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Rev. R. B. Young, Retired Minister, Buried Thursday

Funeral services for the Rev. Robert B. Young, retired Methodist minister, were conducted in the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon and burial was at the Coleman Cemetery.

Brother Young had lived in Robert Lee with his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Brown, since the death of his wife in 1946. He also served as pastor of the local Methodist Church in 1921-1922. He became ill about midnight Tuesday night, but was apparently recovering until Wednesday morning, when he was stricken with a heart attack.

Brother Young was born Sept. 10, 1866, near Tupelo, Miss., and grew to manhood in his native state. He was licensed to preach in January 1887, and spent four years in evangelistic work. He came to Texas in 1891 and was appointed supply pastor on the Brookhaven Circuit near Killeen.

He was married to Miss Willis F. Parks of Killeen, Sept. 8, 1895, and she was his loyal companion for more than fifty years. Five children were born to this union, of whom three survive.

Brother Young joined the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference, later the Central Texas Conference in 1895, after having served two years as a deacon, and was ordained an elder in 1904. He served nearly twenty churches in his thirty years of active ministry, including Merkel, Haskell, Seymour, Diamond Hill in Ft. Worth, Brazos Avenue in Cleburn, Talpa, Winters, Lamesa, Lorena, Troy, Frost, Coolidge and Munday.

Brother Young retired from active duty due to illness in 1925 and resided at Coleman until Mrs. Young's death. Survivors, in addition to Mrs. Brown, include a son, Marvin Kendall, of Ralls, a daughter, Mrs. J. G. Dickinson of Brownwood; a sister, a Mrs. Horton, and a brother, Mark Young, both of Mississippi; five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Ross T. Welch, and two close friends, the Rev. J. D. McWhorter, retired minister, of Robert Lee, and the Rev. A. S. Gafford, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Brownwood.

Active pall bearers were Marvin Simpson, Freeman Clark, Bailey Russell, E. C. Davis, J. T. Thetford, Allie Bilbo, John Brown and Bryan Yarbrough. Honorary pall bearers included the members of the Overall Bible Class of the First Methodist Church in Coleman and members of the Men's Bible Class in the local Methodist Church.

The Sunshine 4 H girls met Thursday in the homemaking room, with Zona Mae King as leader of the program. Songs were sung and the group made sandwiches. Twenty-four girls were present.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for every expression of sympathy, every act of kindness and for the beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mary F. Overall. Our prayer is that each of you may be blessed with such good friends when sorrow comes your way.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Overall, Sr. and Family and Mrs. Vertna Gartman and Son.

Approaching Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon of Robert Lee announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lawana, to Elton Millican, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican of Edith.

Elton is employed on the Foster Conger Ranch near Sterling City where the couple plan to make their home after the wedding in March.

Lawana is the granddaughter of Commissioner and Mrs. T. R. Harmon of Robert Lee and Mrs. Prudie Creech of San Angelo.

County Hospital May Open In May

Present indications are that Coke county's new hospital may be in operation by May. Contractors announce they plan to complete the building some time in March and an estimated six weeks will then be required to install equipment.

County Judge Jeff Dean says the Commissioners Court and Hospital Board will receive bids on Jan. 20 for a large portion of the furnishing and equipment.

Emphasis is to be made on giving the new county hospital the best and most complete equipment that is available. This will include X-ray, cardiograph, operating and delivery room and laboratory equipment.

The public may be assured that the institution throughout will rate at the top, since every detail connected with the building and equipment must have state and federal approval.

Recently Judge Dean and the Hospital Board made a trip to the northeast where they visited hospitals in operation at Roby, Hamlin and Haskell. The latter is a county hospital with 19 beds. All three institutions seemed to be well operated and were expecting to be enlarged.

Those making the trip also included C. S. Brown, Frank McCabe, C. N. Webb and Arnold Ball of the Hospital Board and Supt. B. C. Goodwin.

Robert Lee Bank Adds To Surplus

No changes were made in the official staff or personnel of the Robert Lee State Bank at its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday. Reports showed 1949 one of the most successful years in the bank's history.

The sum of \$5,000 was added to the permanent surplus fund, bringing that figure up to \$35,000. The bank started with \$2,500 surplus when it was organized 14 years ago. Two 10% dividends were paid to stockholders during the year.

Interior of the bank was completely remodeled and another important feature was the installation of Recordak equipment which makes a photographic copy of every check and transaction which passes through the bank.

