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Ten Amendments To Be Submitted At Nov. 8 Election

A special election is set for next Tuesday, Nov. 8, when ten amendments to the state constitution will be submitted to Texas voters. Each congressional district will also elect a member of the new state board of education as provided in the Gilmer-Aiken Act.

Three men are candidates for the education post in this district. Most prominently mentioned are John T. Rowntree of Lampasas and Dr. Morgan of San Angelo.

The amendments have created wide interest, and will be listed on the ballot in the following order:

No. 1. To authorize counties of over 75,000 population to adopt civil service systems for county employees.

No. 2. To provide annual legislative sessions and annual salaries for legislators. This is the most controversial proposal of the group. It provides for a session each year instead of every two years, and raises the pay of legislators from \$1,000 per session to \$3,600 per year. Indications point to its defeat. The Observer believes the lawmakers should have had a pay increase, but they went to far. From \$1,000 to \$7,200 is quite a jump.

No. 3. To provide for creation of hospital districts. Seems O. K.

No. 4. To abolish poll tax as a requirement for voting. Should be adopted by all means. Has opposition from ultra-conservatives.

No. 5. To authorize creation of city-county health units. Should be O. K.

No. 6. To authorize a statewide system for retirement and disability pensions for appointive county officials and employees.

No. 7. To require district judges to conduct proceedings at the county seat of the county in which a case is pending.

No. 8. To authorize creation of rural fire prevention districts. Certainly a good move.

No. 9. To provide for trials without a jury in lunacy cases. Will save embarrassment to the person under trial and his family.

No. 10. To qualify women to serve on juries. Second most hotly contested of the proposals. The Observer is 100 per cent for passage. When you hear someone raving about women serving on the jury, check up and decide if he is smarter than his wife.

First Killing Frost

Coke County received its first frost of the season Sunday night when temperatures dropped a couple of degrees below freezing. Heavy frost was in evidence both Monday and Tuesday mornings, and some of the less hardy garden crops were killed. Oct. 31 is somewhere near the average date for the first freeze in this section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Phelan have returned from a trip to Raton and points in New Mexico.

Recent Bride



Mrs. D. J. Walker, Jr., whose marriage occurred Oct. 23. She was formerly Cornelia Boykin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Boykin.

New Variety Store To Open Saturday

Robert Lee's new Variety Store will open for business Saturday. It is located on the east side of the street in the modern 25 x 100 foot building erected two years ago by Ray Ledbetter.

A brand new stock and new specially built fixtures makes the store highly attractive, and the institution will be a fine asset to Robert Lee and surrounding territory.

Owner of the business is Harry B. Porter of Abilene, who recently sold out his business in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have six children, five of them of school age. The family will move to Robert Lee next week, having leased the Jack Trimble residence east of the Baptist church.

Assisting Mr. Porter with arranging the store has been his brother-in-law, Dick Wilkerson, who operates a similar store in Brownwood. Also helping with building the fixtures and new shelving the past two weeks was Mr. Porter's father-in-law, Mr. R. E. Ewing.

Special opening day bargains will be found in the page ad in this issue of The Observer. Souvenirs will be given to every person who visits the new store Saturday.

Fred McDonald, Jr. is out and around again and his injured eye seems to be healing in a satisfactory manner.

Dennis Steward, driller for Ray-Harris, this week purchased a new Ford 4-door sedan from Ivey Motor Co.

L. C. Day is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Hattie Day. He has been stationed as a weather observer at an air base near Tucson, Ariz.

The Public Is Entitled To Know The Facts

Every government official or board that handles public money, should publish at regular intervals an accounting to show where and how each dollar is spent. This is a fundamental principle of democratic government.

UCRA Taking Up New Proposal For Mountain Cr. Dam

Recent developments indicate Robert Lee's municipal water problem may be solved in the very near future.

At a special meeting of the city commission last Thursday night the matter was discussed in the presence of a number of local business men. Present for the session were L. T. Youngblood and G. C. Allen, president and secretary of the Upper Colorado River Authority.

It was generally agreed that the sum of \$75,000 would be sufficient to construct the proposed Mountain Creek dam at the northeast edge of town, while heretofore a \$125,000 project had been discussed which would be large enough to supply water for a town of 3,500 people.

Both Youngblood and Allen said they would recommend that the UCRA build the dam from funds now in the Authority's treasury, and not consider further the proposition of issuing revenue bonds.

They planned to lay the matter before the entire UCRA board at a meeting in San Angelo Thursday evening of this week. Mr. Youngblood told the city officials here Thursday night he was satisfied the other directors would go along on the project.

