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County Judge's Office Vacant; Things In Mess

Coke county was without a county judge Thursday.

The resignation of Bob L. Davis had been accepted by the commissioners court and he left Wednesday night to take his new job as city secretary at Pecos.

The commissioners failed to agree on filling the appointment, so things were in a pretty mess at the court house yesterday.

However, Judge John F. Sutton, who is presiding over a district court term here this week, indicated Thursday noon that he would take a hand in the matter and try to straighten out the tangle.

Since there are four commissioners, it is necessary that at least three of them vote together to carry a motion. Ordinarily in case of a tie, the county judge casts the deciding vote. Lawyers are of the opinion that the law does not provide for breaking a tie when there is no judge to perform that duty.

In a session Tuesday the name of Jeff Dean was brought up. His appointment had the approval of Commissioners Otis Smith and Ben Brooks from the east side of the county, but did not get the backing of Henry Varnadore and T. R. Harmon, commissioners who represent the west half of the county.

They tried again on Wednesday when Varnadore and Harmon suggested H. S. Lewis, Jr., but Smith and Brooks refused to go along.

Dean is the Democratic nominee for the office and is assured of election in November. Lewis has been an assistant to Davis for some time and knows something of the workings of the office.

Persons on the outside believe the proposed county hospital issue has gotten the commissioners into a deadlock.

Postmaster Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of fourth class postmaster at Silver, Texas. The examination will be held at San Angelo, Texas. Receipt of applications will close on October 28, 1948. Salary \$1602.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who reside within the territory supplied by the post office for which this examination is announced and who are at least 21 years of age, but not yet 65, on the date of the close of receipt of applications for this examination.

Application blanks and full information about the requirements of the examination may be secured from the post office for which this examination is announced, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, 25, D. C. Applications must be on file with the Commission at Washington, D. C., on the date specified above.

The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date.

Public Health Notice

As a part of the county's public health program, Dr. J. K. Griffith will visit the Robert Lee public schools on Tuesday during the next three weeks to administer vaccinations and inoculations against diphtheria, typhoid and smallpox.

City Hall Going Up

Work seems to be progressing nicely on the construction of Robert Lee's new city hall. This week the walls are being laid with red brick tile. Workmen engaged on the tile laying are C. W. Bessent, Martin Casey, Ernest Lowrance, Luther Sparks and Jack and Bill Capps.

Two Indictments By Grand Jury

A busy term of district court got under way here Monday with Judge John F. Sutton presiding.

The grand jury was in session until late Monday to complete its investigations and return indictments against Ed Trimble on a sheep theft charge and Victor Bermudez for burglary and theft.

Trimble is alleged to have had in his possession 30 head of sheep owned by his neighbor, Claud Dean, when an investigation was made by law enforcing officers a few weeks ago.

His bond of \$1,250 was signed by J. M. Trimble, F. C. Clark and R. C. Russell.

Bermudez, 23 year old Negro, was charged with burglarizing the Emmet Caperton home at Bronte. He was arrested recently at Sweetwater where he had been sentenced to a penitentiary term for car stealing.

The grand jury returned no bill against Elmer Doran, brought back from Carlsbad, N. Mex., last summer on a complaint that he had stolen a saddle from the ranch of Mrs. E. Menielle.

Members of the grand jury were Gerald Allen, foreman, W. E. Burns, Fred Jameson, Earl Frank Glenn, G. M. Powell, George R. Demere, B. A. Austin, N. L. Pruitt, J. L. Brunson, Frank Bryan, Jr., Jack Lassiter and B. D. Gartman.

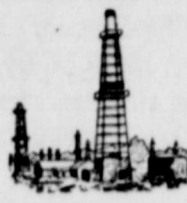
A civil suit involving property owned by the Russell estate was settled out of court just before trial. The petit jury on Wednesday heard the suit of Mrs. Lou Whiteside vs. C. B. Utterson on a title case involving ownership of 40 acres between Sanco and Blackwell. Several more title suits are on the docket for trial and a new jury was to be drawn Thursday.