The bank's statement for Dec. 31, published in this issue of *The Observer*, shows deposits of \$968,144 and loans of nearly \$400,000.

During the past year G. C. Allen began full time employment with the bank as executive vice president.

Mrs. J. S. Walker has been a patient at Shannon hospital the past week where she is under observation and treatment.

Expect Many Bids On Mt. Creek Dam

Sealed bids for the construction of a dam across Mountain Creek to provide a new water supply for the town of Robert Lee will be opened here next Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 2 o'clock by the Upper Colorado River Authority.

G. C. Allen, UCRA secretary, received word from the engineers this week that a large number of contractors are interested in the project and 15 sets of plans have already been requested. Some large contracting firms in Texas and adjoining states are expected to submit bids.

UCRA officials are delighted that so much interest is being shown since this kind of competition may result in securing a reasonably low bid. The sum of \$75,000 was voted for the project, and this figure also includes cost of site.

Mr. Allen said this week that a contract had been signed with Millard Meek for the purchase of approximately 20 acres. He is to receive \$100 an acre and \$1,000 in damages, or \$150 per acre. Previously 70 acres of land had been purchased from D. J. Walker at \$100 per acre. Mr. Walker received \$500 damages. There will be no fence around the main part of the lake and Walker's livestock can graze up to the water's edge.

Only property which has not been secured is one city block in the north part of town owned by Mrs. I. N. Cartledge. The land is needed for the spillway leading from the proposed dam. Some of it lies in the creek bed and is not suitable as a building site. Mrs. Cartledge advised L. T. Youngblood, UCRA president, that she wanted \$500 each for the corner lots and \$400 for inside lots. Contention proceedings will be filed against the property.

Construction of the dam will involve the moving of a lot of dirt, 98,600 cubic yards for the dam proper. Core trench excavation will require 27,800 yards and there will be 5,340 cubic yards of rock on the dam slopes. The contract will also call for construction of concrete protecting walls for the spillway and clearing of the reservoir site.

Firemens Play Feb. 9

Date of the home talent play, *Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick*, has been set for Thursday night, Feb. 9, in the high school auditorium. Business firms have purchased a space on a full page to be printed in *The Observer* on Friday, Jan. 27.

Two County Officers Ask For Re-election

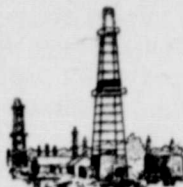
First activity in local politics occurred this week when Judge Jeff Dean and Treasurer Ruby L. Pettit announced their candidacies for re-election. Clerk Willis Smith said he also was throwing his hat in the ring and would make formal announcement next week.

An important political year is coming up with a full roster of state, district and county officers to be elected. Texas will not elect a United States Senator this year.

Primary election date is July 22. An effort to repeal the poll tax law failed to carry last fall, hence the usual \$1.75 poll tax fee will have to be paid before Jan. 31. Sheriff Paul Good says only a few hundred poll tax receipts have been issued thus far.

Interest in local offices is quiet but it is more than likely there will be some spirited activity later.

Notes From The Oil Field



Providence Oil Co. and A. G. Sorrelle, Jr. No. 1 S. E. Adams, wildcat two miles south of Robert Lee, was drilling Thursday noon in shale at 4,650 feet.

Southern Minerals No. 1 Runkles, 12 miles southwest of Robert Lee, was testing the Mississippian lime early Thursday after recovering oil shows at 7,537 feet.

Amerada No. 1 March Ranch took its 12th drillstem test Tuesday night in an 80-foot section bottomed at 7,276 feet. Recovery was 90 feet of mud and no oil show. Amerada No. 2 March has been staked 3 miles closer to Robert Lee. Location is ready and the test will start as soon as rig is released from No. 1.

Barnsdall & Strake No. 1 Findlater-Webb, wildcat 2 miles northwest of Tennyson, was plugged and abandoned after striking sulphur water in the Ellenburger. Total depth was 5,725 feet.

Farmers To Meet Again Saturday

Coke county farmers are requested to meet again next Saturday at 3 p. m. at the court house to receive latest information on what is being done toward getting a change in the present cotton acreage allotment.

Ralph Garvin and his committee held a meeting last Saturday and made plans for a canvass this week to raise \$500 to fight the present quota which restricts Coke county farmers to 6 per cent of their farm land. It had previously been voted to send L. T. Youngblood and R. B. Allen to Washington if and when such a step was advisable.