If favorable action is taken steps will be immediately taken to purchase the necessary land from D. J. Walker and Millard Meek. While some preliminary engineering work has been done, it will be necessary to have final surveys made.

The \$75,000 shall be paid back to the UCRA out of city water revenues, probably about \$300 per month for a period of 20 years. A very low rate of interest will be set and there is a possibility that no interest at all will be charged.

Hermleigh Beats Our Steers By 24-0 Score

Robert Lee Steers were defeated 24-0 in a conference game at Hermleigh last Thursday night. Coach Mike Hughes and his squad agreed that Hermleigh was the strongest club which Robert Lee had met this season.

Hermleigh was forced to take to the air when the Steer forward wall stopped their progress on the ground. Three of the touchdowns were largely due to passes, while a fourth resulted from a Steer misplay.

Persons who watched the contest report it was far better than the score indicates.

The Steers are idle this week and are pointing for another tough battle at Stanton on Friday night, Nov. 11.

Robert Lee's B team was getting ready for a return game with the Colorado City B string on the local ground Thursday night.

Carnival Queen



Elna Avis Jameson, high school junior, was crowned Queen of the Halloween Carnival at Robert Lee high school last Friday night. Elna is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson of Silver.

Notes

From The

Oil Field

Runkles Wildcat

Southern Minerals and Bridewell Oil Co. moved in rig last week and have started drilling No. 1 S. A. Runkles, in the southwest part of Coke county. It is located in the southwest corner of Section 20, blk W, T&P Survey.

The wildcat is 2 1-2 miles west and north of the Fred McCabe test drilled on the Divide last year, and is about 7 miles south of the Millican field west of Edith.

The test is scheduled to explore the Ellenburger. Charlie Ice of Monahans is the drilling contractor.

Russell Nears 4,000 Ft.

C. H. Murphy & Co. No. 1 R. C. Russell, wildcat 5 miles northwest of Robert Lee, was making hole near 4,000 feet. Guy Mabey has the drilling contract.

Two New Bronte Tests

Locations have been staked for two new tests in the Bronte field. Humble moved to No. 1-B Olive Keeney from No. 4 Ash. Hickok & Reynolds will resume drilling operations, having staked No. 4 E. C. Rawlings.

Harris Estate

Hill No. 7 Ralph Harris Estate was drilling at 4,450 feet in shale and lime. Operators were installing pump unit at No. 6 Harris which was completed in the Marble Falls.

Mrs. Sadie Reed of Glendale, Calif., is in Coke county for an extended visit with relatives and friends. She is a former resident and is a sister of the late Will Jameson, pioneer ranchman of the Silver community. Mrs. Reed is visiting her nieces and nephews at Silver and the past week has been a guest of her old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe, in Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Millican returned Thursday from a two weeks visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saunders, near Big Spring.

Bloodworth No. 3 Flows 395 Barrels Oil In 24 Hours

Sun No. 3 Bloodworth flowed 395.4 barrels of pipeline oil during its official 24-hour test completed Thursday. Gauge was through quarter inch choke with a gas oil ratio of 1,443-1.

No. 3 Bloodworth topped the lime reef at 5,873 feet and the total depth is 6,273 feet. Location is a mile north of the Colorado River in Sun's Jameson field southwest of Silver.

Baker & Taylor Drilling Co. were the contractors and their rotary equipment was moved one location north to No. 4 Bloodworth, where surface pipe was cemented to a depth of 575 feet.

Sun No. 3 Robert W. Walker, in the same area, was drilling Thursday at 6,798 feet in lime and chert and will continue to the Ellenburger. A good pay section was discovered in the Strawn below 6,000 feet but there have been no further shows Ray-Harris Co. is the drilling contractor.

Sun No. 1 Foster Sims Price, five miles west and north of Edith, was drilling out plugs Thursday after setting casing to a depth of 6,057 feet. Top of the reef was 6,054 feet, considerably lower than No. 1 Davidson, a quarter mile to the east. Paul F. Rutledge has the drilling contract.

County Collects

75 Pct. 1949 Taxes

More than \$179,000 in current taxes were collected during October by Sheriff Paul Good, Coke county tax assessor-collector. This represents about three-fourths of the 1949 tax total of \$232,000.

Payment came in promptly since a 3 per cent discount was allowed on all state, county and common school district taxes paid during the past month. A discount of 2 per cent is allowed in November and one per cent for December collections.

John L. Ross, tax collector for the Robert Lee independent school district, reports that more than \$10,000 of the total \$27,000 school taxes for 1949 have been paid. Tax paying is starting earlier than usual this year, he said. School taxes are delinquent next Feb. 1.

Only about 20 per cent of the Robert Lee city tax has been paid so far, according to R. S. Crum, city secretary. A total of \$6,569 was levied in city taxes this year.

