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Oil Well Started In Bront Townsite

Bronte is to get an oil test well in the city limits. Rotary equipment was being rigged up this week and drilling expected to start Thursday evening.

The wildcat test near the center of town is being drilled by T. W. Murray of Texarkana and Louis Mabee Co. of Midland on a lot owned by L. T. Youngblood, president of the First National Bank of Bronte.

The location, in the center of lot 2, block 43, original town of Bronte, is only one block northeast of the bank building, in the rear of the Bronte Tractor Co. It is about one mile northeast of the nearest producer in the Bronte field, Humble No. 2 R. E. Hickman.

Drilling contract calls for a depth of 5,200 unless production is developed in any formation at a lesser depth. Murray was pledged \$15,000 in case the hole is dry by something like 40 contributors.

Humble No. 1 Lowry Estate, quarter mile east extension to the south part of the Bronte field, was completed last week for a 24-hour flow of 124 barrels of 46.8 gravity oil.

Seaboard and Southern Minerals No. 1 Albert N. Rawlings, wildcat 7 miles southwest of Bronte, is in the Ellenburger but no oil shows are reported.

More Big Rains; Harvest Is Near

More than two inches of rain was received in Robert Lee last Friday evening, making last week's total moisture here about three inches. Friday's rain was accompanied by some wind and hail, with a small amount of crop damage.

Many crops will have to be planted over, and farmers are busy this week getting in the remainder of their cotton and feed crops.

Grain harvest is approaching rapidly and the combines will be in operation before another week rolls around. The grain is turning rapidly the last few days.

Edith-Robert Lee Road Aired Before State Body

Coke county's delegation received an attentive ear when they appeared before the Highway Commission in Austin last Thursday with a request for early completion of the highway gap from Robert Lee to Edith.

The matter was taken under advisement by the commission and prospects are favorable for the project to be included in the new road program set up for the year starting July 1.

Coke county was represented by County Judge Jeff Dean, Commissioners J. W. Service and T. R. Harmon, S. E. Adams, R. C. Russell, Henry Varnadore and W. B. Clift.

A Radio Correction

An announcement over the radio last Sunday stated that the Rev. Ross T. Welch, pastor of the local Methodist Church would not return to Robert Lee. This statement was an error. Rev. Welch has returned and will fill his regular pulpit here next Sunday.

Mrs. H. S. Lewis underwent a serious surgical operation last Friday at Shannon hospital. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is making a satisfactory recovery.

Ask for Hospital Bids

Notice is being published in The Observer this week for bids for construction of the proposed Coke county hospital. Bids will be opened June 18 by the commissioners court. Cost of the building and equipment is estimated at \$90,000 of which amount the federal government will pay one-third.

Farm Home Burned

A four-room rock veneer house on the old L. N. Halbert place at the southeast edge of Robert Lee burned to the ground Tuesday night. Everett Hale, who was living alone in the property, was outside doing some work at the time and said he did not know what caused the fire. J. C. (Shorty) Hale, who has been occupying the property for a number of years, is now residing in San Angelo.

Crowd Expected Sunday For Bronte Game Here

Yes, the big game is coming up Sunday. Bronte comes to Robert Lee for their first meeting of the year in Concho Basin League play. The game was postponed a few weeks ago because of wet grounds.

The two Coke county clubs seem fairly evenly matched and a close contest on the diamond can be expected. Bon Spoons will hurl for Bronte, while Clarence Tinkler will do the pitching for Robert Lee. The game is set for 3 p. m., and you better come early to get inside the park.

Bronte was upset last week by Nathan's Jewelers, 5 to 3, while Miles defeated Sonora 13 to 8.

Legion Auxiliary Nets \$187 From Poppy Sales

The annual Poppy Sale, sponsored here Saturday by the American Legion Auxiliary, was very successful.

Mrs. J. C. Strickland, chairman of the sale, said receipts amounted to \$379 from Sanco, \$1430 from Silver, \$4139 from Bronte and \$12759 from Robert Lee.

First prize for sales among the little girls went to Lexie Lewis, with \$18.85. A close second was Renee Kannady, who turned in \$17.85, while Gayle Lewis had sales of \$16.13.

Mrs. Strickland and her committee are very grateful for the fine response from Coke county residents. Funds derived from the sale of poppies are used for welfare work among veterans and their families.