Uncle Sam Says

As you drive along the country roads you will see one of America's most familiar scenes—farmers pitching hay. From this scene has come a phrase you have used many, many times—making hay while the sun shines. Well, niece and nephew, that's exactly what you are doing when you stack up United States Savings Bonds. You're making plenty of future security when the going is good, when a few extra dollars has been added to your take-home pay through the new income tax law . . . and when you should be acting for your future security.

U. S. Treasury Department

Notes from the Oil Field



Drilling is expected to start in the near future on two oil tests a mile west of Bronte, both being offsets to the Hickok & Reynolds No. 1 Rawlings which is pumping 50 barrels daily.

An east offset to the discovery will be Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 1 R. E. Hickman, while American Republics will drill on Jess Percifull land across the highway north.

After treating with 15,000 gallons of acid, No. 2 Jack Lassiter failed to kickoff when tool was opened Tuesday night. The test was drilled into the Ellenburger bottomed at 6,865 feet. Perforations were made in the lower 41 feet. While swabbing some oil was recovered and during a 12-hour shut-in period Tuesday a pressure of 600 pounds was built up. Operators Thursday were preparing to pump some live oil into the hole.

No. 2 Lassiter, 3 miles northwest of Sanco, is a northeast diagonal to No. 1 Lassiter which is producing 127 barrels daily from the Marble Falls.

No. 1 B. D. Gartman, a west offset to the No. 1 Lassiter discovery, failed to get any oil after a drillstem Thursday morning. Hole has been drilled 153 feet into the Ellenburger.

No. 1 Marvin Simpson was staked by Guiberson yesterday. It is a southeast diagonal offset to No. 1 Lassiter.

Chapel Hill Gas System's No. 2 Raiph Harris estate is completing a good producer in a sand section at 5,800 feet. On a drillstem test 700 feet of free oil was recovered. Location is at the north end of the Harris River ranch, and is east of the Sun block on the south side of the river near Silver. Operators brought in a discovery in that field recently which is pumping 30 barrels daily from the same section. A third location was being staked Thursday.

No. 1 Fred McCabe, Southern Minerals wildcat ten miles southwest of Robert Lee, was drilling this week below 5,200 feet.

No. 3 M. G. Reed, Seaboard-Southern Minerals test, 11 miles southeast of Robert Lee, was drilling at 5,560 feet.

Mrs. W. H. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner visited Sunday with Mrs. F. C. Clark at Shannon hospital.

Mrs. Verdis Stone of Amarillo has leased the Y-Courts cafe and took over the business last week. She has a number of years experience in the restaurant business.

Aaron Summers and family and Silas Angel and family visited recently at Roswell, N. Mex., with First Lieut. and Mrs. R. R. Royce and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coppin. While there they also attended the state fair at Roswell.

Juniors Book Miles

A football game for the 7th and 8th graders has been scheduled for Tuesday night of next week when Miles plays at Robert Lee. The game will start at 7:30. A big crowd was on hand to see the juniors in their contest with Bronte last week and everyone was thrilled.

J. W. Service has been drawn as a petit juror in federal court opening next Monday in San Angelo.

Wanted—Want to buy good used piano. Mrs. Elmo Bell.

Robert Lee Has New Lions Club

The Lion's Club held its initial organizational meeting Tuesday at noon at Mrs. Day's dining room and elected officers for its first year's work.

The meeting was called to order by a special representative of Lions International, the Rev. Mr. Welch of Bandera. Future meetings will be held at 6 o'clock each Tuesday evening at Mrs. Day's. The Charter Night program is set for Tuesday, October 26. A group of Lions from the sponsoring club in San Angelo will be present that night.

Twenty-two members have already signed up and the privilege of charter membership will be held open until Charter Night. Others have indicated their interest.

Officers elected are: W. T. Farris, president; the Rev. Ross T. Welch, first vice president; W. D. Ballew, second vice president; W. D. McAdams, third vice president; J. L. Ross, Lion tamer; E. D. Davis, tail twister; and O. A. Madison, secretary-treasurer.