No discount is allowed for early payment of either city or school taxes.

Lost—G-E exposure meter. \$5 Reward if finder will leave same at Observer office. C. C. Pope.

Thanksgiving Turkeys—I have raised 20 nice broad breasted Bronze Turkeys and am now taking orders for Thanksgiving delivery. According to present markets the price will be 35c per pound live weight, 50c dressed. Call me if you want a nice turkey saved for you. Tommy Kirkpatrick.

Want Ads

REWARD—I will pay \$50 Reward for information leading to the positive identification of party or parties who deposited poison candy in my yard last week. J. C. Strickland.

For Rent—5 room house with two bedrooms and bath, located across from high school. Palmer Leeper.

WILL BUY:—Production, Producing Royalty, or will Drill Attractive Wildcat. JAMES T. CUMLEY, 415 Staley Building, Wichita Falls, Texas. w2p

How long since you replenished your windmill with oil? Refill once a year with AERMOTOR ZERO Windmill Oil. Get it at Leeper Supply Co.

For Sale—Seed wheat, oats and rye. Fred McDonald, Jr.

Wanted—Would like to rent 160 to 200 acre farm, prefer sandy land. Loran Neel, Edith, Texas. 20w3p

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NOVEMBER

- 5—American Society of Civil Engineers founded, 1852.
- 6—First College football game, 1869.
- 7—Russian anniversary of October revolution, 1917.
- 8—Louvre Museum, Paris, opened, 1793.
- 9—American Chemical Society chartered, 1877.
- 10—U. S. Marines founded, 1775.
- 11—Armistice Day.

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Oil Properties
Insurance

May Condemn Site For Oak Creek Dam

Condemnation papers were filed in Coke county court here Tuesday by the City of Sweetwater against C. H. Wylie and wife. Purpose of the action is to condemn and take title to property for the proposed Oak Creek dam and reservoir between Bronte and Blackwell. The filing was made by Harry Bondies, city attorney at Sweetwater.

The City of Sweetwater was given a permit to construct the dam on Aug. 29, but an injunction suit was filed in district court here by property owners, who claimed it would be an infringement of their water rights. New oil discoveries in the locality also have an important bearing in the case.

Land involved is owned by Condie Wylie and his wife, the former Edna Odom, and considerable property owned by the Odom Estate.

In accordance with law Judge Jeff Dean has appointed a board of appraisers to act in the condemnation matter. They will meet in Robert Lee Thursday afternoon of this week and include R. B. Allen of Silver, Frank McCabe of Robert Lee and W. W. Ivey of Bronte.

Attorney Bondies told The Observer this week that citizens of Sweetwater are very anxious to start construction of the dam at the earliest moment as they have already arranged to sell the \$2,500,000 bond issue voted by the city.

He said they made reasonable offers for damages to the property owners but had been unable to come to an agreement. Bondies claims it would be possible to continue oil drilling even though the dam and lake were built. The attorney says his people are willing to pay a fair price for the land that will be needed.

At the time the permit was granted in Austin the City of Sweetwater signed an agreement to allow Bronte and Robert Lee to have up to 10 million gallons of water daily at 4 cents per thousand gallons.

Pork Can Be Dangerous If Not Well Cooked

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Nov. 3.—"Please pass the pork" is a familiar sentence around many dinner tables these days, as cold weather approaches. A juicy roast pork or pork chops are dishes that can't be beat, according to many connoisseurs of meat. However, pork can be dangerous if it isn't cooked long enough. So, be sure that pork passes the test of thorough cooking before you put it on the table. Otherwise, trichinosis may result, said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Trichinosis is a big word, but the disease is easy to prevent. All you need to do is cook the meat until the pink color turns to white. When the change of color occurs, the meat is safe to eat. Farmers who raise hogs for sale as meat, and who feed them garbage, should cook the garbage first, or the meat may become contaminated. If butchered pork is stored at a temperature of five degrees above zero, Fahrenheit, for 20 days, trichinosis parasites should die, if there are any.

If a person eats a pork chop, for example, that contains trichinae, they are swallowed in the form of tiny capsules. In the intestines these capsules develop and discharge minute worms which are carried by the bloodstream to various parts of the body—settling in muscles, where after a period of time they become calcified and die.

What are the symptoms of trichinosis? Stomach upsets and muscular pains a feeling of chilliness, sore throat, and sometimes considerable fever, are some of the signs. An acute attack of the illness lasts about one or two weeks. The disease has a low death rate, but recovery is fairly slow.

Judge Jeff Dean and Supt. B. C. Goodwin left Tuesday for Austin to attend to official business concerning county and school matters.