NOTICE

Board of Equalization Meeting Robert Lee Independent School District

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the City of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, at 9 o'clock A. M., beginning on Wednesday, the 15 day of June, 1949, and from day to day thereafter, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in said Robert Lee Independent School District, until such values have finally been determined, for taxable purposes, for the year 1949, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are here notified to be present.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Secretary, Robert Lee Independent School District, Robert Lee, Texas, 5 day of May, 1949.

July 1 May Be Date For Gas Plant Opening

Gathering lines are expected to be completed by the middle of June for Sun's new gas plant at Silver, and Supt. Harvey Evinger hopes the plant will be ready to start operating by July 1. There is still a lot of work to be done, Evinger added, and everyone connected with the project is working at top speed.

There is sufficient gas now being flared from the more than 60 producing wells in northwestern Coke county to keep the plant in operation. Gathering lines will pipe the gas to the plant, two miles south of Silver, where it will be compressed into butane and casing head gasoline. The remaining dry gas will be returned to the ground.

Sun now has 15 permanent employees of the gas plant at Silver. Thirteen of the men have families and the camp has an elaborate bunk house for single men. Twenty-five persons will be employed by the gas department after the plant gets in operation.

The contractor had 135 men employed on the project this week.

Core Tests For Proposed Dam

Further progress in the solution of Robert Lee's water problem is being made this week, with core tests under way at the site of the proposed Mountain Creek Dam on Millard Meek property at the northeast edge of the city.

Tests are being made under direction of the Upper Colorado River Authority which has shown an interest in building a \$125,000 dam to furnish water for a city of 3,500 people. Water rentals over a 25-year period would pay for the project.

Some of the core tests go as deep as 80 feet. Purpose of the tests is to determine if the formation will hold water if a dam is constructed on the site. Reports of the tests thus far are favorable.

Anniversary Edition

Work is off to a good start on The Observer's 60th anniversary edition to be published the end of June. Mr. E. W. Hamm is assisting in gathering data and preparing special ads and features. He reports that most people favor the project which will emphasize the many fine improvements made in Coke county in recent years, with information on the folks who are responsible for the community's progress. Coke county was organized in June, 1899, and The Observer began publication at the same time. For a number of years it was known as the Coke County Rustler.

Plan Clean-Up Against Polio

With three cases of polio in Coke county this week, local residents have undertaken a drive against unsanitary conditions which exist all over town.

First project to be tackled is a DDT spray for the purpose of killing flies, since these insects are thought to be carriers of the polio germ. The entire business section will be sprayed at once and it may be extended to other parts of the city.

Attorney Frank Dickey got busy this week and secured more than \$100 in contributions which were turned over to Mayor McNeil Wylie to help with the clean-up drive.

The Daily Vacation Bible School program of the Sanco Evangelical Methodist church will be combined with a piano recital of sacred music and special vocal numbers Sunday night, June 5.

Bill Allen and Jack Snead, well known Robert Lee young men, graduated from San Angelo Junior College Monday night with high scholastic honors. Both plan to continue college work at other institutions next fall.

Wallace Clift is home for a brief vacation. He will return to Texas University for the summer session at conclusion of which he will receive his degree.

2 More Producers For Sun Oil Co. In Jameson Field

Sun Oil Co. finished two new wells in the Jameson field at Silver the past week, adding 532 barrels of potential production.

No. 8 Jewell Brannan flowed 314 barrels of oil and no water during its official 24-hour test. Tubing pressure was 650 pounds, casing pressure 1,500 and the gas-oil ratio was 1,406.1. Top of the lime reef was 5,829 feet and the total depth 6,269.

No. 2 Robert W. Walker flowed 218 barrels during its official 24-hour test. Tubing pressure was 600 pounds, casing pressure 1,175 and gas-oil ratio 1,661.1. Total depth was 6,249 feet. Both of the new producers are in the southwestern part of the field southwest of Silver.

Baker-Taylor Drilling Co. moved from No. 2 Robert Walker to the south side of the river where their new location is No. 7 J. B. Walker, an offset to the new State River Tract producer brought in by Sun. No. 7 J. B. Walker was drilling Wednesday at 2,025 feet in shale.

No. 8 Brannan was drilled by Ray-Harris who moved their rotary rig to No. 2 H. L. Bloodworth, a north offset to No. 1 Bloodworth producer on the north bank of the Colorado River. No. 2 Bloodworth spudded Tuesday.

In Sun's Millican field west of Edith No. 4 Annie Cummings was drilled Wednesday at 5,622 feet in lime. Paul F. Rutledge is the drilling contractor.

