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Mountain Cr. Dam 30 Pct. Finished

Work on the new Mountain Creek dam is more than 30 per cent finished, according to H. B. Reaves, resident engineer.

Mr. Reaves said contractors were now working at full speed and all their heavy machinery is being operated. In use at this time are two 12-yard turn-a-pulls, one 14-yard scraper, one 12-yard scraper, one 6-yard scraper, two push cats, one bulldozer and four sheepfoot rollers.

J. W. Robertson of Springtown was awarded the contract by the Upper Colorado River Authority on a bid of \$62,727. Joe D. Strickland is foreman on the project.

Worst handicap at this time is lack of rain. Much of the earth that is being moved is fine as powder and a large quantity of water has to be hauled from the river so that the dirt can be properly packed.

The dam will be 2,360 feet long and 260 wide at the base, with a 16 foot crown. A core of sandy clay is being packed at the bottom of the dam throughout its entire length.

The dam will be six feet higher than the top of the concrete outlet tower which was one of the first items to be constructed. The tower rises just inside the middle of the dam and has openings to take water out at three different levels.

Water from the reservoir will have a gravity flow to the new filtering plant to be built just below the dam. A contract for the filtering plant and new water mains is expected to be let by the city commission March 30.

Mrs. Chris Millican was brought to her home near Edith on Monday in the Clift ambulance. She is making a good recovery from a serious operation underwent two weeks ago at the Winters hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jackson and children, Cloma and Tommy, were here from Carter, Okla., for a weekend visit with friends Mr. Jackson is a former driller for Baker & Taylor.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Hargis were the Delbert Crowleys and little daughter, Jeanie, of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cooper of Pampa. Mr. Crowley, a brother of Mrs. Hargis, is a senior mechanical engineering student at Texas Tech.

Filings Close For School Trustees

Deadline for filing for school trustees was Tuesday, March 21. The date is 10 days prior to the April 1 election.

In the Robert Lee independent district voters may fill three positions from six candidates. Filed for re-election are the names of Frank McCabe, Mrs. Marvin Simpson and Floyd Harmon. New candidates are C. S. Brown, E. C. Davis and Fern Havins.

At Silver two places will be filled on the board of trustees. Four candidates listed on the ballot will be J. B. Walker, Jr. and Homer Jameson, incumbents, and Curtis Walker and J. D. Gilbert.

Green Mountain must also elect two trustees, but no filings had been received Wednesday in the office of County Judge Jeff Dean.

Bronte will name a complete new board of seven trustees because of a consolidation within the past year. All present members and a number of new candidates will be submitted to the voters.

Base Ball Workout

Chilly Tinkler requests The Observer to announce that all players are urged to turn out at 2 p. m. next Sunday for a light workout. Plans will be made for this season's team and a manager is to be named while the squad is together. Several new players are available and from all indications the team will have good community backing. It is necessary to complete an organization to represent Robert Lee at the Concho Basin League meeting in San Angelo Monday night.

BCD Luncheon

Regular semi-monthly luncheon meeting of the Board of Community Development will be held next Monday noon at the Legion building. A number of oil men will be guests, including all the "tool pushers" who are looking after drilling rigs in this locality. B. C. Goodwin and A. J. Kirkpatrick are in charge of arrangements.

Glycerine Used In Allen Jameson No. 4

Sun Oil Company's No. 4 Allen Jameson at Silver was shot with 288 quarts of nitro-glycerine this week. The section treated was 6,415 to 6,530 feet. A workover rig is now washing out gravel pack. The hole, bottomed at 6,582 feet, failed to give up any oil showings on previous drillstem tests.

Southwest of Silver Sun No. 11 Jewell Brannan was drilling in shale at 5,765 feet. Sun No. 5 Willie I Tubb was drilling at 2,785 feet in shale.

In the Millican field west of Edith, Sun No. 4 G. W. Davidson was making hole Thursday at 2,930 feet in shale.

Morris & Hamilton are rigging up rotary equipment on Sun No. 3 C. C. Millican, 3 1-2 miles west of Edith. Location is 933 feet southwest of C. C. Millican No. 1, a producer.