Final Approval For New Pavement To Edith

County Judge Jeff Dean has been advised that the Highway Commission Oct. 26 passed an order to proceed with the construction of the new highway from Robert Lee to Edith.

Leaving the pavement a half mile northwest of Robert Lee the new route to Edith will be only 6.9 miles in length.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$77,700 exclusive of three new bridges. A large steel and concrete bridge will be constructed over the Colorado River and smaller structures over Mess Box Creek and Paint Creek.

State equipment is expected here immediately to start work. The bridges will be let by contract.

Neighbors Gossip

Mrs. Brown: I sure doneed more space in my refrigerator but I can't get one larger because I don't have room for one any larger than this one.

Mrs. Smith: That's where you are wrong, Mrs. Brown. I bought one of these Crosley Shelvadors from Radio Jim. It is much larger than yours and don't take up a much room and besides I can put half that much stuff in the door where I can get to it easy.

Mrs. Brown: I sure would like to have one like that, but I can't afford the price for one as fancy as that. I'll have to get a common refrigerator.

Mrs. Smith: That's where you are wrong again. They don't cost any more than any other standard make, and they have been declared the worlds most beautiful refrigerators.

If you don't get The Observer
You don't get The News!

Mrs. W. D. McAdams returned home Tuesday from Abilene where she spent two weeks receiving treatment of a sciatic ailment. During her stay there Mrs. McAdams was a guest in the home of a sister, Mrs. Edgar Porter.

Mrs. Olene Snoddy, beauty shop proprietor, is recovering from a

two weeks illness of the mumps. She was seriously ill for several days.

The Henry Berry family are now located in Odessa, according to a card received by The Observer this week. Mr. Berry formerly operated a jewelry store in Robert Lee.

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To The Observer:

Enclosed find check for The Observer another year. I do not want to miss a copy of your interesting paper; mostly for sentimental reasons and to get Coke county news. Just 50 years ago I was setting type by hand in the office of the "Coke County Rustler."

When Christmas came, Larkin Hayley and I were put on a committee to gather up the gifts for a "Big Robert Lee Community Christmas Tree." We rode in a buggy drawn by a team of horses all Christmas Eve gathering the gifts and helped to dress the tree.

He placed on the tree for me a pair of beautiful vases embossed with golden flowers. They have adorned the mantle of my living room for 50 years this Christmas. Mr. Hayley passed away June 1, 1949. If he had lived 27 days longer we would have passed 50 golden years of life together.

More closely linked with the pioneer history of Coke County is the fact that my sister, Mary Pearce, (now deceased) was one of the earliest teachers at Silver, now the big oil field of Coke county. Another sacred tie is that my parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pearce, and my brother, Eldon, are buried in your Silent City of the Dead.

My father expressed a desire to be buried there because Robert Lee was named for his beloved Gen. Robert E. Lee, of the Confederate War between the States.

My, how history and time pass and change things!

Thanks for the excellent Observer you put out.—Best wishes from Mrs. Ethel A. Hayley, Box 448, Snyder, Texas.

Bids For Green Mountain School Bus

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the County Superintendent on Nov. 16, 1949, at 10:00 A. M. o'clock on one 1940 Ford 42 Passenger School Bus being offered for sale. This equipment may be seen at Green Mt. School. Bid Proposals may be secured by contacting County Superintendent at Robert Lee, Texas.

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County Ag Agents News Column

Farmers, now is the time to get after the peach borer. Apply Paradichloro Benzene, "P. D. B.," in a ring around the tree. Clean off all grass and weeds from around base of the peach tree.

After the soil has been prepared, the chemical is applied evenly in a band an inch or so wide entirely around the tree, care being taken that the inner part of the band is an inch and a half from the trunk. The crystals should not be placed in contact with the tree since they may injure it, nor should they be placed too far from the tree in which case not enough gas will reach the tree trunk to be effective.

For mature trees of average size one ounce by weight should be used; for unusually large trees an ounce and a half is sometimes needed; and for trees 1 to 3 years of age one-half ounce or slightly less should be used.

If many trees are to be treated, a container holding exactly the required amount of Paradichlorobenzene is a great convenience. A small metal cup holding an ounce is often furnished with the chemical by insecticide dealers. As soon as the Paradichlorobenzene has been applied it should be covered with several shovelfuls of dirt and the dirt packed with the back of the shovel to make a coneshaped mound. This should be done before the soil temperature reaches 50 degrees.