Fred McDonald, Sr. took up \$108 from Robert Lee businessmen the first of the week and all parts of the county are being worked. Subscription lists are at the *Observer* office and Key Feed Store for those who care to donate and have not been seen by a committeeman. Farmers are asked to contribute only \$1 each.

Help Needed Monday On Boy Scout Cabin

Weather permitting, the floor and foundation of the Boy Scout Lodge will be poured Monday, according to the Rev. Ross Welch, president of the Lions Club, which is sponsoring the project.

The building, designed by Mr. Harry E. Weaver, architect, who resides in Coke County, will be built of brick faced tile with a native stone fireplace. The construction is being done by volunteer labor, and anyone who will work at the project is invited to be at the building site south of the Livestock Association show barns Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Machinery for pouring the concrete and cement finishers to finish the floor are being provided through the courtesy of Mr. Joe Tharp, who is building the County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mahon are the parents of a son born at 2:52 p. m. Jan. 7 at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. The baby weighed 7 1/2 pounds and has been named William James. The Mahons have two other children, Bobbie Jean, 4, and Roy Paul, 16 months old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mahon.

Damage of \$25,000 From Business Fire Here Monday Night

Robert Lee suffered a disastrous fire in its business district Monday night, when Casey Bros. garage was totally destroyed and considerable damage resulted to adjacent buildings. Property damage is estimated at \$25,000. It was the greatest single fire loss in the town's history.

Flames spread to the adjoining Looney Hardware store on the corner and to the Clift Funeral Home in the north end of this building.

The fire was discovered shortly before midnight and the volunteer fire department responded immediately. Later trucks came from Bronte and San Angelo. The latter equipment broke down soon after its arrival. For a time it was thought the flames might be brought under control, but oil explosions inside the garage scattered fire throughout the entire 70x100 ft. structure.

Efforts of firemen were then concentrated on saving nearby property and they succeeded admirably. Flames continually threatened the McDonald lumber yard across the alley to the west. The fire spread to the top of the Looney hardware and burned a large hole in the roof. Smoke and water caused heavy damage to the hardware stock. Some of the merchandise and caskets from the funeral home were moved across the street to the skating rink. Apparel was also removed from the City cleaners plant.

Fortunately it was a still night. If there had been a high wind the entire business district may have been destroyed.

The garage building was constructed over 20 years ago by W. K. Simpson Co. and was purchased by the Casey boys five years ago. It is understood \$8,000 insurance was carried on the building and a similar amount on contents.

The hardware building is owned by Mrs. O. V. Looney. She carried \$5,000 insurance which should be ample. Jack Looney, owner of the hardware stock, said he was not covered by insurance. His invoice the first of the year figured \$15,000 and he estimates his loss at half that amount.

Damage to the funeral home and its contents will be light. There be some loss due to smoke and water.

In appreciation of its fine work a draft of \$50 was sent to the Bronte Fire Department by the Robert Lee City Commission. Bronte did likewise when the Robert Lee boys helped put out a bad fire there a year ago.

Sun J. B. Walker Test Bottomed at 6,318 Feet

Sun No. A-1 J. B. Walker drilled to a total depth of 6,318 feet and was preparing to set casing to top of reef around 6,105 feet. A good pay section was indicated. Location is southwest of Silver on the north side of the river and near the Walker ranch house.

Sun No. 10 Jewell Brannan was drilling Thursday at 5,463 feet in shale.

West and north of Edith Sun No. 2 G. W. Davidson was drilling in shale at 4,675 feet.

Mrs. I. N. Douglas of Munday is here visiting her daughter, Laverne Darter, high school commercial teacher.

Soil Conservation District News

The Coke County Soil Conservation District has completed another year of conservation work in assisting land owners in planning and applying soil and water conservation work on their land, C.N. Webb, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, has announced.

Seven groups of land owners have joined together and requested assistance from the district with planning and applying a complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan. Six of the seven groups have received planning assistance with the other group scheduled for the development of their plans in 1950, Webb pointed out.

During the year the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service assisted 58 land owners with the development of their farm plans. These plans were developed to meet the treatment needed to stop soil erosion and keep the land permanently productive, Webb explained.

Conservation practices applied by district cooperators during the year include 1. 3299 acres of contour farming; 2. 1445 acres of cover crops including Madrid sweet clover, alfalfa, rye and vetch, and hubam sweet clover; 3. 2231 acres of protection of crop stubble and maintaining on or near the surface of the soil; 4. 23,146 acres of rangeland showed good improvement; 5. adapted native and introduced grasses were established on 70 acres of abandoned rangeland; 6. four farm and ranch ponds were built to give better distribution of livestock water; 7. 65 miles of level broad base terraces were

built; and 8. 7 miles of diversion terraces were established to divert outside water from cropland, Webb said.