Morris & Hamilton drilled several wells for Sun in 1948 and for a time had two rigs in operation in the Silver area. Sun will now have four rigs working in Coke county, two at Edith and two at Silver.

Freddie (Pete) Hickman was here for a weekend visit in the parental Ed Hickman home near Edith. Pete is now a student at North Texas State at Denton. Other San Angelo college football stars enrolled at North Texas are Richard Harvey, Tommy Gray and Ray Dodds.

Mrs. Lloyd Phelan is improving this week from a serious attack of arthritis.

H. L. Bloodworth and son, Ernest, returned last week from a trip to Alpina Pass, where the former owns some property.

Training Course For Firemen

Members of the Robert Lee Fire Department have been receiving a series of lessons in fire fighting from E. W. Parker, representing the State Firemen's Association and the training school at A & M college.

The 15-hour course has been continued each Wednesday over a period of five weeks and will be concluded next week.

Mrs. Parker advised The Observer that the Robert Lee department is composed of a fine group of men who are doing an excellent job. He also stated the truck in use here is ideal for the needs of the community.

FFA Team Takes 3rd in State Meet

Signal honors were achieved by three Robert Lee high school youths who placed third in the Greenhand farmer quiz at Huntsville Saturday. Members of the team are Roy Clawson, Don Joel Schooler and Allen Sparks. They were coached by Carl V. Maddoux, vocational agriculture instructor of the Robert Lee schools.

The event was conducted at a meeting of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America. Robert Lee earned the right to compete in the state contest by winning the district event at Big Spring.

Forty-eight teams competed in the Greenhand farmer quiz, which was open only to first year vocational ag students. The FFA team from Uvalde placed first and Brownfield, second.

Bronte youths competed in the chapter farm quiz for a second year ag students and made a good showing. About 1,323 individuals competed in the contests.

Governor Shivers, who received the honorary Lone Star farmer degree, addressed the gathering.

Coach Maddoux and each member of the team is to be highly congratulated. After being dropped for some time Vocational Ag was put back into the Robert Lee schools this year.

Mrs. Bob Lambert and children, Christina and Tommy, of Midland are guests this week in the home of her father, S. B. Cragin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Tanner of Little Rock, Ark., are here visiting the Clarence and Horace Mitchell families.



Notes From The Oil Field

Southern Minerals and Seaboard No. 1 Mary Greenlan, 15 miles south and east of Robert Lee, was drilling Thursday morning at 2,153 feet in lime and shale.

Amerada No. 2 March Ranch, 12 miles southwest of Robert Lee, was drilling ahead in lime at 7,284. No oil shows were reported in drillstem test No. 7 from 7,044 to 7,116 feet. There was a slight blow and 150 feet of mud was covered.

No. 2 March is 2 1-2 miles east of No. 1, recent failure in the Ellenburger with total depth of 7,434 feet. No. 2 topped the Ellenburger at 6,992 feet, 135 feet higher than No. 2.

Joe Steward is pusher on the Morris & Hamilton rig which has a contract to drill Sun No. 3 C. C. Millican, west of Edith. Joe moved his family to Robert Lee this week from Rio Grande City. He says they are glad to get back after spending the past year in South Texas.

H & L Truck Co. of Robert Lee was busy the past week moving Morris & Hamilton's rig to the Millican field near Edith from Rio Grande City, away down in the south end of the state.

Paul Isbell, superintendent of H & L, says his firm is now well established in the Winters area. O. S. (Steve) Partain is in charge of the Winters office.

S. F. Hurlbut and George P. Livermore No. 2 Ellwood, on the Spade Ranch 15 miles south of Colorado City, has been plugged and abandoned at 7,345 feet in the Ellenburger. The drilling crew resided in Robert Lee. They have moved to Post.