The Board of Directors consists of B. C. Goodwin, T. W. Casey, H. A. Berry and Darrell Ainsworth.

City Valuations Raised; Tax Rate Cut in Half

The taxing valuation of Robert Lee city property went up to \$857,625 this year, according to records in the office of city tax assessor and collector R. S. Crum.

Real estate values accounted for \$650,620, while the sum of \$207,005 was in personal property.

Figured on the new tax rate of 75 cents on \$100 valuation, the city's taxes will amount to a grand total of \$6,282.74. Tax collections will be separated with \$1,676.25 going into the general fund and \$4,607.49 to the sinking fund to pay off water bonds and interest.

The city commission this year requested the board of equalization to assess all property at 75 per cent of its actual value, while last year the assessment was figured at one-third. At the same time the tax rate was lowered from 1.50 to 75 cents.

This will give the city a small increase in tax money which is badly needed both in the general and sinking funds.

Mr. Crum advises that the tax rolls have been completed and city taxes are now due and payable. He plans to send out statements within the next few days.

Anderson Test At Silver Promising; Reef Running High

Sun, Oil company's No. 1 Beatrice Anderson, one-half mile north of the Silver school house, had reached 6,355 feet in lime. A drillstem test Wednesday recovered 60 feet of heavily gas-cut mud. Operators were preparing to take electrical survey and set casing after which they will core ahead.

The reef was topped at 6,340 feet, more than 60 feet higher than in the Tubb-Omega, recently completed producer a short distance to the northwest.

No. 13 Homer Jameson has been testing three sand sections above the reef and were going in for another drill-stem test Thursday afternoon from 6,005-40 feet. There have been good oil shows in a gray tight sandstone, with good odor and good fluorescence.

No. 9 C. E. Mathers was drilling in shale and sand at 5,469 feet.

No. 1 Jewell Brannen was in shale and sand at 5,577 feet.

No. 4 J. B. Walker, south of the river, was drilling at 5,030 feet in shale and sand.

No. 1 P. W. Millican, Sun's wildcat 3 miles west of Edith, was drilling down side of stuck drill collars. After hole is straightened contractors will set casing. Bottom of hole remains at 5,787 feet.

No. 1 Mamie Haney, Sun wildcat 3 miles north of Maryneal, was drilling Thursday at 6,442 feet in lime. A drill-stem test Wednesday recovered salt water but no oil.

No. 2 Schattel, offset to Sun's new discovery in Scurry county, was drilling at 7,154 feet. Reef was 60 feet lower than the discovery and there have been no shows.

Mrs. Casey Honored

A gift coffee honoring Mrs. Mike Casey was given in the home of Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr. on October 6. Hostesses were Mrs. Richmond Stroud, Mrs. Walter Mathews and Mrs. Eddie Patterson. Mrs. Casey received many nice gifts. Angel food cake and coffee were served.

Robey Scarborough of Moriarity, N. Mex., arrived Wednesday for a few days' visit with Coke county relatives.

Donald Mauldin received a compound fracture of one finger on his right hand during football scrimmage Tuesday afternoon. He was treated at the Bronte hospital. Donald is reserve end on the Steer squad, but will not see action against Hermleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Cox of Eden spent Sunday with the Genie Bakers and Mrs. Joe Dodson, Jr. The ladies are sisters.

Mrs. Louie Campbell of Batesville visited here last week with her aunt, Mrs. Hattie Day.

Truman Millican came in from Littlefield Wednesday and was accompanied home on Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Millican, who will make a three weeks visit in their son's home.

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Editorial

Progress in Oil Industry

Drilling an oil well is no simple business. Just how complicated it has become in the last 89 years is a subject worthy of attention in view of "Oil Progress" on October 14th, when the oil industry will report on the things it is doing to supply America with more and better petroleum products.

The first oil well was drilled, back in 1859, by the same method that then was used to drill water wells: a heavy "tool" was raised and dropped in a hole so as to "beat away" the bottom of the well. This method brought in the first oil well at a depth of 69 1-2 feet.