Sun production was cut to 18 days during June, according to a statement made Wednesday by H. D. Smith, superintendent at Silver. They were allowed to produce 19 days in May.

Corsage Demonstration

Members of the Hayrick Home Demonstration club met Thursday, May 19, with Miss Gladys Waldrop for a demonstration on corsage making. Seven members, five visitors and seven children were present. Visitors included Mrs. Richard Cockburn of Plainview, Mrs. Bill Braswell, Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Mrs. J. A. Waldrop and Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr.

Mrs. Barton Waldrop and Gladys Waldrop were in charge of the demonstration, and each one present tried their hand at making corsages. They found that a corsage can be made at a very small cost when you have the flowers.

Refreshments of cookies and cokes were served. The next meeting will be June 2 with Mrs. W. G. Cresap.

Artistic Ability

Bobbie Hatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley, of Robert Lee is on the road up in pastel work. Several of his designs are on display at the office of the Co-Operative Association office here and are of such types that can plainly be seen that young Mr. Hatley will some day make his mark in this kind of work.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Mrs. J. D. McCaleb, wish to express our deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to our neighbors and friends for their many tender sympathies and many acts of kindness during the long illness and Homegoing of our dear mother. May our Heavenly Father richly reward each of you.

Mrs. Genie Baker returned home Tuesday from the Bronte hospital where she was treated several days with a carbuncle.

Last Public Notice

For Rendition of Your School Taxes

You have had other public notices, yet some of you have failed to render your property. I feel sure you do not want your property to be placed on an unrendered roll, so please come in at once if you have not rendered your property. Thirty odd oil and utility people who own leases and other public properties have sent in their renditions almost 100 per cent. Other non resident property holders have likewise almost 100 per cent sent in their renditions.

We wish hereby to thank all these prompt and thoughtful people. This includes the home people who have also been prompt.

Office hours: 8:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Except Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 6th, 7th and 8th, when hours will be 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Let's not let these three days pass without making our renditions.

J. L. ROSS

ASSESSOR

Robert Lee Lost To Veribest 6-0

Robert Lee was whitewashed 6 to 0 at Veribest last Sunday. It was the first defeat of the season for the Coke county seat club, and places them in a tie with Veribest for top standing in the Concho Basin league.

Oscar Peoples completely baffled Robert Lee batters with his variety of slants and change of pace. He gave up only six hits. Scoring opportunities came in the fifth when Lowenstein and Hickman got singles, and again in the sixth frame when Chilly and Clarence Tinkler drove out hits after two men were out. Ike Lowenstein poled two hits in four trips to the plate.

In the second inning Moon and Feist drove safe hits. With two men out Parmer was hit by a pitched ball to fill the bases and Peoples singled to bring in two scores. It remained a tight 2 to 0 ball game until the eighth inning when Veribest bunched five hits to manufacture four more tallies. Tinkler held the Cultivator Jockeys hitless except in the second and eighth frames.

The fielding gem of the day was pulled by John Conley in the

seventh inning when he hauled in a hot grounder near second base off the bat of Parmer and threw the runner out at first.

As usual Red Weatherford pranced up and down the sidelines and won all arguments.

Nolan Gotcher, 17 year old San Angelo junior college athlete, did a fine job behind the plate for Robert Lee. Sap Johnson was the Veribest receiver.

Soil Conservation District News

C. N. Webb and a group of his neighbors met at the Tennyson school house for their second planning meeting Wednesday, May 18, 1949. Treatment recommended by the Board of Supervisors in their program and plan of work on cropland and also rangeland was discussed by A. V. Sheppard, work unit conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, assisting the district.

The group was organized last November and eleven landowners made application for assistance in planning and applying a complete coordinated program. The district is now rendering each land owner assistance in developing their plan and staking any work that they plan to apply immediately. Each land owner in the group scheduled a date with Sheppard to receive planning assistance.

While studying range grasses, Frank Sayner, a member of the Mule Creek group and a district cooperator, has decided that the only way to whip bitter weed is to choke it out by growing more and better grasses through better range management. I am convinced that there is no mechanical or chemical treatment that will control bitter weed, Sayner said. Bitter weed was put here by nature when man interfered with nature and nature will take it way if man does not interfere with nature's balance, Sayner added.

J. I. Williams, J. P. Arrott and Frank Sayner are three land owners that completed a plan on their farms and ranches last week. These plans will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District, at the next regular meeting. If the plans meet the standards of work as outlined in their program and plan of work, the Supervisors will enter an agreement to furnish the land owners with technical assistance in applying the plans just as fast as the land owners can get conservation put on the land.