WATER WORKS PROGRAM

Robert Lee's city commission will open bids next Thursday, March 30, for a new filtering plant and a quantity of water pipe. The filtering plant and water extensions will tie in with the new Mountain Creek reservoir. Voters recently approved a bond issue of \$65,000 for the water works program. The Observer believes city officials have acted wisely in proceeding with this important project. We feel they should salvage all possible equipment and material from the old waterworks plant, including the 6-inch main. Engineers estimate \$5,000 could be saved by taking up the old main and using it in the new system. Let's don't throw that kind of money away.

Sun Builds New Pipeline Station

Sun Oil Company this week is putting into operation its new pipeline station at Silver. It will replace the former station constructed two years ago by the Scurlock company.

Charles L. Price, in charge of pipeline activities for Sun in this area, says the station is equipped with two new Wakesha 160 h. p. engines and two Gould centrifugal 4-inch pumps. The plant has a capacity of 800 barrels per hour.

The pipeline station at Silver is at present gathering about 5,300 barrels of oil daily from the Jameson field at Silver, the Millican field west of Edith and from Ligay field south of the river at Silver. The monthly average is 165,000 barrels or a total of 2 million barrels a year.

From the station at Silver crude oil is pumped into the 26-mile 6-inch line which connects with the Atlantic pipeline station south of Bronte. It is stored in an 80,000 barrel tank there and then delivered by Atlantic to Sun's terminal at Beaumont. Some of Sun's crude oil is exported but most of it goes by large ocean tankers to the company's refinery at Philadelphia.

Construction of the new plant has been in charge of a crew from Ingleside near Corpus Christi.

J. C. Snead, Jr. and A. J. Bilbo returned Tuesday night from a few days of fishing on the Llano River near London.

Gift of \$100 For Fire Dept.

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department has received a check of \$100 from Fred Roe, Jr. in appreciation of its services in extinguishing a grass fire at the Roe ranch west of town last Saturday evening.

The fire started on the north side of the Colorado River and spread over an area of 200 acres before it was stamped out. Neighbors fought the flames without success for some time before the fire truck was called.

Sam Williams, president of the fire department, urges that an alarm be turned in immediately when a fire is discovered. Firemen don't mind making a run and are not disappointed if they find the blaze under control when they arrive.

The quickest way to turn in an alarm is to advise the telephone operator, and always state location of the fire.

Mr. Williams says the Robert Lee fire department needs five additional members to bring its strength up to 20 men.

Hospital Trustees Hire 2; Donations Now Exceed \$3400

Gifts for equipment and furnishings for the new Coke County Hospital now amount to more than \$3,400, County Judge Jeff Dean related this week.

Latest contributions include \$357 from Mr. and Mrs. Will Simpson of El Paso for furnishing the business office, while County Agent and Mrs. T. B. Hicks gave \$200 for furniture in the doctor's office. Mrs. Cynthia Schooler of Odessa, another former resident of Coke county, sent a check of \$100. A part of it may be used to purchase a wheel chair, Judge Dean said.

Following its meeting the past week the Hospital Board announced the hiring of two more employees. Mrs. J. C. Strickland was named receptionist and bookkeeper, and Mrs. Melrose Murtishaw has been secured as head nurse.

C. S. Haselden, business manager, states the board probably will not engage a full staff of permanent employees until the hospital gets into operation.

Contractors indicated they will have the building ready to turn over by April 1st.

Haselden says the X-ray equipment has been installed and tested. He is highly pleased with the new machine which is similar to equipment being used in the biggest hospitals in the country.

Much other new equipment has arrived in Robert Lee and the big task of installing furniture and equipment will begin as soon as the hospital building is completed.

Opening date for the hospital may be early in May if there is no serious delay in arrival of essential equipment.

Death of R. E. Lee

Services were held at Big Spring Thursday for Robert E. Lee, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in that city Tuesday morning. He was a prominent druggist for many years and recently had been in the insurance business. Surviving are his wife, the former Myrtle Chumley of Bronte, and a son, Robert Swan Lee. Relatives called to Big Spring because of his death included Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chumley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCabe and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCabe, Jr.

NOTICE!

Due to a mixup in Interscholastic schedules the Junior Class has postponed its play — "Amazing Gracie" until

April 5

Auto License Deadline Near

Auto owners are reminded that April 1st is the deadline for buying 1950 licenses.

