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## Phone Service To Be Improved Here

Stating that he was perfectly willing to do whatever is necessary to give Robert Lee folks good service, E. L. Jones, manager of the San Angelo Telephone Co., spoke at the regular Board of Community Development meeting here Monday night. A short time ago members of the local civic organization passed a resolution requesting the telephone company to station a lineman here in hopes of improving service.

Mr. Jones was advised of numerous complaints in which repair service had not been prompt. He said he would give the matter serious consideration.

The telephone manager reported that the program of rebuilding the Robert Lee plant had been delayed because of a shortage of materials. However, they hope to be able to expand within another year to the point where telephone service can be furnished everybody who desires it. In about 60 days work will start on rebuilding rural lines which will have to be metallicized because of REA interference. He said they would have additional telephone boxes within the next three months, while at least ten new business phones have been installed here recently.

The BCD meeting Monday night was fairly well attended. President G. C. Allen reported that West Texas Utilities Co. had agreed to comply with local requests to open an office here. They have rented the first floor of the Masonic building for an office and display room, and by May 1 plan to station a service man in Robert Lee.

L. W. Yeager spoke briefly and advised Robert Lee folks that they should realize their future possibilities, having a good county seat town in the center of extensive oil developments.

The matter of highway safety was discussed and H. C. Varnadore and W. T. Roach were appointed as a committee to contact officials and see that additional safety signs are erected and that more attention be given to obeying safe driving laws and precautions.

Supt. M. G. Hannaford asked the community to supply expense money to send three of the high school pupils to the state meet in Austin May 8 and 9, after they become eligible by winning regional honors at Abilene last week. Hannaford was assured that the community would contribute.

Commissioner Henry Varnadore reported that a county hospital board had been set up and as soon as a site is secured, plans for the new hospital would be speeded up as much as possible.

City Commissioner Fern Havins said the city had drilled a new well, indicating an additional source of supply which may solve the town's water problem for the present.

### Starts Gravel Business

Wilson Bryan this week launched his sand and gravel business and is ready to supply customers with good quality products. Mr. Bryan has a big quantity of sand and gravel on his place 3 miles west of town and there are a variety of coarse and fine types. Wilson has purchased a new 2-ton Chevrolet truck from Casey Bros. and had a Hobbs dump body put on up at Lubbock. He promises prompt delivery on all orders.

W. F. Fikes went to the Bronte hospital for treatment last Friday. He was able to return home the following day.

### City Health Notice

During the next week I will make a sanitary inspection of the Town of Robert Lee, with special attention to cess pools, garbage disposal, etc. Property owners are advised to take notice and make any repairs and improvements that are necessary. The health of our community is of vital importance and any health hazards should be immediately reported to me.—Dr. J. K. Griffith, City Health Officer, By Order of the City Commission

## B. A. Austin President Of Hospital Board

C. S. Brown was appointed as a member of the County Hospital Board of Managers when the newly formed group held its first session Friday with the County Commissioners Court. Brown was named in place of W. E. Burns, who declined the position.

B. A. Austin of Sanco was selected as chairman of the hospital board, Arnold Ball of Bronte, vice chairman, and R. C. Russell of Robert Lee secretary. Other members are C. N. Webb of Tennyson and Frank McCabe of Robert Lee.

The hospital board was set up under state laws and will have complete charge of constructing and operating the new \$50,000 Coke County Hospital, which was recently authorized at a special election.

The commissioners and hospital board favored a site for the new hospital on the block lying to the north and east of the northeast corner of the court house square. Judge Davis was instructed to contact owners of the property in regard to purchase of same.

As soon as a site is secured further plans will be taken up. Investigation is being made of a possible federal grant of \$25,000.

## Young Forger Draws Term of Four Years

Darwin Ashlock, 21 year old Wichita Falls youth, indicted here last week on charges of passing two forged checks in Coke county, was given sentences of not to exceed four years on both counts by Judge Sutton in district court Monday.

The young man came into Bronte last autumn, enrolled in high school and passed several bad checks. He also cashed a \$10 check at the Looney hardware store in Robert Lee. Ashlock made a circuit of more than a dozen West Texas counties where he followed the same procedure of enrolling in high school, and then leaving town a few days after he passed forged checks.

He was taken to Huntsville this week by Sheriff Paul Good and Judge Bob L. Davis to begin serving his sentences which amount to nine years.

The spring term of court adjourned Monday and no jury cases were tried. The Sheppard family comprised their lawsuit and the Halbert vs. Hale suit was continued until a later date.

### Win at Horse Show

A yearling filly, Lybian Star, owned by J. F. McCabe, Jr., took reserve champion mare honors at the Sterling City horse show last week. Sand, owned by Wayne McCabe, was third in the aged stud halter class and second in the open rein contest. Both animals are Quarter Horses.