Compared with that depth, the deepest well in the U. S. today, in Natrona County, Wyoming, goes down 14,309 feet. The deepest well drilled went down 17,823 feet. It was a dry hole. No rising and falling tool would have penetrated that far. Instead, sharp, rotating bits, made of rare steel, revolving at an average 100 revolutions per minute, bored their way to more than three miles below the earth's surface.

As the machine age has developed more and more demands for more and better oil products have been placed on the oil industry. And the progress it has made in well drilling is just one example of the way

the industry, made up of 34,000 competing companies and more than 2,000,000 men and women, is serving the public.

Since 1859, 1,200,000 wells have been completed. One out of each three was a dry hole. Of the oil producers about one-half or 428,522 in 25 states remain in operation. But most of them produce only a few barrels a day.

Responding to unprecedented demands for oil products and the incentive of increased price, petroleum companies this year are drilling approximately 40,000 wells—an increase of 20 per cent over last year. The oil that is coming from these additional wells prevented a gasoline shortage this summer and is expected to avoid a repetition of last winter's fuel oil shortage. Oil continues as a good example of American competitive enterprise.

Contractors' Notice Of Texas Highway Construction

Sealed proposals for constructing 0.098 miles of Bridges from 8.5 mi. West of Robert Lee to 4.5 miles east of Sterling County Line on Highway No. FM 387, covered by S 1063 (3), in Coke County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A. M., Oct. 26, 1948, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are in

tended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained the wage rates prevailing in the locality in which this work is to be done. The Contractor shall pay not less than the prevailing wage rates shown in the proposal for Group 3 for each craft or type of "Laborer," "Workman," or "Mechanic" employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

Plans and specifications available at the office of B. W. Wynn, Resident Engineer San Angelo, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

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SILVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carruthers have leased the Sherman Anderson building opposite the Graham Grocery, and plan to open a Humble service station there in the very near future. Living quarters are being provided in the back. Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers have a small son and came here recently from Ira, Texas. Mrs. Carruthers is a daughter of the Ernest Robertsons who operate the Sun Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson have purchased a home at 15th and Vine Street, Colorado City, and plan to move there as soon as their house is vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers spent last weekend in Midland with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jameson of O'Donnell were visitors last week of the Wayne McCabes.

Silver scores again! Two of our girls who are attending the Colorado City high school, have been chosen class favorites. They are: Susie Jameson for the sophomores and Bobbie Adams for the freshmen. Congratulations, girls.

Gene Garner, a former Silver boy, is making good with his football this year. Gene made some very good plays last Friday night at Colorado City when the Wolves met the Synder Lobos.

Mrs. Jerry Sanders and Jane of Houston have returned to their home after an extended visit with the R. B. Allens and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot and Jerry and Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Bassett are now occupying the teacherage. The lunch room is about completed, but use of it is delayed until the gas and some equipment is installed.

Mrs. Claude D. Cotton and Mrs. Bill Archer and Lanny Bill of San Angelo spent two days last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen.

Mrs. D. M. Millican, Mrs. Ed Snowden, Mrs. G. H. Harris, Mrs. W. A. Preston, Mrs. Russ Mathers and Charlotte McCabe have all been on the sick list recently. Hope they are all much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews of Grape Creek came up Saturday and they and Mrs. S. V. Fant and Norma Jo spent Saturday and Sunday with the V. T. McCabes at Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carr spent Sunday at Orient with Mrs. Carr's brother, Elmer Allen.

Mrs. W. A. Preston entertained her son, Billy, with a party on the eve of his fourteenth birthday Oct. 9. Games carrying the halloween thought were played and ice cream and cake was served.

The Silver P. T. A. has begun its new year work with 33 members at the present time. The meeting days are the first Mondays at 3:45 and the 3rd Mondays at 7:30—So the men may be present too. The goal of the P. T. A. for this year is to buy the much needed playground equipment for our school children.

