless golfer. They played in a two-day "famous persons" golf tournament at Washington, D. C.



ITALIAN PREMIER RESIGNS . . . Premier Alcide de Gasperi leaves the office of Italy's provisional president, Enrico de Nicola, after resigning his position. Strong factions want him back, however.



MONETARY FUND HEAD . . . Andrew N. Overby has been appointed by President Truman as the U. S. executive director of the international monetary fund. He is an authority on international financial and monetary affairs.



THREATENED WITH DEATH . . . Victor Kravchenko, former Russian embassy attache who renounced Communism, says he fears assassination by Communist agents who have threatened his life. He has requested a body-guard.

ASK ME ? ANOTHER ?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. How far below the surface of the earth do earthquakes start?
2. What is white gold?
3. How long does it take an orchid to bloom?
4. Did the Italians invent macaroni?
5. What word in the English language has the most definitions?
6. Bobby Feller was clocked as throwing a ball at what speed?
7. When was the Dominion of Canada established?

The Answers

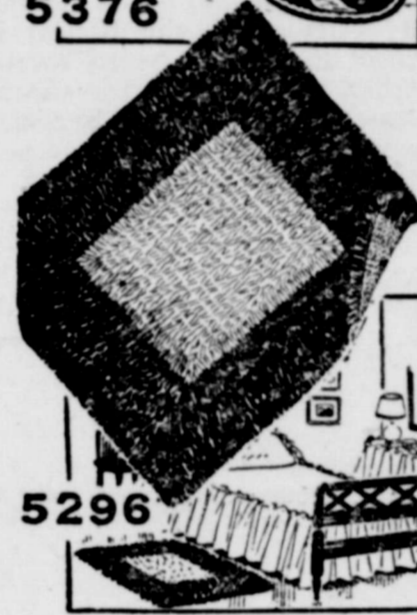
1. No more than 6 or 8 miles down.
2. Gold with nickel and zinc.
3. Ten to twelve years.
4. No, the Chinese did. It was introduced into Europe by the Germans, who taught the Italians how to make it.
5. The word "set." In Webster's New International dictionary it has 235 major definitions.
6. At 98.6 miles per hour.
7. July 1, 1867.

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Lunch-box vegetables (such as carrot strips and celery) stay fresh longer if they're sliced small enough to fit into a waxed paper cup. An ice cube in their midst will keep them ice-box fresh. This will make a hit with lunch-box diners.

In buying fish, select the ones with bright bulging eyes, if you want tasty ones.

Corned beef, tongue, and fish dishes are given an unusual zest with horseradish salad dressing. Combine one-half cup cooked salad dressing or mayonnaise with two tablespoons grated horseradish to achieve a new dressing.

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- Doodle Dandy Dill Pix, pint jar 10c**
- Home made Peach Preserves, 2 lb. jar 43c**
- Paper Towels or Kleenex 15c**
- Sardines, flat tin 2 for 25c**
- Barbecued Wieners, No. 2 can 39c**
- Corn Beef Hash, No. 1 can 29c**
- Tomatoes 2 cans 25c**
- Fig Preserves, 30 oz. jar 59c**
- Tomato Juice, No. 2 can 11c**
- New crop Calif. white Spuds, lb. 5c**
- Crystal White Soap 3 bars 25c**

Plenty Picnic Supplies

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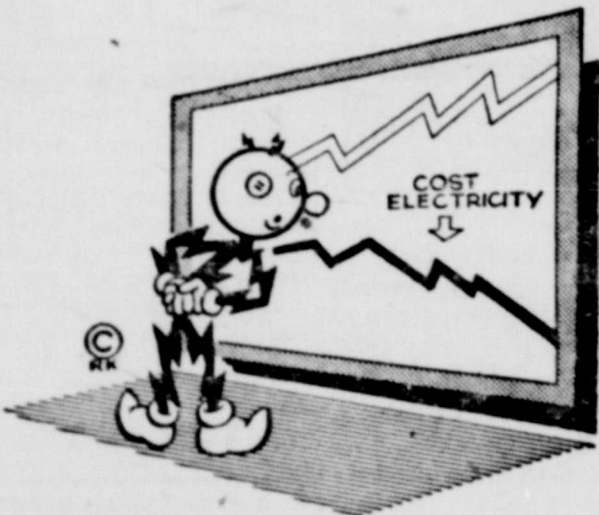
Black's Grocery

Received Bad Burns

Charlie Cooper was badly burned about his hands and legs Wednesday night in a gasoline explosion. He attempted to fill the tank of a gasoline engine on a light plant without shutting down the motor.

New School Secretary

C. E. (Doodad) Davis was elected secretary of the Robert Lee school district at a board meeting earlier this month. He succeeds Genie Baker, who held the position two years. Roy P. Ross was re-elected president of the board.



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Folks You Know

Mrs. Viola Gramling has gone to Belton where she will attend summer school at Mary Hardin-Baylor college. Mrs. Gramling has been re-elected as one of Robert Lee's grade teachers.

On Thursday of last week 38 relatives gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young, honoring their son, Horace B. Young, wife and baby of New York City, who arrived the previous Saturday for a ten days visit. Horace has been located in New York the past two years and is doing well as a sales representative of a large firm. They departed Monday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Black and the latter's mother, Mrs. Ada Baker of Iraan, are spending a week with relatives at Lyton Springs and Lockhart. Mrs. S. C. Black is remaining here with her son, Drexel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tallant and daughter of Denver City came to Robert Lee to attend the Bilbo-Littlefield wedding. Mrs. Tallant is a sister of the brides father, A. J. Bilbo. Peggy Bilbo returned home with them.

Mrs. Joe Moore and son, Bert Moore, and family spent the weekend with the former's brother, J. B. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Alfred Boykin and children, Bennie and Donnie, of McCamey spent the first of the week with his parents, Ben Boykin and wife.

A marriage license was issued here May 30 to Mr. J. I. Murtishaw and Miss Helen Luckett, both of Bronte.

Bill Rial Denman of Texas City is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Bell. He has been attending school at Tyler junior college.

Mrs. S. M. Conner, Mrs. Ethel Green and son, Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garrett and family spent Sunday in Colorado City visiting the Herbert Conners. A birthday dinner honoring Herbert was enjoyed at the park. The Garretts are here from Carlsbad, N. Mex. Mrs. Garrett is a daughter of Mrs. S. M. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young, Mrs. Victor Wojtek and children and Horace Young and family spent Friday at Pecan Station with the C. C. Townsend family.

Keith Lofton of San Angelo is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lofton. He is enjoying a vacation from his duties with the Lone Star gas company. His wife will join him here this week.

H. L. Scott has been deeply concerned by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, of Buena Vista, who has been a hospital patient at San Angelo for several months. Her condition became so serious that it was necessary to amputate one of her limbs at the knee on Monday.

Mrs. J. J. Murtishaw has ordered The Observer sent to her sister, Mrs. Lottie Leinweber at Caddo, Okla. Mrs. Leinweber was raised in Robert Lee and is a daughter of the late J. J. Vestal.

Clifford Robertson, who is a student at the state college at Denton, came for a weekend visit in the parental J. B. Robertson home. Also home for the weekend were Jesse Ray Robertson and Mrs. Phillip Page of Odessa.

Doyle Wojtek and family came from Dallas for a weekend visit in the parentel V. V. Wojtek home.

S. B. Plumlee reports his family enjoyed fresh snap beans out of their garden on Sunday. However, it should be added that chief credit for the fine Plumlee garden is due the mistress of the house.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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