Mrs. Ben Tubb underwent a major surgical operation Monday at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. Latest report indicates that her condition is very satisfactory.

## Plan School House Repairs at Silver

At a meeting of the Silver school board Monday Fred Asher was elected president and J. B. Walker, Jr., secretary. Mr. Asher and Bill Preston, both employees of Sun Oil company, were chosen new members of the board at last month's election.

Bob L. Davis, county superintendent, was present at the board meeting, and also in attendance was a representative of the David S. Castle architectural firm of Abilene.

Castle was given a contract to draw up plans and specifications for remodeling the school house so that it will be ready for the fall term. The entire interior of the building will be overhauled, a lunch room building will be constructed and the teacherage repaired.

Silver folks are hoping to vote bonds for a new building by another year.

## Wildcat Tests

Seaboard and Southern Minerals No. 1 M. G. Reed, 11 miles southeast of Robert Lee, began coring at 6,940 feet following an odor of gas in the mud and an odor of oil in the cuttings. They expected to come out with a core to 9,954 feet early Thursday.

Shamrock No. 1 H. G. Wendland, three miles northwest of the Reed test, was drilling ahead late Wednesday at 5,045 feet. A drill-stem test at 4,800 recovered 600 feet of salt water and no oil.

Alford No. 1 Jack Lassiter, 3 miles northwest of Sanco, was drilling 4,300 feet in shale.

Al Hill No. 1 Ralph Harris estate was drilling at 2,000 feet. Location is south of the Colorado River on the upper end of the old Saul Ranch. It is just east of Sun's block.

Auld No. 1 E. C. Rawlings, east of Bronte, set 9 5-8 inch pipe at 1 400 feet and was drilling ahead.

### Condition Critical

Mrs. C. Elmo Bell is lying very low at Shannon hospital where she submitted to a serious operation last Friday, and little hope is held for her recovery. A well known Robert Lee woman, Mrs. Bell is the former Bernice Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis.

Mrs. A. E. Latham has been a patient at the hospital in Bronte since Tuesday.

H. L. Bloodworth of Silver was greeting his many Robert Lee friends Wednesday. He is making a fine recovery from a recent critical illness.

G. L. Swanson and wife of Tularosa, N. Mex., were guests here this week of her mother, Mrs. E. T. Sparks. Mr. Swanson, former Robert Lee resident, is engaged in the grocery business at Tularosa.

### Special Services

Rev. Gus A. Schulze, Chaplain U. S. Navy, will be the guest speaker for five days beginning Wednesday May 5 through Sunday, May 9, at the Robert Lee Methodist church.

Mr. Schulze has been in the service of the country during and after the war. Since his discharge he is visiting and preaching in a number of churches within the bounds of the West Texas conference. The public is cordially invited to hear him and join with us in these days of special services.

J. H. Estes, Pastor.

### Auxiliary Benefit

The American Legion Auxiliary's benefit domino party Saturday netted over \$50, according to the unit president, Mrs. Gladys Strickland. Lucky number in the cake drawing was held by Hubert Buchanan. The Auxiliary wishes to thank the public for their patronage and especially G. C. Allen and the West Texas Utilities Co. for furnishing the building and lights. Proceeds of the affair will be used by the Auxiliary in furnishing a room in the proposed new Coke county hospital, as a memorial to veterans of World Wars I and II.

## E. B. Fletcher, 68, Long Time Resident, Is Dead

E. B. Fletcher, long time and highly respected Bronte resident, died at 4 a. m. last Friday, April 23, ten days after he had submitted to a serious operation.

He became ill while attending church on the night of April 11 and a few hours later was taken to the Bronte hospital where he underwent an emergency operation for stomach and intestinal ailments. His condition was so serious that he was unconscious much of the time prior to his death.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church in Bronte, with the pastor, Rev. Alvin Mauldin, officiating. Burial was in Fairview cemetery at Bronte.

Mr. Fletcher came to Coke county about 50 years ago and for a time was engaged in hauling lumber from Ballinger. The round trip took three days. Later he purchased a 240 acre farm northwest of Bronte, paying the then high price of \$4 per acre. He continued to reside on the farm, and had planned to put in a crop this spring. A year ago the Fletchers built a fine modern home on their place.

In January, 1904, he married Ina Myrtle Vestal, daughter of the late J. J. Vestal, of Robert Lee. They were married in the Robert Lee Methodist church, and are believed to have been the first couple to have a church wedding in Coke county.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Lela McGlothing of Ozona, and three sons, Leonard of Bronte, Charlie, Sweetwater, and Frank of Fort Worth.

## Robert Lee Takes 2 Firsts in Regional Meet

Joy Millican won first place and Kenneth Karr was fourth in first year typing at the regional inter-scholastic contest in Abilene Saturday. They were the only Robert Lee entries in scholastic events.