The Production and Marketing Administration assisted land owners with their conservation work by making payments under this program. The Extension Service assisted the district with conservation education. The Commissioners Court and the Texas Highway Department assisted the land owners with the mechanical treatment in the Green Mountain Watershed Conservation Group as a cooperative plan in handling all runoff water.

The Board of Supervisors urge land owners to form themselves into groups and make application for assistance from the district in planning and applying a coordinated soil and water plan.

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Homer Garvin

Services for Mrs. Homer Garvin, 33, were held last Thursday afternoon from the Robert Lee Baptist church in charge of Bro. Ibus England of Abilene. Burial was at Eldorado under direction of Clift Funeral Home, with brief services being held at the graveside.

Mrs. Garvin had been in poor health for several years. However, she was up and around most of the time recently. She was taken to the hospital in Bronte on Tuesday where her passing occurred at 8 a. m. Wednesday.

Nova Beatrice Porter was born April 14, 1916, at Robert Lee and most of her life was spent in this community. She married Homer Garvin July 1, 1935. They were the parents of four children, three sons and a daughter. The little girl, Nova Edine, died in infancy.

She and her husband were baptized into the Church of Christ in 1947. She lived a consecrated Christian life and was a loving wife and a patient and devoted mother.

Surviving are her husband and three sons, Dee Jay, 11, Jimmie Lee, 7, and Henson Ray, 4 years old. Also her step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neill of Sunray, two brothers, Buster Bradley of San Antonio and Lloyd Bradley of Odessa, and a step-sister, Doris Neill, of Sunray. Her father, the late M. D. Porter, passed away in 1946.

She also leaves many other relatives and a host of friends who will miss the influence of her sweet Christian character.

4-H Girls Club

The Senior 4-H girls club of Robert Lee met last Wednesday. Our sponsor, Miss Gladys Waldrop, was present and led a discussion on the making of sandwiches. Elna Jameson gave a report on the county 4-H banquet. Nine members were present.—Olean Millican, Reporter.

Bud Jones and family visited over the weekend with Mrs. Jones' parents, the W. C. Kerleys, near Hermleigh.

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15—Margaret O'Brien, child actress, born.

16—Nationwide meat strike begins, 1946.

17—Benjamin Franklin born, 1706.

18—Daniel Webster born, 1852.

19—Birthday of Robert E. Lee, James Watt, Edgar Allan Poe, Paul Cezanne.

20—Truman inaugurated as president, 1949.

21—Foundation Day, celebrated in Canal Zone.

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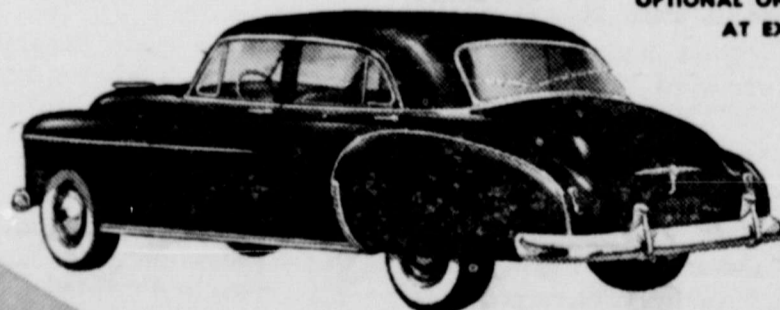
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SILVER NEWS

The Silver P. T. A. met Jan. 5th in the school auditorium.

The program consisted of an address by McNeil Wylie of Robert Lee on "Foundation of Citizenship," a song, "Auld Lang Syne," and prayer by Mrs. Myrle Jameson.

During the business session plans for the County Council meeting to be held in Silver school auditorium, Tuesday, Feb. 7, were discussed.

Eighteen members were present at this meeting with the room count being a tie. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2.

The H. O. Evingers entertained the Russell Camerons of Rifle, Colo. with a turkey dinner Thursday evening, Jan. 5. Guests included all old friends of the Camerons in Louisiana who are now living in Tubb Camp.

Mrs. Jahew Jameson, who underwent major surgery last week in St. Johns Hospital in San Angelo, is recovering satisfactorily.