Friendship WHD Club

The Friendship Home Demonstration club met Oct. 27 in the home of Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Sr., with twelve members and five children present. Mrs. Pat Rives, president, was in charge of the business meeting. Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr., gave an interesting report of her recent trip to the state convention at Mineral Wells. The next meeting will be an all day gathering Nov. 10 with Mrs. Wylie,

The State of Texas
County of Coke
City of Robert Lee

To Bidders and to Resident Property Taxpaying Qualified Voters of the City of Robert Lee, Texas:

NOTICE Is Hereby Given that sealed bids addressed to McNeil Wylie, Mayor, will be received at the office of R. S. Crum, City Secretary, Robert Lee, Texas, until 7 o'clock P.M., November 14, 1949, for the purchase of the following equipment by said city, to-wit:

1660 feet of 4 inch galv pipe with fittings as follows: One 4-inch valve, six 4-inch saddles with 2-inch outlets, three 4-inch tees, two 4 inch ells, two 4-inch flange unions, two 4-inch plugs.

8 000 feet of 2-inch galv. pipe with fittings as follows: five 2-inch valves, twelve 2-inch tees, twelve 2-inch ells, twelve 2-inch unions.

1,000 feet of 1 1-2 inch galv. pipe with fittings as follows: Six 1 1-2 inch ells, six 1 1-2 inch tees, six 1 1-2 inch unions.

1,000 feet 1 1-4 inch galv. pipe, six 1 1-4 inch ells, six 1 1-4 inch tees, six 1 1-4 inch unions.

1,000 feet 3-4ths inch galv. pipe, twelve 3-4ths inch ells, twelve 3-4ths inch tees, twelve 3-4ths inch unions.

Full information may be obtained at the office of R. S. Crum, City Secretary. The City Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive technicalities.

It is the intention of the City Commission of said city if any bid or bids are accepted for said above mentioned equipment to make payment for said equipment by issuance of time warrants of said city not to exceed \$7,500 00, maturing \$1,500 00 in each of the years 1950 to 1954, inclusive, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 4 per cent per annum, said warrants to be payable out of a tax to be levied against all taxable property in said city, given pursuant to a resolution adopted by

the City Commission of said city on the 25th day of October, 1949.

R. S. CRUM,
City Secretary, Robert Lee, Texas

If you don't get The Observer
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James Clift was over from Water Valley recently and stopped in to order The Observer for the coming year. He is a former Robert Lee resident and now operates the Harper ranch in the Water Valley community.

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Leadership Award To Esther Allen In 4-H Activities

Esther Allen, daughter of Mr and Mrs. R. B. Allen of Silver, was selected to receive the 1949 Danforth Foundation Award in Coke County. The selection was made by members of the education committee of the Women's Home Demonstration Council and the adult leaders of the girl's 4-H Clubs of Coke County.

The Danforth Foundation Award consists of a certificate in recognition of outstanding leadership displayed by rural youth and an inspirational book "I Dare You" by Mr W. H. Danforth.

Esther has been a very active 4-H Club member for seven years, serving her club in many ways. During the past two club years she has made an apron, two pairs pillow cases, a cup towel, 4 dresser scarfs, a hem stitched hand towel and five dresses to be entered in the contest. She won nine ribbons and two pins for work she exhibited in 1948. Esther won the county dress revue in 1948 and entered the state dress revue at the State Fair in Dallas where her garment was rated among the best 10 in her division. She won first in her division in the county 4-H dress revue in 1949.

Esther has other interests besides that of clothing and handwork. In 1948 she raised 125 chickens. She dressed 25 of these chickens and put them into the locker, kept 45 for laying purposes and



Esther Allen

sold the rest. Esther helps with the production and preservation of the family food supply by assisting her mother in growing, canning and preserving home grown vegetables and fruits.

Esther has exhibited outstanding leadership in camp activities as one of three girls to represent Coke County at the District Seven training camp held at Ballinger this past spring. Here she did outstanding work and took care of many responsible assignments. As a result of her good work she was chosen as one of three girls to represent District 7 at the State 4-H Conservation Camp held at Trinidad in August. At this camp Esther was elected co-editor of the camp paper. A letter from the 4-H Specialists from A & M who directed the publication of this paper, very highly recommended Esther for her work on the paper.

She was selected to go to College Station this past June, but due to a death in the family was unable to attend.

Esther is a girl of many abilities, who possesses a pleasing personality and is a leader not only in 4-H Club work but in her church, school, community and county activities. She entered San Angelo Junior College in September and we are looking forward to her going on to bigger and better things.

WHD Achievement Day At Bronte Saturday

The public is urged to attend the Coke County home demonstration clubs' achievement day program which will be held at the Legion Hall in Bronte on Saturday, Nov. 5. Work done by club members from all the clubs in the county will be on exhibit at the show and will be judged.

Club officials announced the following program for the day: 8 to 8:30 a. m. is for getting exhibits ready for showing; 9 until 10 a. m., judging, and 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., open for public inspection.