In the regional track and field meet Bill Blair of Robert Lee won the high jump with a height of 5 ft. 8 3-4 inches. Royce Smith tied for second in the pole vault and John L. Bruton finished fourth in the shotput.

First and second place winners are eligible to take part in the state meet at Austin next week. Plans are already under way to send Miss Millican, Blair and Smith to Austin. Persons desiring to do so will have an opportunity to contribute to a fund to cover expenses of the contestants and their coaches.

Clyde Gibbens, wife and daughter, Beverly, came down from Lubbock last week to attend the funeral of their uncle, E. B. Fletcher, at Bronte. They were guests in the J. I. Murtishaw home.

## Coke County Oil Being Shipped To Eastern Refinery

With a larger supply of crude oil needed to keep their refinery running at Philadelphia, Pa., Sun Oil Company is hoping to increase its Coke county output materially during the coming year. With that idea in mind drilling operations in the immediate future will be centered in proven territory rather than wildcat explorations.

At present nearly 3,000 barrels of high gravity oil are produced by Sun's 24 finished wells in northwestern Coke county. The daily allowable output in 140 barrels, while only a few wells produce less.

Oil is pumped from Silver by the Scurlock Pipeline company to Colorado City. There is an emptied into tank cars which move over the Texas & Pacific railway to East Texas. There it is pumped into a Sun owned pipeline and goes to a port on the Gulf where it is loaded into tankers and goes on back to Philadelphia by water.

Extent of the new Arledge field six miles northwest of Sanco, opened by Sun early in the year, is still unknown. No. 1 Arledge, the discovery, produced from the Marble Falls slightly below 6,600 feet. Very little work was done on the well which has since slowed down to production of 50 barrels per day. This week 8,000 gallons of acid were used in treating the well which is expected to improve the flow.

No. 2 Arledge, a northwest offset, failed to find production in the Ellenburger, and plugged back to the Marble Falls where it was recently completed. It has been acidized with 14,000 gallons and in a test this week flowed 4.64 barrels of oil and 2.32 barrels of water. Operators plan to install pumping equipment. No. 3 Arledge, a south offset to the producer, had reached a depth of 2,950 feet in shale Wednesday morning.

Sun No. 9 Homer Jameson shows promise of becoming a heavy producer. This week it flowed 211 barrels of oil in 24 hours after perforations were made from 6,434 to 6,464 feet. Further perforations will be made up to 6,100 feet.

Mathers No. 4 cemented 5 1-2 inch casing this week to 6,441 feet with 600 sacks. Top of the pay section was reached at 6,070 feet.

Homer Jameson No. 8 had drilled to 5,745 feet, and was shut down a couple of days for motor repairs.

Central National Bank No. 1, south of the river, continues to core in the Ellenburger and had reached 7,295 feet in hard dolomite.

Central National Bank No. 2 was drilling at 5,854 feet in shale and sand, after losing 19 hours for motor repairs.

No. 1 H. L. Bloodworth was drilling at 2,600 feet in shale.

No. 1 Ellwood Estate, wildcat on the Spade ranch in Mitchell county, was drilling at 6,008 feet in shale and lime streaks.

Birthdays of Mrs. Garlan Green and J. D. Green were celebrated Sunday in the Ethel Green home. Guests included Garlan, wife and son, George Garlan, of Abilene, J. D. Green family, Billy Green and wife, Dorothy Adkins of San Angelo and Mrs. A. J. Taylor and Mrs. S. M. Conner of Robert Lee.

Mrs. C. W. McCutchen was brought home this week from Shannon hospital where she has been a patient the past month.

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(From files of The Coke County Rustler, April 20, 1898)

T. S. Vaughn of Bronte says he has fine pasture and plenty of water for 200 head of stock. He will pasture cattle at 10 cents and horses at 13 cents per month.

Jurors drawn for second week of court: Sam King, H Q Lyles, A K Landers, C W Laughlin, F S Lane, Jim Linley, M C Brister, C W McCutchen, Will Sheppard, J D O'Daniel Jr, G W. Payne, W R Preslar, W H Rogers, Frank Scarborough, Peter Keese, J N Coalson, G W Offield, Jim McDonald, Geo. Peays, J Q McCabe, W M Billingslee, M B Ulmer, J J Vestal, C W Warner, Pres Walling, Jim Sparks, W A Stepp, W S Tripp, Tom Goss, Ben Acre, J M Ainsworth, Fletcher Conner Bob Hulse, C R Creighton, H T McPeters.

Grand jurors were: A B Blackwell, B A Taylor, B Craig, Malcom Sheppard, Jim Shook, J B McCutchen, Bert Sheppard, M Byrd, Milt Havins, Silas Conner, W F Stevens, T A Higginbotham, J W Ashurst, F C Ainsworth, J W Reed and W R Boykin.