Mrs. W. A. Browning of Burkburnett is here visiting her son, G. B. Gebhart, and family. His sister, Mrs. A. E. Christenberry and her husband brought Mrs. Browning here Sunday from their home in Brownwood.

Mrs. M. N. Bassett visited in San Angelo over the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Julia Muse, and her husband, M. N. Bassett who is pumping the Pulliam well west of San Angelo for Sun Oil Co.

The E. H. Moore family spent Sunday in the Allen Jameson home.

Lee Weigel went to San Antonio last Friday for a few days visit with relatives and to get his wife who has been visiting there.

The George Connors returned Sunday from a trip to Oklahoma where they visited relatives.

The Silver Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Church of Christ building.

Mrs. Allen Jameson, vice presi-

dent presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Myrle Jameson. Due to the illness of the president, the meeting was changed and a study on T. H. D. A. was made, also the year books were presented at the meeting.

Mrs. H. O. Evinger, Mrs. P. P. McGee and Mrs. R. W. Odom were visitors and became members. The next meeting will be Jan. 24.

Mrs. P. P. McGee and Larry visited recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hamlin, and daughter, Mrs. Walter Turner and husband of Midland.

The H. R. Gassiot's enjoyed a Mexican supper in the G. B. Gebhart home Monday evening.

Harvey Reid of Sanco has opened a service station on the highway in the Gartman building formerly occupied by Upton Mathers. He will handle Magnolia products and will be glad to have you come by for gas and oil and other auto needs.

The R. F. Gunns had as their guests Tuesday, the J. B. Blevins family of Abilene.

New comers to Silver are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brown and children, Linda 7 and Leslie Allen 3, who came here recently from San Diego, Calif. Mr. Brown is employed by the Ray-Harris Drilling Co. and at present he and his family are residing with his parents, the W. M. Browns. Linda enrolled in the local school last week and is in the first grade.

The S. V. Fant family visited last weekend in San Angelo with friends.

Welder Moves Here

Ernest Clendennens has purchased the welding shop east of Baker & Taylor Drilling Co. yard. He has put a new house on the lot which he and his family will occupy.

Mr. Clendennens has been welding in the field here the past eighteen months. Prior to his coming to Silver he was manager of the Gray welding works in San Angelo.

The Clendennens have two sons, Allen, age 5 and Jimmie, about 8 months. They have a home at 121 Cottonwood, in San Angelo.

Harold Clendennens of Tucson, Ariz., who is also a welder, arrived two weeks ago and will work with his brother here.

Fisher Puts Up Fight For Coke Cotton Farmers

The Following telegram from Cong. O. C. Fisher was received by L. T. Youngblood of Bronte Jan. 6:

"Cotton acreage petition received. Contrary to intention Congress Secretary of Agriculture ruled in November that in Texas cotton acreage quotas in each county would be based upon amount of cotton raised in 1947 and 1948 and apportioned equally over county. Therefore acreage allotments in each county are based upon that formula. I and many others immediately protested Secretary's ruling. We are now attempting to get law amended so allotments will be based upon cotton and war crops planted during three year base period, with provision that no farmer shall be cut to less than 70 per cent of his acreage in cotton and war crops during the three year base period of 1946, 1947 and 1948. I believe prospects are fairly good to get present intolerable condition corrected soon. We are doing everything possible. Best regards.—Clark Fisher"

Mrs. O. O. Bureson of Slaton and sister, Mrs. Jake Spurlin and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Verne King, of Lampasas were Robert Lee visitors Monday and the former stopped in to renew her Observer subscription Mrs. Bureson spent a few days in Lampasas and they planned to visit another sister, Mrs. R. S. Anderson, at Silver.

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Report of Condition of

Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business Dec. 31 1949

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

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection.....	357,211.74
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.....	135,795.31
Obligations of states and political subdivisions.....	129,700.11
Corporate stocks (including \$1,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank).....	1,500.00
Loans and discounts (including \$2,078.03 overdrafts).....	399,291.89
Bank premises owned \$1.00; furniture and fixtures \$2,550.00.....	2,551.00
Other assets.....	3,335.57
Total Assets.....	1,029,385.62

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations.....	810,963.34
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings).....	11,977.79
Deposits of states and political subdivisions.....	120,224.77
Deposits of banks.....	23,518.72
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.).....	1,459.72
Total Deposits.....	\$968,144.34
Total Liabilities.....	968,144.34