G'enda Littlefield spent the weekend at Bronte with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bernard.

SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Groups gathered Thursday and Saturday to work on the Baptist church repairs. There is still more to be done. The pastor came from Abilene Saturday to help.

Truitt Arbuckle left Saturday to start college work in Abilene. His family will go later.

David McCutchen was over from San Angelo last week visiting with Charles and Eva Belle Fowler. Saturday night and Sunday Charles and wife and Waddy Fowler visited in San Angelo.

Visitors at the Carwiles last week included Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reid.

Sanco received a big rain and quite a bit of hail Friday evening. Fields of young cotton were badly damaged. Sam Fowler has quite a bit to plant over, since it was covered up.

Vacation Bible School began classes at the Sanco Methodist church Monday morning, with 19 children enrolled. Mmes. Fred Killam, Paul Killam, Truman Gartman and Evelyn McKinley are in charge. Classes will continue through the week. Everyone welcome to attend.

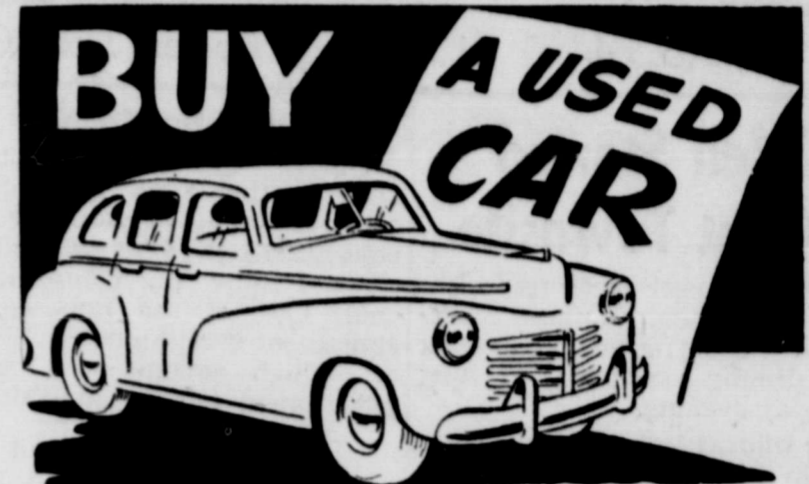
After the mail was put up Monday morning, Mrs. Allen closed the post office for the Memorial Day holiday.

Belva McCutchen and children of San Angelo visited in Robert Lee on Saturday.

Mrs. Lindy Devoll is home from the hospital and doing fine. The twin sons will be cared for at the hospital nursery for another week. The babies are doing nicely, too.

Mrs. C. E. Benningfield and Inez Gartman returned Friday from Austin where they spent a week with the former's father, J. W. McIntyre, who suffered a stroke. He is improving.

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SILVER NEWS

Bill Gassiot spent the weekend here with his parents, the H. R. Gassiot. He has been in Abilene since January attending Simmons University. He is a former employee of Halliburton Co at Odessa and has returned there where he will be employed during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sanders and girls of Houston came last week for a visit with the R. B. Ailens. The Porters and Mr. Sanders returned Monday while Mrs. Sanders and children remained for an extended visit in her parents' home.

Mrs. George Pennington and Dennis of Midland are spending the

week here with her parents, the C. E. Mathers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Walker and children left Friday for East Texas where they will spend a two week's vacation with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. Jameson and girls who have been residing in Colorado City during the past school year have returned to their ranch home here for the summer.

Travis Glen Allen of Vancourt is visiting his cousin, Bobby Hugh Odom.

Residents of Tubb camp gathered at the John Shimer home Monday evening for a no host picnic supper. The occasion was to celebrate the 9th wedding anniversary of the Shimers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Powell are

in Longview for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Harris and boys left Friday for Toledo, Ohio and will be gone until fall. They wish to express their thanks to all their friends for the many things they did for them.

Mrs. H. W. Keener drove to Grapeland Saturday to get her daughter, Barbara, and to attend the graduation exercises which were held Monday night. They returned here Tuesday.

Barbara has just completed her Junior year in high school and received several certificates. She was on the honor roll the entire year, and represented Grape and in the district Interscholastic league meet, her district at region and region at state. She was also feature editor of the school annual.

The Keeners moved here recently from Grapeland and Barbara remained there until the school term was out.

Silver's newest business place is the Odom Drug which opens today. It is located in the same building with the post office and is owned by the Bob Odom's. It will be under the management of Mrs. Fred L. Jones.