Mrs. Doctor Martin on account of her health had to give up teaching at the Cedar Hill school. Rev. G. C. Berryman will complete the term. Dr. and Mrs. Martin will spend a few weeks traveling over the country in the interests of her health.

The war situation still interesting. The president sent his message to congress which recommends armed intervention if necessary to stop hostilities in Cuba, and asked authority to use both naval and land forces of the United States to accomplish this end.

E. C. Rawlings and family of their ranch near Bronte were in town visiting friends Thursday.

I. J. Good was down from his Pecan ranch Thursday evening to attend the Odd Fellows lodge.

Ralph Harris bought from Wm. Childress the latter's Coke county pasture. The price paid was \$20,000 for 30,000 acres. The pasture lies on the Colorado River and is well watered.

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The Robert Lee Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons, subject to the 1948 Democratic primaries:

For Congress, 21st District:

O. C. FISHER  
(Re-election)

HOWELL E. COBB

For State Representative

W. H. RAMPY

For County Judge and School Supt.:

BOB L. DAVIS  
(Re-election)

JEFF DEAN

For County Treasurer:

RUBY L. PETTIT  
(Re-election)

For District and County Clerk:

WILLIS SMITH  
(Re-election)

For Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor:

PAUL GOOD  
(Re-election)

For County Attorney

FRANK C. DICKEY

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

H. C. VARNADORE  
(Re-election)

J. C. STRICKLAND

J. W. SERVICE

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

OTIS SMITH  
(Re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

T. R. HARMON  
(Re-election)

A. B. SHEPPARD

RALPH GARVIN

## Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the office of the county judge on Monday, May 3, 1948, for the construction of a Coke Co. Court House Annex. Separate bids shall be submitted for plumbing and electrical work. A check or cash in the amount of 10 per cent of the bid shall accompany each bid, to be returned upon satisfactory completion of the contract, as approved by the Commissioners Court of Coke County. Plans and specifications are available at the office of the County Judge. The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids—By order of the Commissioners Court, Bob L. Davis, County Judge.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, will, on the 10th day of May, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock a m in its usual meeting place in the court house at Robert Lee, Texas, proceed to receive and consider competitive bids for the purchase of the following described road machinery:

One Heavy Duty Tandem Drive Motor Grader; must be equipped with full diesel motor and develop not less than 75 brake horsepower and equipped with all steel cab and weigh not less than 22000 lbs. Bidder must accept as trade-in one used Caterpillar No. 10 Patrol now owned by Coke County.

and will at such time let a contract therefor if any bid be accepted; all such bids to be made as required by law; and if any bid be accepted it is the intention of the Court to issue time warrants on said County in payment of all or part of such proposed contract, in the maximum amount of \$10,100.00, to bear per cent interest per annum, the last maturity date of such warrants to be not later than the year of 1958.

Bob L. Davis  
County Judge; by Order of  
The Commissioners Court

Joe Mathis and wife spent the weekend at Quanah with her parents, the T. M. Crearys.

Mrs. Carl Brock returned home Sunday from a stay of several days in the hospital at Bronte.

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## Robert Lee 10; Blackwell 3

Robert Lee defeated Blackwell here Sunday afternoon 10 to 3 and the locals looked more like a hustling ball club than in their two previous games.

Johnny Johnson was the stand-out player and really did himself proud. He pitched the entire game and collected four hits in four trips to the plate, including a homer, two doubles and single. Johnson allowed only four hits and struck out 14. He was a little wild, however, issuing four walks and hitting two batsmen.

His start was pretty shaky. The first man up hit safely and the next two drew bases on balls. Then Floyd Craig singled to left and two runs came in. Johnny was never in trouble again, although a couple of infield errors contributed to the visitors third run in the sixth.

The Robert Lee lineup included Bowman, ss, Conley, cf, Green, 2nd, Bond 3rd, Higgins, lf, Ray and Baker, rf, Ballew, c, Ivey, 1st, and Johnson, pitching. Higgins, Bond and Ivey each banged out two hits. Green and Baker got singles. Ivey played a fine game at first and Dee Ballew did a good job behind the bat. He relieved Gene Bond, who had a sore hand.

Clarence Tinkler was out of the lineup with a foot injury, and

Chilly was held in reserve to give some of the younger players a chance to show their wares. Both Tinklers will be ready for the Concho Basin league opening next Sunday when Robert Lee plays at Sonora.

Good old Mark Hanna pitched six fames for Blackwell. A half dozen errors by his team mates accounted for several Robert Lee scores.

## SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman, Mrs. J. L. Reid and Mrs. Robert Walker were called away from services Sunday to go to the home of their sister, Mrs. Mary Desmond, whose husband had just passed away. Mr. H. J. Gartman went also.

Mrs. Allen has her sister, Mrs. Little Teague of Corsicana visiting her this week.