(Not including subordinated obligations shown below)

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital.....	25,000.00
Surplus.....	35,000.00
Undivided profits.....	1,241.28
Total Capital Accounts.....	61,241.28
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts.....	1,029,385.62

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

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes..... 140,000.00

I, T. A. Richardson, cashier of the above named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
T. A. Richardson.
Correct--Attest: G. C. Allen, R. W. Smith, Victor Wojtek, Directors
State of Texas, County of Coke, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, 1950.
O. B. Jacobs, Notary Public

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

FLOUR Robin Hood Saucepan Free 25 lbs 1.89

Hominy 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ can 2 for 25c

Maple Syrup pint jar 19c

Pork & Beans Jack Sprat 2 cans 19c

Tomatoes No. 2 can 2 for 23c

Tomato Juice No. 2 can 10c

Whole Beets No. 2 can 10c

Sliced Peaches No. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ can 23c

Brick Chil Home Made lb 57c

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GROUND MEAT lb 43c

We will be Closed Sunday, Jan. 15

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25 Members Present For BCD Luncheon

Members of the Board of Community Development will sponsor the annual high school football banquet this winter. The decision was made at the BCD semi-monthly luncheon Monday at the American Legion building.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin told the group he would like to see the banquet become a community affair instead of leaving its promotion up to football mothers. G. C. Allen, Vic Wojtek and Jeff Dean were named as a committee to have charge of arrangements for the banquet.

Frank Bryan, president, and C. E. Davis, secretary, took their places as new officers of the BCD, and C. S. Brown and Buster Farris were in charge of the program.

Several selections were sung by seventh grade pupils and Miss Lynda Hassell gave a reading. Vic Wojtek was appointed to represent the BCD on the community March of Dimes committee.

G. C. Allen, reported that bids for the Mountain Creek dam would be opened here Jan 17.

Mayor McNeil Wylie announced that engineers are working on plans for a new filtering plant and water distribution system, and that a good water supply is the first and foremost project before the City Commission. He said new street lights were to be installed from the court house east to the highway and also to the new hospital site.

The luncheon served by members of the Legion Auxiliary was attended by 25 members. County commissioners were guests.

The next BCD luncheon meeting will be Monday noon, Jan. 23.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness and for the sympathy shown during the illness and passing of our daughter and sister, Mrs. Nova Garvin.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neill, Buster and Lloyd Bradley and Families.

District OES Meeting

Those attending a district School of Instruction of the Order of Eastern Star in San Angelo on Monday were Mes. Bruce Clift, O. B. Jacobs, Lowell Roane, W. J. Cumbie, G. C. Allen, Dan Campbell, Sam Powell, L. C. Cornett and Mrs. McNeill and Mr. R. L. Read. Also Mrs. Carrie G. Williams and Mrs. May Bentley of Bronte who are affiliated with the Robert Lee chapter. Mrs. Mabel Harle of Port Arthur, worthy grand matron of the order, made her official visit at the school of instruction held in the San Angelo Masonic Temple.

Subscriber 48 Years

Frank Keeney was over from Bronte Tuesday meeting his many friends and looking after business matters. He is among the oldest continuous subscribers to The Observer, having started in 1901 when it was known as the Coke County Rustler. Frank came out from Bell county that year and purchased a farm in Valley View. In 1906 he moved to Bronte and has been a leading merchant there ever since. We're always glad to have Frank drop in for a visit.

Folks You Know

Red Day received a painful injury last Saturday in an oil field accident. He was cranking an engine on the pump jack at Sun's Pulliam well in Tom Green county, when the crank flew off and struck him in the mouth. He had several teeth knocked out.

In renewing his subscription Bob L. Davis writes from Pecos: "We enjoy reading the news and doings in Coke county, and have read with great interest the progress made on the new County Hospital."

County 4-H Committee

The county 4-H club committee met Jan. 7 with six members and four adult leaders present. We discussed the songs we would like to sing this year. Some night in the near future we plan to have all the 4-H girls of the county come to Robert Lee and learn some folk games. The next meeting will be held the first Saturday in March.—Joyce King.

No. 1640

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY the postoffice address of which is Bronte, Texas, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1949, filed its application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which it applies for a permit to appropriate or the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, from Mountain Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River, in Coke County, Texas, not to exceed 250 acre-feet of water per annum, by impounding 950 acre-feet of water for municipal purposes. The dam is to be located at a point which bears S 42 Deg. 9 min. 4596 feet from the Northeast corner of L. V. Harris Original Survey No. 1, on the East bank of the Mountain Creek, in Coke County, Texas, and is distant in a Northeasterly direction from Robert Lee, Texas, 5 miles.