Don't let this "our" school children fool you, if you have no children in school this year—because maybe you will next year—or the next or even—grandchildren, maybe—huh? Even so, they're all "ours," every child in the community. We truly want them all to have the proper playground equipment. Don't we?

So when the P. T. A. sponsors a Halloween Carnival at the school house on Oct. 28th. We hope to see everyone out, with the intent on of having a good time and to do your best to help us to reach our goal, with the money we need to do it. We P. T. A. members will be there to do our best with all the rest of the spooks—will you?

Overseas Clothing Relief

The women of the Womans Missionary Union of Silver have heeded the call for help from victims in countries where the need is desperate and immediate and even greater in many places than during the war-years. Thousands of War Victims still are in need.

A "Clothing Bin" has been placed in the local Baptist church and all persons in the community are asked to leave there the following:

1. Clothing—clean and all sizes and all kinds. Layettes shoes, diapers, dresses, skirts and coats
2. Bedding—blankets, quilts.
3. Household supplies such as soap, towels, candles and sewing material and material for patch work.

These contributions will be packed by women of the W. M. U. into large boxes and mailed to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana. There all boxes are opened, inspected, sorted and mechanically compressed into bales weighing about 100 pounds.

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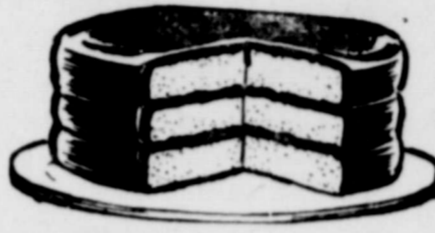
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**Services Held Monday
For Jerry S. Brown, 64**

Funeral services were held Monday from the Sterling City Methodist Church for Jerry S. Brown, 64, who died suddenly Saturday at his home in Brady. Burial was in the Divide Cemetery, 15 miles north of Water Valley, under the direction of the Lowe Funeral Home of Sterling City.

Mr. Brown, who moved to Brady five years ago from Sterling City, returned to his home a month ago after being ill in a San Angelo hospital. He was previously employed at Hotel Brady.

Mr. Brown was born in 1884 in Johnson County, the son of the late Judge and Mrs. B. F. Brown of Sterling City.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Willie Brown of Brady, whom he married four years ago, and three sons by a previous marriage, Files, Gardner, and Jerry Brown, Jr., all of San Angelo. His first wife, the former Ellen Gardner, died in Batador about 20 years ago. They were married in Robert Lee in 1909. He was a long time member of the Methodist church.

Also surviving are four grandchildren; one brother, R. P. Brown of Sterling City; and three sisters, Mrs. J. H. McCabe of Mancos, Colo., Mrs. H. L. Pearce of Sterling City, and Mrs. Fred McCabe of Robert Lee.

**Bronte Man Receives
Judgement of \$31,705**

A jury in 94th District Court at Corpus Christi has returned a verdict for Benjamin Gilbert of Bronte for \$31,705.85 against Edgar Linkenhogor of Corpus Christi.

The jury gave answers to special issues in favor of the West Texas trucker and set compensation for

injuries sustained in a collision between Gilbert's truck and a Transportation Co. of Texas vehicle owned by Linkenhogor.

The accident happened near Tahoka Nov. 23. Weldon Hester, another Bronte young man, was with Gilbert, but escaped serious injuries.

**Robert Lee Schools
Add Music Teacher**

Mrs. R. S. Burks has been added to the staff of the Robert Lee public schools as instructor in music, and began her new duties here last week.

Indicating that music will have a popular place in the school, 60 pupils have enrolled for piano instruction, 40 for brass and string instruments and a few vocal. A school band will be formed, and some benefit affairs will be arranged to help purchase instruments.

Mrs. Burks has had wide experience and taught public school music seven years in Beaumont.

Mrs. Hattie Day reports that Jimmie Murle Burpo is still wearing a cast on her fractured leg received while playing football a few weeks ago. Jimmie Murle is a granddaughter of Mrs. Day and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burpo of Lawton, Okla.