Neal Hawkins will preach at Sanco Bible church Wednesday night, May 19. Watch for later news of this event.

Bro. and Mrs. McGallian and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Sr. took dinner Sunday with the Sam McGallians

Glad to see Mrs. L. M. Service at church Sunday night in Sanco. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at the Sanco Bible Church.

Sammie Jo Fowler was sick in bed again Tuesday.



## Agnes Walker Weds Stanton Young Man

(Abilene Reporter-News)

Agnes Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker of Robert Lee, became the bride of Billie Herbert Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hardin of Stanton in a ceremony read Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clifton, 1425 Clinton.

Dr. Jesse Northcutt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, read the double ring ceremony before an improvised altar decorated with baskets of white gladioluses, fern and candelabra.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, D. J. Walker, Jr., of Robert Lee, wore a white crepe street length dress with a white lace hat and other accessories of black. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid. For something old she wore a gold bracelet which her father gave to her mother before they were married. Something borrowed was a string of pearls from Mrs. J. T. Clifton.

Attending the couple were Edith Walker of Robert Lee, sister of the bride, and George Hardin of Stanton, brother of the bridegroom.

The maid of honor wore a pink crepe dress designed after that of the bride and a corsage of white carnations. Her accessories were black.

Traditional wedding music was played by Sue Morgan of Merkel, pianist, who also accompanied William Taylor, of Abilene, who sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly"

The bride is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and has been employed at I. J. Fields in Abilene the past four years. The bridegroom graduated from Ackersley High School and Howard Payne College. He did graduate work in the University of Denver and served in the Navy three years. He is employed by the Pacific Finance Company in Fort Worth, where the couple will live.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton were hosts for a wedding reception.

Mrs. W. K. Varnadore of San Angelo, sister of the bride, served the three-tiered cake and Patsy Simpson of Abilene served punch.

Guests were registered by Mrs. William D. Lessing of Abilene.

Out of town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hardin of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Varnadore, D. J. Walker, Jr., Edith Walker and Ralph Walker of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hardin of Stanton.

### Attend Funerals

Among relatives called here last week to attend the funerals of Mrs. G. A. Brown and Herbert Conner were Mrs. Harney Conner, Glenrock, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jameson, Mrs. P. A. Compton and Mrs. Archie Goad, Fritch, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Conner and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Conner and daughter, Mrs. Docia Brown and daughter, Mrs. Curtis Brown and Mrs. Geo. Pennington, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brazil and daughters, Taylor, Tex.; Letha Mathers, Booker, Tex.; Newman Mathers, Sinnett, Tex.; Doyle Mathers, Mertzon; Garlan Green, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Brown and daughter, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Olen Mathers, Denver City; Mrs. Cora Beal, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown, Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Maxwell, San Angelo.

Mrs. O. V. Looney visited friends in Abilene over the weekend.

Guests in the J. B. Mauldin home last weekend included their son, J. B. Mauldin, Jr. and family of Belton, also Mrs. Mauldin's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDonald, of Jonesboro, Tex.

Mrs. Dee Ballew is spending the week in Winters with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. James Preston are the parents of a daughter born April 24 at the Bronte hospital. The baby weighed 7 1-2 pounds and has been given the name of Janis Linn. Mr. Preston is in charge of the M System meat department.

Mrs. W. F. Fikes recently visited her sister, Mrs. M. E. Rhames, at Seymour, Tex.

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### Enamelware Sale

Our stock of high grade enameled Double Boilers must be reduced. These splendid \$2.75 values

Reduced to \$1.49

### Dinnerware Sale

Don't miss this special on Hollywood Ware. Attractive and high quality 20-piece sets, regular \$7.50, now

Only \$4.95

Pabco Linoleum Rugs  
Pittsburgh Paint & Varnishes

## Leeper Supply Co.

Compliments of  
**Brown & Clark**

Snead's  
**Barber Shop**

Best Wishes to the  
Senior Class of '48  
**Bilbo Drug**

Good Luck Seniors!  
**City Cafe**

Congratulations From  
**Leeper Supply Co.**

Best Wishes From  
**Varnadore Bros.**  
Oil Company

**Jake Davis**  
Independent Dealer  
Banner Dairy Products

Best of Luck  
**Linzy McDorman**  
Truck Line

**City Drug Store**  
Clean Fountain Service  
Rexall Drugs

**Berry's Jewelry Store**  
Watch Repairing  
and Engraving

Change to  
**M SYSTEM**  
and pocket the change

**Senior Class Play**  
ROBERT LEE HIGH SCHOOL  
*Beauty and the Beef*  
**Wednesday Night**  
**May 12, 1948**

Compliments of  
**Fred Henson**  
Grocery and Market

Best of Luck  
**H & L Truck Co.**

Best Wishes to the  
Senior Class of '48  
**Bill's Joint**  
at the Club Cafe

Compliments of the  
**Robert Lee**  
Plumbing Company  
Leslie Lofton

Good Luck, Seniors!  
**Robert Lee**  
State Bank

Best Wishes from  
**Alamo Theatre**

Compliments of  
**Casey**  
Chevrolet Co.