A hearing on the application of the said UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Austin, Texas, on Monday, February 13th, A. D. 1950, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time, and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of said Board at Austin, Texas, this the 16th day of December, A. D. 1949.

H. A. Beckwith
A. P. Rollins
James S. Guleke
(Seal) Board of Water Engineers
Attest:
A. W. McDonald, Secretary

Thanks, Everybody!

We want to thank everybody who came to our rescue Monday night and helped save the building and a lot of our hardware stock.

Especially do we want to express our appreciation to members of the Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer Fire Departments and the firemen from San Angelo.

We are busy cleaning up now and things are still in a mess, but we'll give our customers the best service possible under the circumstances.

Thanks again, everybody!

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Pure Grape Juice	Pt	21c	
Trellis Peas, 2 cans	29c	Blackberries, No. 2 can	29c
GALLON PEACHES Solid Pack	gal tin	79c	
CREAM STYLE CORN	2 cans	23c	
BEANS and POTATOES No. 2 can	2 for	29c	
REX JELLY	5 lbs. 69c	2½ lbs. 33c	
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Oil Imports Is Serious Problems

AUSTIN, Jan. 12 — "OIL IMPORTS—A Problem of Importance to the American People" is the name of an eight-page, question and answer pamphlet now being distributed throughout the State by the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association.

Prepared to fill a demand for "a short, to the point presentation of the real problem of excessive petroleum imports," the pamphlet is an essential part of the TIPRO Imports Educational Program. The program, set up at the mid year directors meeting of the Association, calls for meetings in every Congressional District of the State, at which each Texas member of Congress is urged not only to support a limitation on imports but to work actively to convince his colleagues from other states of the need for some curb.

In addition to the meetings, attended by businessmen, bankers, farmers, and oil independents, the pamphlets are being mailed to TIPRO's 4,500 members. Thompson said Thursday that, in response to the Association request, several hundred letters would go to Congressmen within the next few days calling attention to the fact that excessive imports, by undermining the oil independence of this nation, constitute a threat to our national security and economic stability.

The booklet, simply illustrated in color, answers the following questions with brief, factual information:

How important is domestic oil to the prosperity of the American people? How important is domestic oil to the security of the American people? Are we "running out of oil?" Does the use of imported oil mean conservation of our own resources?

Are current imports excessive? What is the effect of excessive imports? What is the future outlook for imports? Are imports promoting monopoly? Do oil imports promote "reciprocal trade" with other nations? What can be done to prevent excessive imports?

"It is extremely unfortunate," said Thompson, "that most Americans, and even many Texans, have not become sufficiently aware of the real meaning of current excessive oil imports. Too many view it as purely an oil industry problem, one concerning them very

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little if at all. Some even persist in the belief that imported oil preserves our own supply.

"The oil import problem is one that touches directly the lives of every American. Besides making us dependent for our oil upon areas that will be inaccessible in time of war, imports are helping to end our national prosperity.

"It is very largely because of excessive imports that Texans will be asked within the next few weeks to dig deeper for more State taxes. Excessive imports shut in producing wells here, reducing income to the State and workers. Equally serious is the fact that excessive imports force premature abandonments and lessen the amount of oil that is recovered, resulting in the loss rather than the preservation of our own resources."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many kind friends and neighbors at Robert Lee and Edith, also the kindness of Dr. Harris and nurses, and Bro. Englund and friends of Bronie and those of Eldorado. The sympathy, loving words and deeds shown us during the long illness and death of our loved one, the beautiful floral offerings, especially we thank the funeral director, May God's richest blessing be with you all.—Homer Garvin and Sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garvin and others of our Family.

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

S. S. Class Meeting

The Mary Martha Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Calvin Sparks Thursday, January 5, for a business and social affair. Business was directed by Mrs. Victor Wojtek, class president.

A gift consisting of wearing apparel was presented to Mrs. Carl Brock for the Brock's new son, Larry. It was decided Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Bob Fields would work together in the Nursery for the month of February.

Refreshments of cinnamon toast, jelly and coffee were served to Mrs. H. H. Chevalier, teacher, Mesdames Victor Wojtek, J. C. Jackson, J. C. McDaniels, Bob Fields, Elton Neel and Carl Brock.