Sandwiches, coffee and other eats will be offered along with the fountain service and other drug items.

Your patronage will be greatly appreciated. Drop by today for a free cup of coffee.

There to be an all community ice cream and cake supper at the Baptist church house Wednesday afternoon at 5 p. m. June 8. Sponsored by the Silver Baptist church. There to be games for all ages. So come prepared to have a good time.

Miss Betty Calley of Forsan is spending a week or two with Mr. and Mrs. Myrle Jameson and Jerry.

Silver H D Club

The Silver W. H. D. met in the home of Mrs. Lucille Legg May 24th.

Miss Gladys Waldrop and Mrs. Thelma Rives gave instructions on corsage making.

Frosted cokes and brownies were served to the following members: Mesdames Madie Allen, Jewell

Miller, Violet Walker, Florence Rose, Edith Gebhart, Vera Jameson, the hostess, two visitors and eight children.

The next meeting will be at the Baptist church, June 7th. Club adjourned with love to all.—Edith G.

Roping Postponed

Due to repairs being made at the arena, there will be no calf roping here until June 12th, according to a statement issued yesterday by J. F. McCabe Jr.

Open Friday, June 3

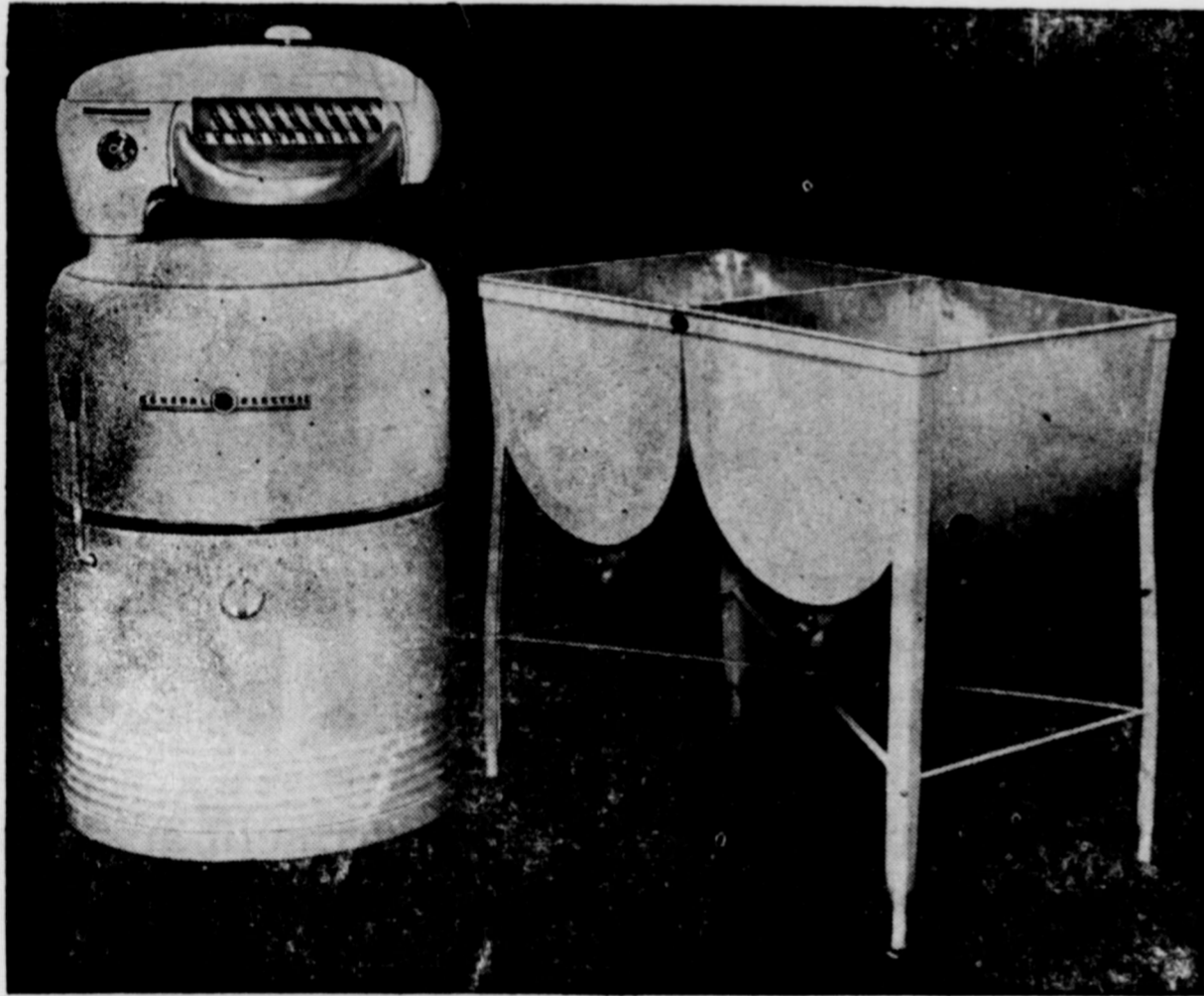
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Frankfurters lb 39c