Best Wishes from  
Coke County  
**Planing Mill**

Best Wishes to  
Seniors of 1948  
**Bowling Alley**  
Walter & Artie Mathews

Congratulations From  
**Frank Bickham**  
With Roberts & Hawkins  
Drilling Co.

Best of Luck  
**Sheppard**  
Apartments

Best Wishes  
To the Seniors  
**Ivey Electric Co.**

**Ivey**  
Motor Company

**Looney Lumber**  
and Hardware Co.

**Frank's**  
Red and White

Compliments of  
**Baker's Grocery**  
and Market

Congratulations From  
**COX**  
Service Station

Compliments of  
**Y-Mack Cleaners**

Compliments of  
**Havins & Vowell**  
Automotive Service

Lots of Luck  
To the Seniors  
**Trimble Laundry**

I'll Meet You At  
**ROACH'S**

## Court House Filings

### Warranty Deeds

Tom and Dorothy Kirchman to H H Holland, lot 9, blk 45, Robert Lee, \$100.

Mrs R E Curtis to Steve Badley, blk 20, Bronte, \$300.

Fred L Roe Jr to J D Black, lots 1-2, blk 41, ex right of way Highway 208, \$1.65 IRS.

WOW Camp 886 to Coke County, It 6, blk 2, Robert Lee, \$500.

E L Brummett et al to Fred L Roe Jr, lots, 1-2, blk 41, Robert Lee.

### Mineral Deeds

P M and Effie Page to R B Leonard, one-fourth interest in SE quarter Sur 235 H&TC, 160 acres under lease to Hunt Oil Co. \$2.20 IRS.

### Oil, Gas Leases

Viola Clawson et al to Dancier Oil Co, 220 acres L B Harris Survey, \$3.30 IRS.

J S and W B Hamilton to Paul L Davis, Section 284 and S half 275, blk 1-A H&TC.

Ila M Adkins to S E Adams, 228 acres.

A P and Eunice Ratliff to Seaboard Oil Co, Jaeger Survey 484, 160 acres.

Eva C Hilgenberg to Ben Dansby, Jr, 577 acres. \$9.90 IRS.

Fred and Pauline Conger to J Ralph Stewart, 1,173 acres. 3.85 IRS.

J T and Edith Yvonne Jones to

Paul L Davis, 200 acres. 2.20 IRS

Elizabeth Landers heirs to American Republic, 293 acres.

D and Clara Mae Bright to S E Adams, 467 acres.

Julia E Bird to Shell Oil Co, 219 acres. \$4.95 IRS.

B D and Sallie Gartman, 148 acres, \$464.

J L and Lura Reid to Shell Oil Co, 291 acres. \$7.15 IRS.

Ira F Lord to Shell Oil Co, 1.48.5 acres.

Marven Stewart et al to Alford Oil Co, 203 acres.

H D Alsup and Dessa to F E Modgling, 192 acres. \$2.20 IRS.

J W and Ruth Service to C L Echols, W half Sur 358 H&TC, 320 acres. \$3.85 IRS.

Laverda and Jack Lassiter to Allen Guiberson, 525 acres and 160 acres, with one-eighth override.

B D and Sallie Gartman to Allen Guiberson, 308 acres.

### New Cook Book

Congressman O. C. Fisher writes from Washington as follows:

"My office has been allotted 2,000 copies of a new cookbook for free distribution. It is being put out by the Department of Agriculture and is designed to fit in with the government's food conservation program. So if you would like to have a copy of this new publication, please write me and one will be promptly supplied."

Mary Peal Bearden, county home demonstration agent, is spending the week at Lamesa where her father is ill.

### Heed Transferred

H. L. Heed, superintendent for Kelley-Coppedge company, has been transferred to Hobbs, N. Mex. For the past nine months he has been in charge of construction work on Sun Oil company's camp at Silver. He will be succeeded here by Wm. Culp of Colorado City, who has been working on the crew for several months. Mr. Heed departed Saturday and his daughter, Bobbe, will join him the end of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Griffin visited here over the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon. They are moving back to Texas after three years in California and continued to their former home at Corpus Christi where they will visit Mrs. Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn.

Mrs. Mabel Williams spent Sunday and Monday in San Angelo with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Jay, who is a patient at the St. John hospital.