Surprise Party

Mrs. Paul Killam had a birthday last Saturday. We won't say which one. The day was saved when a group of relatives, at the invitation of Ray, Faye and Edna Lea, popped in Saturday night for a surprise party. Miss Myrtle Killam, sister-in-law, made the cake, and Paul Killam prepared the coffee and punch. Some nice gifts were presented to the honoree. The guests were entertained with games of forty-two, flinch and fiddlesticks. Those doing the surprising were Mrs. Julia Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Killam, Jimmy and Julia Nell, Mrs. I. A. Bird, Mrs. A. F. McKinley and June, and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pentecost and James Bird.

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Ford remains alone in low-price "Eight" field

"Reports were current several months ago that Ford might encounter competition in the low-price eight-cylinder car field. The manufacturer considering such a development, however, apparently has decided against it.

"The temptation to enter competition for this market is strong. Ford derives considerable sales appeal from ability to offer an eight as well as a six in the low cost bracket. Buyers are attracted by the additional smoothness and power performance afforded by the extra cylinders.

"Principal reason why rivals have steered clear of eight-cylinder power plants is cost. Ford has been able to hold expenses down by manufacturing economies not often duplicated by others.

"In pioneering the low-price V-8, the Dearborn producer had to strike at the heart of the cost problem. The company was the first to evolve a method of making an integral V-block and crankcase casting.

"The Ford Company is noted for excellence of manufacturing technique. Part of the reputation is based on willingness of the management to spend money on work-saving equipment. The Rouge plant foundry, for example, is a model of efficiency. Air-conditioning eliminates some of the disagreeableness common to most foundries, while conveyor systems and automatic machines obviate much of the usual back-breaking—and inefficient—hand work.

"With the use of advanced production methods the company has been able to hold expenses within reasonable limits. This is true even though use of the larger engine means two more cylinders—with more pistons, rings, 'con' rods, sparkplugs, etc.—for each car produced.

"The Ford production technique involves a high degree of precision. Vendors regard the company as a 'tough customer' because of the rigidity of inspection standards. Suppliers know they must comply closely with specified requirements or face heavy rejection.

"The precision, together with the extra power of the engine, accounts for the unusual performance of the Ford V-8. Ford's ratio of applied horsepower to gross vehicle weight has long been a favored design characteristic. Other manufacturers have found this power plant too difficult to build inexpensively enough for a small car.

"From present indications, it may be a long time before competitors can challenge Ford in the low-priced eight-cylinder field."

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Folks You Know

J. C. Jackson has resigned as a driller for Baker & Taylor and plans to move back to western Oklahoma. Mr. Jackson and his family will leave Saturday for Carter, Okla., where they own property and will make some repairs on the dwelling before moving their household goods. He plans to follow oil field work there.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Fowler and children, Peggy and Brice, Jr., came from Monahans for weekend visit with the Sam Fowlers at Sanco. Charles Fowler and wife of Eldorado were also home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Young attended a family reunion at Rotan last Saturday, celebrating the 76th birthday of Mrs. Young's sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hester. The latter returned home with the Youngs for a week's visit.

Morgan Powers and wife of Arizona, former Coke county residents, visited relatives and friends here the past week. They planned to visit in San Angelo and Brownwood before returning to their western home.

Mrs. Joe Rorex, mother of Mrs. Ulmer Bird, died at her home in Panhandle, Texas, Monday morning, January 9. Mr. Bird left here Tuesday to attend the funeral which was on Wednesday. Mrs. Bird has been at Panhandle with her mother for the last several weeks, and will return home with her husband.

Announcement

At this time I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Judge and Ex-Officio County School Superintendent.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the very fine co-operation that the people of Coke County have given me during the past year. I have endeavored to serve you as a fair and impartial county official at all times, and I will assure you that it is my desire to continue to serve you in this manner.

Your support in the coming primary election in July will be greatly appreciated.

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For County Treasurer

With a sincere expression of gratitude to the people of Coke County for the confidence placed in me when I was elected to the office of County Treasurer, I wish to announce for re-election to that office for the coming term.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your past cooperation and the consideration that you have given me. It has been my desire to serve you and I assure you that it has been a pleasure that I will always remember.

I will appreciate your consideration and support in the coming election. Thanking you again, I am, Sincerely,

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BABO Cleanser 2 Cans 25c

Peanut Butter 12 oz mug 35c

Cabbage Green Firm heads Lb 4c

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