There will be numerous departments of the show this year including sewing, cooking, canning, leathercrafts, and many other exhibits.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobs and Myrtle Latorno of Festus, Mo., visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs are parents of the widow of the late Frank Tubb. The Missouri visitors continued to San Angelo and planned to return home through the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma.



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Barbecue Meeting Of Coke Wildlife Group

The fall barbecue meeting of the Coke County Game Management Association will be held at the E. H. Schuch ranch, on the mountain between Robert Lee and San Angelo on Friday afternoon, Nov. 4.

A San Angelo attorney, Carl Runge, who was president of the state's first game management club, that formed at Mason in 1908, will be the principal speaker.

Other speakers announced by Clarence Webb of Tennyson, president of the association, County Agent Travis Hicks here, and District Game Warden Jim White of San Angelo, include President Tom Thigpin and Secretary Grady Hill of the West Texas Game and Fish Association.

The program is scheduled to begin at 3:30 o'clock. The barbecue starts at 5 o'clock.

The Coke County Game Management association was organized early in 1948 for the purpose of mutual protection and management of desirable wildlife. Since that time 63 land owners have blocked 187,412 acres of land.

The organization was sponsored by the Extension Service of the State of Texas by R. E. Callendar, extension wildlife specialist, in charge. The last barbecue meeting was held at the new ranch home of Harry and Helen Weaver.

All interested land owners and operators are invited to attend the meeting this afternoon at the Schuch ranch, and if they desire to become members they will be given an opportunity at this time.

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Soil Conservation District News

Clarence Webb, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District, reports that he received almost 5 inches of rainfall and very little of the water was lost in runoff due to a good range cover. The small amount of water that was lost in runoff flowed slowly through a good grass cover and the water was clear which indicated that it was not carrying much precious top soil with it, Clarence said. The depth of penetration was much greater under a good grass cover than on bare ground, Webb added.

L. T. Youngblood reports that a terrace construction contractor from Big Spring is in the county and land owners should make plans to have their terracing done while he is available.

E. F. Glenn, a district cooperater with the Coke County Soil Conservation District, plans to start construction on 5 miles of terraces this week. The terraces are a part of Glenn's complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan that he is applying on his farm.

D. K. Glenn is planning to seed 30 acres to Hairy Vetch and Abruzzi rye. Hairy vetch is a winter legume which adds nitrogen to the soil. The rye holds the soil and prevents it from blowing; rye and vetch will produce excellent grazing during the winter months

and can be harvested for seed or turned under in the spring, Glenn explained.

Farm Bureau Meet Set For Nov. 10th

A county-wide convention of the Coke County Farm Bureau will be held in Robert Lee November 10. All members of the farm group are urged to be present. Purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers and delegates to the state convention which will be held in November and to the national convention in December.

Present officers of the Coke County Farm Bureau are C. E. Arrott, president; R. B. Allen of Silver, vice president; and Mrs. C. E. Arrott, secretary and treasurer.

Secretary, Mrs. Arrott, asks that everyone who is interested in participating in the Blue Cross hospitalization insurance sponsored by the bureau, should be at the meeting on Nov. 10, or see her before that date.

Elgene Wyatt of San Angelo visited over Sunday and Monday in the parental W. H. Wyatt home near San Angelo.



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The STEERING WHEEL

(By Joyce McCutchen)

Juniors Win

Elna Jameson and Allen Sparks, Junior candidates, were crowned as High School King and Queen Friday night. Her majesty wore an off-the-shoulder gown with a basque waist and a full skirt with scattered sequins. It was made of white net over taffeta. The Royal collar was of white satin with train of organza. The Royal Crowns were made of white satin trimmed in "ermine." Her Majesty's attendants were also dressed in formal attire.

6th grade wins

Alice Ross and Arthur Alred are crowned King and Queen of Grammar School. The ceremony being performed after the High School coronation. Her majesty wore a lovely dress of white and blue satin. The top being white fitted bodice with a full blue skirt. Her Royal collar was made of white satin with a white organza train. The royal crowns were made of white satin and "ermine."

Seniors Select Play

The Seniors have selected as their play for this year "Seventeenth Summer" by Maureen Daly. This play is adapted from the book of the same name, a prize-winning novel in 1945. The author herself was only seventeen when she wrote it.

Football

The R. L. Steers were beaten Friday night by the Hermleigh Cardinals with a score of 24-0. Thursday night the Steers "B" will play the Colorado City "B" on the home field. The Steers have an open date in the football schedule this week. They will play Friday, November 11, at Stanton.