### ORDER OF ELECTION

To Consolidate Districts  
The State of Texas)  
County of Coke )

Whereas, on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1948, a petition was presented to me for an election to be held in Robert Lee Independent School District of this county, on the question of determining whether or not a majority of the legally qualified voters of said District desire that Robert Lee Independent School District of Coke county, shall be consolidated with Sanco Common School District No. 5, of Coke county, for school purposes; and

It Appearing that Coke county contains a population of 4500 according to the last United States Census; and

It Further Appearing that said Robert Lee Independent School District has been heretofore properly established by order of the Commissioner's Court as passed on the 27th day of July, 1929, which order is of record in Commissioner's Court Minutes; and

It Further Appearing that said District, as so established, contains an area of 160.3 square miles and that no other District has been reduced in area below nine square miles by reason of the creation of this District:

Now, Therefore, I, Bob L. Davis, in my official capacity as county judge of Coke county, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held on the 8th day of May, A. D. 1948, at School Tax Office, in Robert Lee Independent School District of said County, as established by order of the Commissioners Court as passed on the 27th day of July, 1929, which order is of record in Minutes of Commissioner's Court to determine whether or not a majority of the legally qualified voters of said District desire that Robert Lee Independent School District of Coke county, shall be consolidated with Sanco Common School District No. 5, of Coke county, for school purposes.

Monroe Parker is hereby appointed Presiding Officer for said election and he shall select two Judges and two Clerks to assist him in holding the same and he shall, within five days after said election has been held, make due return thereof to the Commissioner's Court of this county as is required by law for holding a General Election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident voters in said District shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters who favor the proposition to consolidate the said Districts for school purposes shall have written or printed on the ballots, the words:

"FOR CONSOLIDATION"

And those opposed to the proposition to consolidate the said Districts for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words:

"AGAINST CONSOLIDATION"

Notice of said Election shall be given by posting three notices thereof in three public places within the boundaries of said District for twenty days prior to the date of said election.

Bob L. Davis, County Judge  
Coke County, Texas

# Mothers Day Sunday, May 9

## Gift Suggestions

Things She Will Cherish  
And Remember

Hosiery	Pottery
House Shoes	Pictures
Scarfs	Mirrors
Handkerchiefs	Bed Spreads
Soaps	Sheets
Body Powder	Pillow Cases
Bags-Slips	Towels
Gowns	Lunch Cloths
Dresses	Bath Sets
	House Coats

Free Gift Wrapping and  
Mailing Services

# ROACH'S

The Friendly Store

## The Observer For Fine Printing

Reserve District No. 11

State No. 1684

Report of Condition of

### Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business April 12, 1948

A state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by Federal Reserve Bank of this district.

#### ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	272,164.74
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	363,360.36
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	9,465.96
Corporate stocks (including \$1,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	1,500.00
Loans and discounts (including \$7,996.49 overdrafts)	368,286.76
Bank premises owned \$500.00; furniture and fixtures \$1,550.00	2,050.00
Other assets	268.46
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,017,096.28</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	867,207.72
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	19,587.13
Deposits of states and political subdivisions	66,243.87
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	2,484.70
Total Deposits	\$955,523.42
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>955,523.42</b>

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	25,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided profits	11,572.86
<b>Total Capital Accounts</b>	<b>61,572.86</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts</b>	<b>1,017,096.28</b>

This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

#### MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 105,000.00

I, T. A. Richardson, cashier of the above named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
T. A. Richardson.

Correct--Attest: R. C. Russell, G. C. Allen, R. W. Smith, Directors

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of April, 1948.

Garland Good Notary Public.

# SAND and GRAVEL

We can supply good pit-run Sand and Gravel in a variety of types to suit almost every requirement.

If our product don't suit, you won't owe us a cent.

Prompt Delivery Service

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Robert Lee, Texas

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28-A West Beauregard

San Angelo, Texas

## KANNADY PLUMBING SHOP

First Block North of High School

### Plumbing Repairs & Contracting

ALL JOBS GUARANTEED

## R. W. "Dick" KANNADY

Addie Pearl Valdez of Santa Rosa, N. Mex., is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. Hood.

### Folks You Know

C. A. Adams was here the first of the week from Ft. Hancock looking after business and visiting old friends. Mr. Adams says it's a little too dry and windy out in the west tip of Texas and too wet over in Louisiana, so he still likes old Coke county the best.

Visiting last week in the parental D. P. Key home were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shellburne, Jr. and children, G. B., Gene, Paul and Ruth Ann, of Kerrville. Mrs. G. B. Shellburne, Sr. of Stanton was also a guest of the Keys.

Mrs. Lloyd Pate and little daughter, Madeline, came over from Abilene this week for a visit among relatives. Mrs. Pate is the former Geneva Scoggins.

Turney and Mike Casey left Tuesday to attend an important meeting of Chevrolet dealers in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Carol Reed and children of Sterling City visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Shropshire. Mrs. Reed is their daughter.