A rush to purchase new car tags is expected during the next few days in the office of Sheriff Paul Good. Persons making application for licenses are advised to have their certificate of ownership with them.

Up to Tuesday night only a few more than 400 passenger cars had been licensed in Coke county, according to Deputy Sheriff O. B. Jacobs. The county total last year was 1,050.

Soil Conservation District News

Thirty-five land owners cooperating with the Coke County Soil Conservation district are planning to seed 300 acres of cover crops, such as Madrid and Huban sweet clover and alfalfa. Several district cooperators seeded rye and vetch, Dixie Wonder winter peas and spelts last fall.

Cover crops are deep rooted legumes that take nitrogen from the air and fix it in the soil in a form that is useable by the plants. Cover crops are used as a crop to enrich the soil by building up the organic matter, improving the soil structure, open up plow pan, and increase the rate of infiltration during rainfall.

The seeding of cover crop is a very important phase of any complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan. C. A. Webb, chairman of board of supervisors, said.

Seven miles of terraces were completed on Charlie Arnold's farm located five miles west of Silver. The terraces and contour farming is a part of Arnold's complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan he is applying as a district cooperator with the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

Ed Cumbie, who ranches three miles east of Bronte, seeded six acres of native and introduced grasses last week. Five acres were seeded in the pasture. For seed bed preparation Cumbie plowed the land with an offset disc. The disc left the land pitted to catch water during rainfall and give the grass seedlings opportunity to take roots and get established. The seeding of native and introduced grasses is a part of Cumbie's complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan he is applying as a district cooperator with the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

Nine acres of native and intro-

Citation By Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: COKE AUSTIN, JR. Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Coke County at the Court House thereof, in Robert Lee, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 17th day of April A. D. 1950, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 26th day of January A. D. 1950, in this cause, numbered 1823 on the docket of said court and styled MELBA AUSTIN, Plaintiff, vs. COKE AUSTIN, JR., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Suit for divorce and custody of minor child. Plaintiff alleges that she has been a bona fide resident of the State of Texas for more than twelve (12) months next preceding the filing of the petition; and that she has actually resided in Coke County, Texas, for the next six (6) months preceding the filing and exhibition of her petition. Plaintiff alleges cruel and harsh treatment on the part of the defendant, as well as abandonment and failure to support, acts of cruelty by both words, acts and conduct. Plaintiff further alleges that she and defendant are permanently separated as man and wife; and that plaintiff and defendant were duly and lawfully married, and as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Robert Lee, Texas this 1st day of March A. D. 1950.

Attest: WILLIS SMITH, Clerk (Seal) District Court, Coke County, Texas

duced grasses were seeded on Taylor Emerson's farm, located three miles east of Bronte, last week. The grass was seeded in a good grain sorghum stubble that will aid in water intake, control erratic soil temperature, protect small grass seedlings. The re-seeding of cropland to native and introduced grasses is a part of Emerson's complete plan he is applying as a district cooperator with the Coke County Soil Conservation district.

Robertson Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Seabourn and sons came down from Amarillo recently to spend a couple of days with her father and brother, J. L. Robertson and Otis Burhl, Robertson, who is in the Army Air Force, was here also and Ruth Robertson and Wilma Joyce of Snyder joined the group for a couple of days. Merrick Seabourn of Eastland was another over night guest. Mr. and Mrs. Seabourn and their sons, Jerry Dean, 3 years old, and Lonny Da'e, 16 months of age, returned to Amarillo Wednesday night, and Burhl and Merrick left the following afternoon. It was the first time the family group had been together in three years.

Lamb Prices High

Fred McDonald, Jr. sold 183 head of lambs last week that brought him 25c per pound in San Angelo. His bucks averaged 130 pounds and the lambs weighed an average of 106.

Scurry County Given Drastic Oil Reduction

(Scurry County Times)

Production from Scurry County's more than 400 wells was cut in half by the Railroad Commission's new order on March allowables, which makes District 8, this district, bear approximately two thirds of the state reduction.