GANDY'S 12 oz Box

Cottage Cheese 19c

BALLARD

Biscuits 2 for 25

DIXIE

Bacon Squares lb 25c

ROBERTS GROCERY



Janet Bilbo Honored By Legion Auxiliary

Janet Bilbo has been selected to represent Robert Lee in the Blue Bonnet Girls State in Austin June 5-12. She was chosen from three outstanding high school juniors, the other candidates being Joyce McCutchen and Dixie Taylor.

Girls State is conducted for one week each summer for the purpose of teaching high school girls the functions and duties of our city, county and state officials. The girls set up their own city, county and state governments and elect their own officials.

The girl elected to the governorship will be sworn into office by Gov. Beauford Jester, and she will later attend a national camp to learn workings of our national

government.

Each American Legion Auxiliary unit has the privilege of sending a representative to Girls State. The high school faculty was asked to recommend three leaders of the Junior class and the final selection was made on a secret ballot by the Auxiliary committee.

Girls State will be conducted on the beautiful campus of the School for the Blind in Austin. Mrs. J. C. Strickland of Robert Lee will also attend the camp as one of the counselors.

Janet is the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. She has a fine scholastic rating and has been active in various school affairs and in the young peoples department of her church.

Girls BB Jackets

Miss LaVerne Darter, girls athletic coach, announces that basket ball jackets have arrived and were awarded to Nelda Ann Sheppard, Eula Fay Smith, Janie Sue Higgins, Tiny Hurley, Barbara Harwell, Jean Hurley, Joyce McCutchen, Joyce Littlefield, Dixie Taylor, Lurlyne Pettit, Janet Bilbo, Melba Wojtek Austin, Ruth Blair, Dean Richards, Lynn Doris Varnadore, Juanice Childress, Joan Hester and Thelma Jo Bryan.

Sells Mortgaged Property

L. A. Bramlett of Ballinger was apprehended this week by Sheriff Paul Good on a charge of selling mortgaged property. He is alleged to have disposed of a 1934 Ford on which I. M. Cumbie of Bronte held a mortgage. Bramlett was released under bond and his case will come before the grand jury.

There is a lot of galvanized roofing, both 26 and 28 gauge, now in stock at McDonald Lumber Co.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals, addressed to the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, at Robert Lee, Texas, for the construction of a County hospital for said County, in accordance with plans, specifications and "Instructions to Bidders," which will be made available to bidders by the County, will be received by the Commissioners' Court until 10:00 A. M., on the 18th day of June, 1949, in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans, Specifications and Instructions to Bidders, may be procured at the office of the County Judge of Coke County, at Robert Lee, Texas, on or after the 20th day of May, 1949.

A charge of \$10.00 will be made for each set of Plans and Specifications, which amount will be refunded upon the return of same in good condition not later than ten (10) days from date of receipt of bids. Specifications used in making a bid will be considered as returned.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, drawn on a responsible bank, or an approved Bidder's Bond, for the sum of Five (5) per centum of the amount of the maximum total bid, as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into contract and execute a bond as outlined in the Specifications and Instructions to Bidders. Certified checks must be made payable to Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas.

A performance bond in an amount of not less than One Hundred (100) per centum of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials will be required of the successful bidder or bidders.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the Proposal, the County reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the Proposal.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and or all bids and or waive any of all formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the date on which bids are opened.

Notice is hereby given by the Commissioners' Court that it is the intention of the Commissioners' Court to pay for such construction of said County hospital by the legal issuance and delivery to the successful bidder of time warrants of Coke County, Texas, in a principal sum of not to exceed Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, which shall mature in serial installments within a period of not to exceed twenty years (20) from their date, which warrants shall bear interest from date until paid at a rate of interest not to exceed four (4) per centum per annum, and shall be payable out of the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in Coke County, Texas.