Mrs. S. M. Conner was ill the first of the week, but is reported much improved.

Raymond Blair has moved his family back to Robert Lee after residing in Mississippi the past six years. Mr. Blair is employed as a mechanic in the Havins & Vowell garage.

Mrs. L. B. Mahon and baby son, Roy Paul, were brought home Sunday from Shannon hospital.

SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Bro. and Mrs. McLeod and children took dinner Sunday with the Guy Denmans and later visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Sr., where they were entertained at supper.

W. H. Wyatt and wife visited Monday in San Angelo with the Scott Jacksons.

Glyn Thomason and family, W. R. Thomason and Mrs. Belva McCutchen and children were over at Sanco Sunday afternoon. They visited Charles and Eva Bell Fowler and also at the old home now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bird.

Lafayette Prine is at home this week. He and his mother, Mrs. Leo Prine, will make a trip to Colorado City.

Sammie Jo Fowler visited Sunday with Joy Adkins.

Jane. Nettie, Robert and Bonnie Gene Gartman of Sterling City visited with their grandparents last weekend.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during our recent bereavement, especially for the comforting words of sympathy, the cards and flowers.—The Family of Jerry S. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shelton and sons, Glynn and Dwayne, of Houston were guests the first of the week with the former's grandmother, Mrs. Joe Field, and other Coke county relatives. They were accompanied here by Mrs. Shelton's mother, Mrs. M. B. Sheppard, who returned Tuesday to her home in Abilene.

Mrs. E. G. Wilkerson and little son, Wayne, came from McCamey for a weekend visit in the parental Roy Ross home.

**A Hint to the Wise
Is Sufficient**

★ The records show that people are doing their Xmas shopping earlier this year than ever before, there are many good reasons for this.

★ First is that good merchandise is still very scarce, stocks are limited and when what we now have is exhausted we can get very little more.

★ Second, when you buy early you get the pick of the stocks and you rid your mind of the worry. Buy now and let us lay away your purchases.

★ We carry a complete line of the best merchandise that we can buy and at prices that will be a pleasant surprise to you.

For Instance

★ We carry a fine assortment of the best candies made. Kings and Pangburns, they cost you no more than a cheap line. We can't promise all you want for our purchases are limited.

★ See the beautiful line of the worlds best fountain pens, Parkers in both the ensemble and singles.

★ The ladies of Robert Lee are entitled to the best as much so as of any other city or community, we invite them to come in and see the beautiful Coty, Evening in Paris, Harriett Herbert Auer, Roger and Gallett, Wrisleys and many other beautiful sets.

★ It is a known fact that fine perfumes and cologns are much more economical than cheap ones. We have Cordays Mais Oui (Follow Me) Cotys, Cara Nome, Wrisleys and others.

★ For the men we have Mennens, Williams, Spruce, Wemblons Lavender and many other sets. Billfolds from \$1.00 to \$15.00. Shick Electric Shavers, Fountain Pens and etc.

★ We carry General Electric Radios and R. C. A. Victor the worlds finest.

★ A most beautiful selection of Jewelite and Prophylactic brushes, mirrors, vanities and accessories.

★ Watches and clocks that keep time the kind you want.

★ Cigars, Cigaretts, Ash Trays and Lighters.

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AAA NEWS

Farmers of Coke county should understand that, when they carry out conservation practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program, they are expected to maintain, or keep up, these practices. That is part of the responsibility accepted when assistance is received to help carry out the practice.

Sometimes farmers get the idea that, after the work is done one year and the payment received, there is no further responsibility. Under the provisions of the Program, if the County Committee finds that any Conservation practice carried out under a previous year's program has not been maintained in accordance with good farming practices, or if its effectiveness has been destroyed by neglect or failure to keep up the practice, deductions may be made from the current year's assistance earned under the program.

The purpose of the Agricultural Program is to conserve soil and water and not to make payments to farmers, the County Committeemen stated. And while all farmers have a responsibility to the Nation

to conserve their farmland, farmers cooperating in the ACP have the additional responsibility of safeguarding the investment the Nation has made in conservation through the Program assistance.