Those from Robert Lee attending services at the Church of Christ, 17th and Irving streets in San Angelo, last Sunday were Mrs. Mabel Williams, Mrs. D. P. Key, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowrance, Calvin Wallace and daughters, Marie and Edna Mae, Tiny Hurley and Willie Sue Skipworth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Fisher of Goldsmith were here the last of the week. They have sold their property at Goldsmith and may decide to return to Robert Lee to make their home. Mrs. Fisher was formerly Lily Varnadore, a sister of Henry and Ernest Varnadore.

Guy Gresham is the new tool pusher for Helmerich & Payne, contractors on Alford's Jack Lasser test near Sanco. Guy and his wife are located in one of the Travis Hicks apartments. He replaced Jimmy Meyers, who went to New Mexico.

Mrs. W. J. Cumbie is with her sister, Mrs. Kate Vaughn, who is a patient at Brownwood hospital with a broken hip. Mrs. Vaughn's home is in Lubbock, but was brought to Brownwood for treatment after sustaining the injury in a fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Adkins moved back to Sanco this week from Post. Mrs. J. R. Boyd of Denham Springs, La., is here for a visit with the family. She is an aunt of Mrs. Adkins.

J. D. Black and wife have been visiting in Ft. Worth with his brother, Forrest Black, and family.

#### CARD OF THANKS

This is to express our appreciation for the many deeds of kindness, cards, and flowers extended to us during the illness and death of our loved one.—Mrs. S. M. Conner and Children.

## ALAMO THEATRE

Robert Lee, Texas

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, APRIL 30 - MAY 1  
Gene Stratton Porter's "Keeper Of The Bees" With Jane Darwell-Michael Duane-Gloria Henry  
Two reel comedy and News

SUN., MON., TUES., MAY 2-3-4  
Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:20  
Maureen O'Hara-Cornel Wild in  
"The Homestretch" In Color Also cartoon

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, MAY 5-6  
Dennis O'Keefe-Margurete Chapman-Adolphe Menjou in  
"Mr. District Attorney" Also cartoon

Why Not Use the Best?

**Ethyl Gas**

**24c**

Why Pay More?

**COX  
Station**

Just East of Robert Lee on Bronte Highway

## BILL'S JOINT

*Never Closes!*

Best Food in Town. Coldest Lemonade all the time. Fresh hot rolls galore. Only Real Steaks and Fried Chicken in town.

## CLUB CAFE

Where All People Meet

AYERS SUPREME  
EGG MASH

EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS AT NO EXTRA COST

### For High Quality Eggs

A larger volume in egg production, healthier flocks and higher quality eggs will result when you feed your hens Ayers Egg Mash. At no extra cost, this high-grade mash will always give you exceptional results.

Get Ayers Supreme Feeds At  
**KEY FEED STORE**

Robert Lee, Texas



Adams Orange **No. 2 size**  
**JUICE 2 cans 21c**

Pumpkin, large 2½ size, per can 17c

Hearts Delight Apricots, 2½ can 31c

Ken-L-Ration Dog Food, 1 pound can 11c

Doodle Dandy  
Sauer Kraut Juice, 12 ounce jar 10c

**Lipton Tea ¼ lb. 30c**

Trellis June Peas, No. 2 size 2 cans 21c

Maxwell House Tea, half pound 51c

We will be open Sunday, May 2

## FRED HENSON

Grocery and Market

Humble Oils, Gas & Accessories  
Wash and Grease Jobs

# Frank's Food Store

## FLOUR

Cherry Bell  
25 lbs. \$1.85  
50 lbs. \$3.65

## Salmon

Raceland Brand  
Tall  
Can 49c

## FRUTO

All Flavors for home drinks

3 Big 8 oz. Bottles 10c

## MRS. LYNDES

Hot Roll Mix 25c  
Corn Br. Mix 15c

## PLANTERS Cashew Candy

5½ oz tin 15c

## Texsun Grapefruit Juice, No. 2 can 6c

Del Monte Tomato Juice 2 cans 19c

Blended Orange, Apricot and Lemon

Oracot No. 2 can 10c

Monarch Veg. Juice No. 2 can 10c

Hearts Delight

Diced Pears No. 2½ can 23c

Empsons

Pork & Beans 2 No. cans 2 for 35c

Mayflower Cut Beans 2 No. 2 cans 25c

Jack Sprat Hominy 3 No. 300 cans 25c

Empsons Cut Beets, No. 2½ can 15c

Red Dart

Green and White Limas 17 oz. can 22c

Monarch

Quartered Carrots No. 2 can 21c

Angelus Marshmallows 6 oz. cello 15c

Brice, Small Whole

Sweet Pickles Pint 35c

Diamond Cooked

Pinto Beans 2 No. 2 cans 25c

Brooks Catsup bottle 19c

C.H.B. Meat Sauce 6 oz. 15c

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