New Furnace

The Robert Lee school is well prepared, as winter comes on, a new heating system has just been installed.

Carnival Profits

The P. T. A. took in \$682 Friday night on the carnival. \$379.24 of this was taken in on the queen's race. Each class turned in: Juniors \$103.19, Seniors \$102.85, Freshmen \$94.15, Sophomores \$79.05.

Dedication

Everyone is wondering who the Seniors have dedicated their annual to this year. But even the Seniors don't know that. They voted by secret ballot and no one will know until the annual is published.

STEERLIGHTS

★ Not steady dates but steady talkers Saturday night were Peggy and Jiggs, Donnie and Melba.

★ The Sophomores were evidently pleased with something. Perhaps it was the profits of the chi i shop, but any way Claybourne, Thlma Jo, Skip and Joan were certainly interested in something.

★ Now we wonder who J. A. Brown is interested in? He is seen with first one and then another.

★ Cloma and J. Q. seem to be steady. But one never knows what a Freshman will do next. Does one???

★ Romey and Jaunice were together after the carnival Friday night. "Naturally."

★ Playing "Again" on the Juke Box were "Moe" and Jean.

★ Sunday Dates were Joyce and Gerald, Ham and Dixie, Dean and Franky.

SANCO NEWS

(By Mrs. Sam Fowler)

J. L. Carwile returned Monday night from Carlsbad, N. Mex., where he spent two weeks with his son, Herman, and family.

Seems like Old Jack Frost really got things changed around over the fields. Everyone is needing feed cut at the same time and the cotton bolls really show up now since the leaves are falling.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson of Abilene were Sanco visitors on Sunday. She is the former Lela Cole.

Ira Bird took a load of calves to the San Angelo ring Tuesday, and Ira M. Bird took some lambs for Mr. Smith.

Johnny Prine was injured Mon-

day when a shotgun exploded in his face. He was given first aid treatment in Robert Lee and taken on to San Angelo. Clamps were fastened into the torn flesh around his mouth. He was brought back home but will report to the doctor again in five days.

THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, will offer at public auction a lease for oil, gas and other minerals to be granted in accordance with the terms and upon the premises described in the hereinafter quoted minutes of the commissioners court of said county, at the time and place specified in said minutes, which said minutes are as follows, to-wit:

"On this 10th day of October, 1949, at a regular session of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, there being present Jeff Dean, County Judge, and the following commissioners: J. W. Service, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Otis Smith, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; T. R. Harmon, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Claude Ditmore, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; and _____, Commissioner Precinct No. 5; and came on to be considered the advisability of leasing for oil, gas and other minerals a strip of land situated in Coke County, Texas, and formerly used for public road but owned by Coke County, Texas, in fee, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of Preemption survey of 56.16 acres in the name of J. F. Clark, same being the west side of said strip and running 60 feet wide as follows,

THENCE south about 160 yards to the south side of our (C. Dawson and wife C. C. Dawson) field fence;

THENCE nearly west along the south side of our (C. Dawson and wife C. C. Dawson) said field fence to an intersection of the old neighborhood road running to the Colorado River East of the Cedar Mountain;

THENCE nearly south with the meanderings of said old Road to a point where said road crossed the east line of said survey No. 6, in the name of L. J. Good.

as said abandoned road strip is described in a deed of C. Dawson and wife, C. C. Dawson, conveying said road strip in fee simple to G. S. Arnold, County Judge of Coke County, Texas, and his successors in office, dated August 26, 1911, recorded in Volume 29 at page 130, Deed Records of Coke County, Texas.

And the advisability of offering said strip for oil, gas and mineral lease having been duly considered, it was moved by Commissioner Otis Smith and seconded by Commissioner J. W. Service that it be and it is hereby resolved that it is advisable and to the best interest of Coke County, Texas, to offer said road strip for lease for oil, gas and mineral purposes in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article 5400 (a), Texas Revised Civil Statutes. The following yeas and nays being taken:

J. W. Service, Yea; Otis Smith, Yea; Claude Ditmore, Yea; T. R. Harmon, Yea. Nays, None.

Said motion was declared duly carried and ordered entered of record. It was further moved by Commissioner Claude Ditmore and seconded by Commissioner T. R. Harmon that the County Judge, Jeff Dean, be and he is hereby directed to cause due publication of notice of an invitation for bids for lease of said road strip for oil, gas, and mineral purposes for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in Coke County, Texas, and having a general circulation therein and that this Court do receive and consider such bids in the Court House of Coke County, Texas, at Robert Lee, Texas, on the 21st day of November, 1949, at 10 o'clock a. m., such bids to be taken at public auction in open court and which said time and place shall be specified in such publication notice.