Most farmers do maintain these practices, but for those few farmers who do not the provision for deductions was set up.

Methodist News

Nine young people from the Church attended the San Angelo Sub-district meeting of Methodist youth at First Church, San Angelo, Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. Ross Welch.

Miss Patty Taylor was chosen for the office of secretary when the officers for the new year were elected. She will be a delegate to the District Conference.

After their return from San Angelo, the young people enjoyed a picnic supper on the church lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Madison are their sponsors.

Methodist Men, the newly organized men's fellowship in our Church, will have their second meeting next Wednesday night, Oct. 20. Men who are members and friends of the Church will not want to miss this fine fellowship—ask one of the men who were there last time.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner's Sunday school class will serve the meal. Funds raised in this way go to the furnishing of a hospital room.

Three delegates, Mrs. Carroll Russell, Mrs. Chism Brown and Mrs. Otto Wojtek were elected to represent our Church at the District Conference, to be held in Miles, Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Ex-officio delegates in addition to the Pastor are Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Mrs. Marcus Turner, the Rev. R. B. Young, Mr. T. B. Hicks. Two youth delegates will be named.

Union WHD Club

The Union Home Demonstration club elected new officers at their meeting Friday, Oct. 8, in the home of Mrs. J. R. Johnston, with Mrs. Susie Jackson as co-hostess.

Those elected were: Mrs. Cullen Clark, president; Mrs. Claude Beaver, vice president; Mrs. Everett Bruton, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Luther McCutchen, reporter, and Mrs. W. W. Ivey, delegate.

Mrs. Vernon Lammers gave the annual report of the year's work. Names were drawn for Sunshine Pals for the next two months.

Refreshments of punch, cookies and Ritz crackers were served to the following: Mmes. Claude Beaver, Everett Best, Luther McCutchen, W. W. Ivey, Truman Parker, John Coalsop, John Walker, Marshall Stephenson, John Keeney, Vernon Lammers, Jim Simpson and Willis Smith.

The next meeting will be Oct. 22 in the home of Mrs. Stephenson with Mrs. Keeney as co-hostess.

Coffee For Faculty

The Rev. and Mrs. Ross T. Welch were hosts at the parsonage Saturday afternoon to the teachers in the public school.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson poured the coffee at a lace covered table decorated by an unusual arrangement of fall flowers and four white tapers.

Mrs. Cortez Russell played background music and the hostess gave a reading.

Other guests who were present included Supt. and Mrs. B. C. Goodwin, Coach and Mrs. Mike Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Madison, Miss La Verne Darter, Miss Eunice McLure, Mrs. T. B. Hicks, Mrs. Sam Powell, and Mrs. Viola Gramling, and Miss Mettie Russell.

Mrs. Bob Wulfjen of Colorado City spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr., and family. Mary Frances and Priscilla Wylie went home with their aunt, while Mrs. Wylie and Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr., brought them back from Colorado City on Monday.

Steve Moore was over from San Angelo on Saturday.

Visited in New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key visited last week at San Jon, New Mexico, with the former's father, Alf Key, and a brother, J. C. Key and family. They report splendid feed crops and fine watermelons in that locality. While there the Robert Lee folks in company with the J. C. Keys spent a day with their nephew, Tom Peays, Jr., who also reside near San Jon. On their return home they stopped near Lamesa for a brief visit with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Youngblood. Old friends of Alf Key and Fayette Youngblood will recall that these two gentlemen helped make the history of the Edith community in the west part of Coke county in pioneer days.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Scott and daughter, Sherry, of Del Rio spent the weekend with Robert Lee relatives and friends.

W. T. Roach and little son, Billy Rankin, spent the weekend at Commerce and Ft. Worth. The former's sister, Mrs. E. H. Watson, who spent the past week here, returned to her home at Commerce with them.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols of Stratford were guests last week in the home of Mrs. Nichols, parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Keele of San Angelo spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. T. A. Richardson, and family.