It is the intention of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, to pass and adopt an order authorizing the issuance of said time warrants on the 18th day of June, 1949.

This Notice to Bidders is given and published by the undersigned by virtue of an order made and entered by the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, on the 20th day of May, 1949.

Jeff Dean,
County Judge, Coke County, Texas

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives and daughter, Melba, enjoyed a picnic at Ben Ficklin Park on Sunday. They were met there by their son and brother, Edward Rives, also Joyce Gatlin, Tom Gatlin and family, Roy Bevers and family, Mrs. Billie Stamford and Grandmother Gatlin of Odessa and the O. A. Warrington family of San Angelo.

A family gathering took place Sunday in the home of Mrs. W. L. Campbell at Sanco when her two sons and two daughters and their families enjoyed a fine dinner. Those present included Fred and Otis Campbell and their wives, Mrs. Jack Lassiter, Douglas, Jeanette and Bill Lassiter and wife, Mrs. Ira Yarbrow and son, Donald, and daughter, Mrs. Doyle Gray, and the latter's daughter, Diana, of Abilene.

Mrs. J. C. Jackson and daughter, Cloma Marie, and Melba Rives went to Carter, Okla., last week. Melba visited a few days there with Reta and Jean Taylor, while Cloma remained in Carter for a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson. On her return to Robert Lee Mrs. J. C. Jackson visited in Wichita Falls with her parents, the J. L. Osborns.

Mrs. B. W. Bilbo and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Randle of San Angelo returned Monday from a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Robert McGuire, and husband at Lubbock.

Mrs. J. W. Ashworth of Richmond, Calif., and Arthur Sessum of Artesia, New Mex., are here for a month's visit with the former's son and daughter, Fred Ashworth and Mrs. Roy Hood, and their families. Also here for a week-end visit were Johnny Ashworth and family of Abilene and Mrs. Lula Hiddle and Mrs. Maud Kelley of Kaufman.

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**Long Time Resident,
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Mrs. J. D. McCaleb, 82, a resident of Coke county for 43 years, died at 8:10 Tuesday morning, May 31, at her home west of Robert Lee. She had been in failing health for some time.

Funeral services were held from Pecan Baptist Church Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. where she had been a member 23 years. The Rev. J. H. Hallford of Levelland officiated. Burial was in Paint Creek cemetery in charge of the Clitt funeral home.

Survivors include five children, George of Robert Lee, J. O. of Coleman, Mrs. G. W. New of Kerrville, Mrs. W. P. Fletcher of Santa Anna, and Mrs. A. J. Muston of Bronte. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Z. Y. Hope of Itasca, besides 18 grand children and 38 great grandchildren.

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For Sale—14 lots, 50x140 ft., northwest part of Robert Lee. Priced at \$250 per lot. Jack Lassiter, Phone 1914. 54tf

For Sale—Six, ice boxes, \$10 each; also an apartment size gas range. If interested come see them at our apartments Saturday. A. F. McKinley. p

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Birthday Surprise
Mrs. W. H. Bell was honored on her 80th birthday on Sunday, May 30, with a surprise dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Garrett, in Big Spring. The home was decorated with spring flowers and dinner tables were spread on the shaded lawn of the attractive Garrett home. Most of Mrs. Bell's children and their families were present for the enjoyable gathering. She received many beautiful gifts.

Among those attending were Mrs. Floyd Sturman and daughter, Mrs. Dick Wootton, of Elida, New Mex., Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lowry of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Landers of Ft. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark, Mrs. A. J. Bilbo and daughters, Janet and Peggy, Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner and Miss Martha Smith, all of Robert Lee.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock, Robbie Ann and Frank of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Lewis, Jr., Marry and Laura of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay of Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall and Jo John of Stanton and Homer and Carlos Smith of Midland.

Those calling during the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craddock of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Garrett of Big Spring.

Mrs. Bell remained in Big Spring for a few days' visit and then continued to San Angelo to visit her daughter, Mrs. Paul Brown, who is still confined to her home with injuries received in an accident several months ago.

Billie Joyce, little daughter of the Eddie Pattersons, was treated for pneumonia over the weekend at the Bronte hospital.