It was further moved and resolved that no bids shall be accepted providing for less than a royalty of 1-8 of all oil, gas and other minerals produced and saved from said premises; that no bid shall be accepted providing for a primary term of lease to exceed ten years; that the County acting through this Court reserve the right to reject any and all bids and that such published notice shall state all of the terms herein set forth. The following yeas and nays having been taken upon said motion and resolution, to-wit:

J. W. Service, Yea; Otis Smith, Yea; Claude Ditmore, Yea; T. R. Harmon, Yea. Nays, None.

Same was declared duly carried and ordered entered of record.

JEFF DEAN, County Judge, Coke County, Texas.

ATTEST:
WILLIS SMITH, County Clerk, Coke County, Texas.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the seal of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas.

JEFF DEAN, County Judge.

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WILLIS SMITH, County Clerk.

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County Court of Coke County, Texas.

SILVER NEWS

The Silver P. T. A. wishes to thank all the merchants of Robert Lee who helped make our Halloween Carnival a great success by donating prizes. Also we wish to express our appreciation for the contributions made by Halliburton, Younger Construction Co. and Sun Gas Dept.

The winners of our ugliest man and prettiest girl were awarded lovely prizes. The public voted Miss Pat Preston, Colorado High School Senior, as our prettiest girl. Pat is a very lovely 16 year old red head, with a wonderful personality. And the ugliest man in our community is H. D. (Dewey) Smith, Area Supt. for Sun Production Dept. But, then let's don't rub it in!

Mrs. Bill Vanderland and daughter of Odessa spent last week with Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hooks of Colorado City spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Hooks sister, Mrs. H. H. Jameson.

Bill Calley and Miss Wanda Everts of Ira were Sunday visitors in the home of the Myrle Jamesons.

Mrs. Dave Millican is on our sick list again this week, and we hope at this writing she's much improved.

Mrs. Bob Odom was dismissed from Clinic hospital Tuesday. She is spending a few days with sisters in San Angelo before coming home.

CARD OF THANKS

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WESTEX SYRUP, Maple Flavor Half Gallon 65c

PORK CHOPS Lb. 63c

Bologna Sausage Lb. 39c

Pressed Ham Lb. 55c

Plaintiffs Win Dickey Land Suit

A jury verdict in favor of the plaintiffs was brought in last Thursday in the district court action of George O. Dickey et al vs. A. C. Johnson et al.

The lawsuit involved certain mineral rights in the former Dickey 281 acres east of Edith which was purchased some time ago by the Johnsons. Mrs. Johnson is the former Joe Erma Dickey, a sister of the plaintiffs.

The verdict restored full share mineral rights in the property to Mrs. Bertie Newman and Mrs. Maewin Scott, both of Dallas. Mineral rights of the three Dickey brothers had not been contested. Noah Pruitt of Bronte was foreman of the jury.

Judge Sutton returned to Robert Lee on Monday of this week when lawyers discussed a possible settlement of the 40 or more trespass to try title suits brought by Mrs. Rufe Whiteside.

It is understood that two of the suits have been settled. Efforts are being made to dispose of the others on the basis of Mrs. Whiteside getting clear titles to the land and retaining one-third the mineral rights.

Carl Runge was the plaintiffs attorney, while Sam Dotson represented the defendants. Judge Sutton overruled a motion for a new trial.

New Chevrolets

Harvey Chevrolet Co. of Robert Lee reports the following new Chevrolet owners: Robert Holden, sport coupe; A. B. Sheppard, sport sedan.

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rampy of Mertzon are parents of their first child, a daughter, born Oct. 22. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and has been named Judy Marie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Rampy of Christoval.

Among those attending the Grand O'd Opry stage show in San Angelo Monday night were Vaughn Davis, Billie Roberts, Edna and Mildred Wallace, Royce Wallace, Copey Davis and June Duncan. They enjoyed the show put on by the famous radio entertainers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jameson and children of Big Lake spent a couple of days the last of the week in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson, at Silver. Their little two-year-old daughter, Glenda June, remained for a week's visit with her grandparents.

Earl Roberts was brought home Tuesday from Shannon hospital where he underwent a serious operation the first of last week. He is making a fine recovery and is gaining steadily.

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Nazarene Tent Services

Rev. Hadley Hall, Superintendent of the San Antonio District of the Church of the Nazarene, will preach at the Nazarene tent, two blocks west of the tailor shop, Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Rev. Hall has the reputation of being one of the best speakers among the Nazarenes in this section of the country. Rev. J. Marvin Harrison will preach at the tent Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Bill Lassiter recently accepted a position with the State Highway Department. He is a member of a crew which makes core drill tests for bridge installations. At present they are working in the Texas Panhandle.

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