Cumbie Ivey, Jr. spent the weekend at Denton and also attended the Texas-Oklahoma football game at Dallas.

Building Addition

Cragin Lumber company has started work on the construction of a two-room addition to their lumber office and apartment. Mr. Cragin specializes in handling drilling mud and oil field lumber and supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young returned Sunday from a week's motor trip. They visited relatives at Uvalde, Batesville and Alice and also spent a day at Corpus Christi.

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The above Discounts do not apply to Independent School District Taxes.

Pay your Taxes early and get the Discount. Advise your friends and neighbors to do likewise.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Poll Taxes are not assessed on the regular tax rolls this year as in the past, so you must ask for a separate Poll Tax Receipt.

PAUL GOOD

Coke County Tax Collector

Folks You Know

Sgt. Lee Latham brought his family in Friday night and they will remain here in the A. E. Latham home until Lee receives further orders. He returned to his station at Roswell, N. Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Caudle of San Angelo visited here Monday with Mrs. S. M. Conner. The Caudles are former Robert Lee residents.

County Agent T. B. Hicks, accompanied by Delmir Sheppard and Clarence Arrott, left last Friday for the state fair at Dallas. They were looking after the turkey exhibits owned by Nelda Ann Sheppard, and Marlene and LeDrew Arrott.

Mrs. Freeman Clark submitted to major surgery Friday at Shannon hospital. She is making a satisfactory recovery.

The many friends of S. E. (Skinny) Adams, who is having a long stay in Shannon hospital because of a fractured thigh, will be glad to know his condition is much improved. The weight has been removed from his leg and a brace is being made for the injured leg. Indications are that he may be able to leave the hospital within another month.

Mrs. W. F. Olsen of Odessa is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Raymond McCutchen.

S. B. Plumlee left Wednesday for Grand Saline to visit his brother, John C. Plumlee.

Steers Ready For Hermleigh Team; Tied Roby 7 to 7

Robert Lee football fans were awaiting with keen interest the game on Thursday night of this week when Hermleigh Cardinals tangled here with the Robert Lee Steers.

It is the second home game of the season, since the Steers have been playing away since opening the season a month ago with a 7 to 7 tie against Baird. After this week there will be three more home contests, and two on foreign fields.

Hermleigh is rated as the team to beat for 9-B conference honors. They opened the season by trouncing Seagraves, a Class A outfit, and have been winning consistently during the past month. Hermleigh had an open date last week and took advantage of the opportunity to witness the Robert Lee game at Roby.

Everyone was unhappy over the 7-7 tie which the Steers received at the Fisher county seat last Friday night, and there was strong complaint over the officiating. There were also some bad breaks which went against Robert Lee. The Steers had the ball on Roby's one-foot line as the half ended. They had made a sustained drive of 90 yards down the field, making most of their gains on the ground.

Roby scored its touchdown on a pass play that was good for 60 yards. The Steers counted near the end of the game on a short pass. Both teams converted the points after touchdown to tie the count. Robert Lee made 9 first downs and Roby 4.

The Steers again showed up well on defense, but on two occasions Roby runners got loose for long gains. Buddy Havins saved the game for Robert Lee when he tackled a runner who was headed for a touchdown just as the game ended.

Mrs. Hattie Day and son, L. C., returned Sunday from Wichita Falls and Lawton, Okla., where they visited the Bob Burpo family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craddock of Colorado City visited over night last Thursday with their daughter, Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr., and family.

Check County Records
Annual audit was completed last week of the records in the office of Paul Good, Coke county tax collector. James Monroe and J. L. Powell of the state comptroller's office made the audit and reported everything in good condition. The report covered the period from Jan. 1, in 1947, to Oct. 6, 1948.

ALAMO THEATRE

Robert Lee, Texas

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCT. 15-16

Dennis Morgan-Jane Wyman-Wayne Morris in
"Bad Men of Missouri" Also cartoon and late News

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY, OCT. 17-18-19

Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:30

Spencer Tracy-Katherine Hepburn-Van Johnson in
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