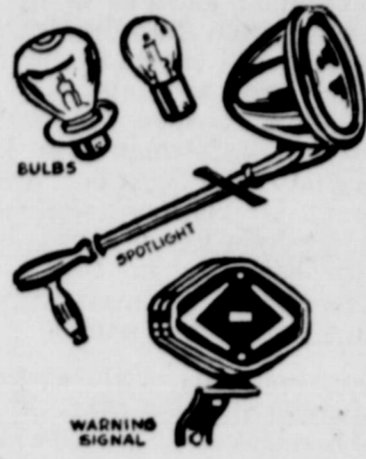
Mrs. Lou Sheppard of Abilene is visiting here this week with her brother, Hubert Fields, near Edith and her son, A. B. Sheppard, and family.

Dick Fields and family of Merton visited Monday night in the parental Hubert Fields home at Edith.

P. E. Mahon and wife visited in Brownwood on Sunday.

Billy Green and wife were weekend guests of the J. D. Greens in Big Lake.

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Folks You Know

Martha Smith and Jamie Bilbo left Sunday night for Alpine where they attended commencement ceremonies at Sul Ross college on Monday. They continued to El Paso and Ruidoso for a week's vacation and will return by plane on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith and daughter, Nancy, of San Angelo were Sunday guests in the parental E. O. Higgins home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin and daughter, Sylvia, of McCamey and Mrs. D. C. Partin of Temple are visiting their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr. and family. Mrs. D. C. Partin left for her home Tuesday, taking a bus from San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Higgins, Jack Cowley and Irven Escue and their families visited Sunday in the Henry Escue home in San Angelo.

Cpl. Preston Ross enjoyed a holiday weekend with relatives and friends in Robert Lee. He is stationed at Kelly Field near San Antonio.

Dr. J. K. Griffith returned Sunday from an enjoyable outing on the Pecos River near Comstock. His party included Drue Scoggins of Burnet and two friends from Mason. The doctor says they had good fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harmon and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe Harmon, and two small boys came out from from Emmet, Ark., last week and visited in the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon Mr. and Mrs. Epperson of Coleman also joined the group for a visit on Wednesday C. C. Harmon worked for the late John Vestal in the blacksmith shop here in 1903-4. The visitors from Arkansas departed Thursday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace and children, Edna Mae, Mildred and Royce, and Velma Jane Hurley took Tiny Hurley to Junction on Sunday where she will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hurley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Owen of Odessa are enjoying a vacation visit with Robert Lee relatives this week after visiting various points in Oklahoma and eastern Texas. They plan to go to Buchanan Lake the last of the week and will be joined there by Lewis Owen and wife of Odessa.

T. L. Osborn and family of League City visited over the weekend with the former's sister, Mrs. J. C. Jackson, and family. The Osborns left Monday on a trip to California, accompanied by Tommy Jackson. While they are in the west little Mary Osborn will remain with the Jacksons in Robert Lee.

Mrs. Della Burney and her father, Bill McDonald, of Merton and Mrs. Maud Moore of Ft. Smith, Ark., spent Sunday with the E. O. Higgins family. Mr. McDonald is an uncle of Mr. Higgins and Mrs. Moore is the latter's cousin.

Miss Audie Williams left Saturday for her home in Canton, Texas, where she has a position in an abstract office. She has been employed by the Adams Abstract Co. here the past two months. Phil Laws and family accompanied Miss Williams as far as Dallas where they spent the holiday weekend.

The Elbert Davidson and Crowley Harmon families were Sunday guests in the J. Jameson home at Silver

Mrs. Ashworth Honored
A group of friends and relatives honored Mrs. J. W. Ashworth and little granddaughter of Richmond, Calif., with a cake and ice cream supper Saturday night at the home of her son, Fred Ashworth.

Present for the gathering were her brother, Arthur Sessum, of Artesia, New Mex., her sister and sister-in-law, Mrs. Maude Kelley and Mrs. Lula Heidle of Kaufman, Texas; her daughter, Mrs. Roy Hood, and family, her sons, Johnnie of Abilene and Fred of Edith and their families.

Also the Elbert Davidson family and Donna Jameson of Silver, N. C. Montgomery and wife, Mrs. G. W. Davidson and children, Roxie, Dollie and Earl, George Powers

and Clarence and Jennie Scott. A sister, Mrs. Lela Woodson, of Waco met them in Abilene Friday but was unable to join the group Saturday night.

The many friends of Mrs. Ashworth will be glad to know she has recovered from a long illness which occurred last December.

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Preserves 2 lb. jar 35c

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OLEO 1b. 23c

Shortening Swifts Jewel 3 Lb. crt. 59c

Coffee Admiration Free Water Bottle with each pound 54c

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CORN 12 oz. 2 cans 27c

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SOAP 2 bars 25c

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