In March Texas wells will be permitted to produce 1,944,122 barrels of crude oil a day, which is 92,161 barrels a day less than in February.

Of the 92,161-barrel reduction, District 8 will give up 60,699 barrels, and Scurry County as a whole will lose 20,973 barrels a day.

The effect of the cut in the Canyon reef lime pools of this county will be to reduce the allowable from 220 to 111 barrels a day for each well, producing 17 days.

In March, the allowable will be about 65 barrels daily per well on a calendar-day rate, compared with the current average of 111.

The commission used a new system of proration based on the 1947 yardstick, granting wells allowables on the basis of acreage and depth.

The production slash resulted from a continuing decline in market demand, the basis on which the commission determines how much oil may be produced each month.

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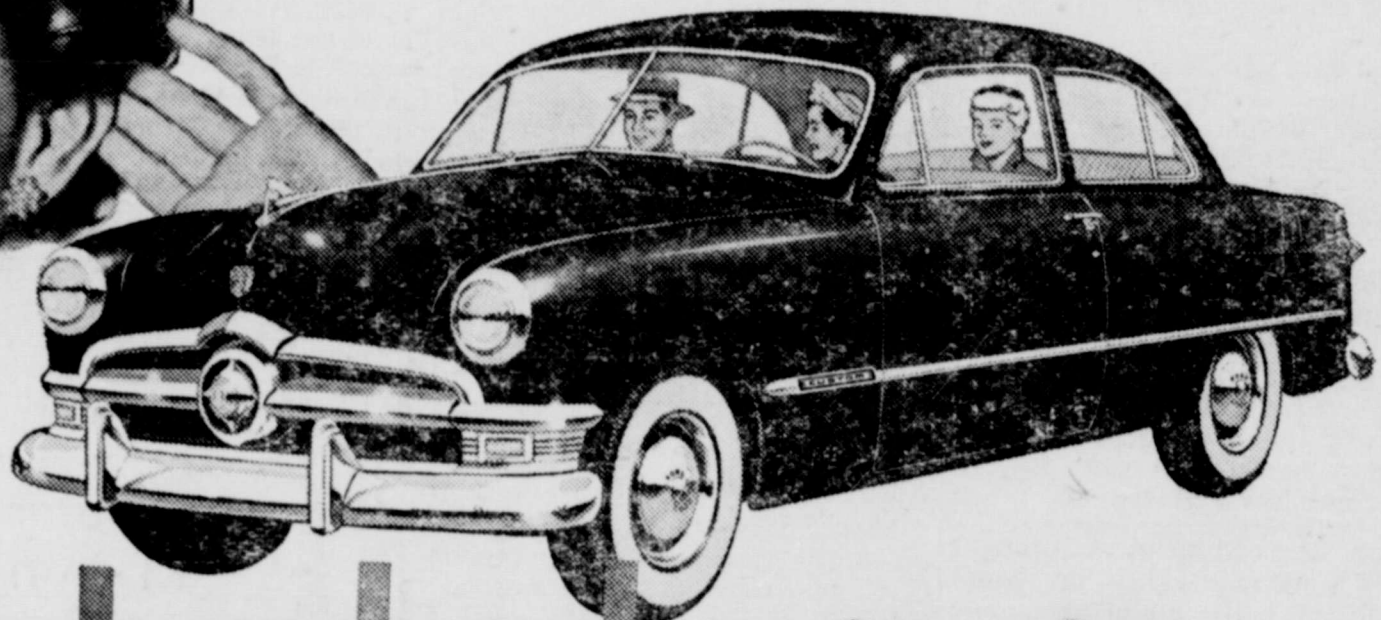
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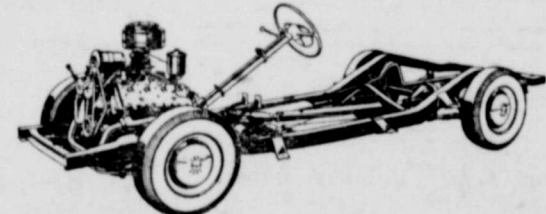
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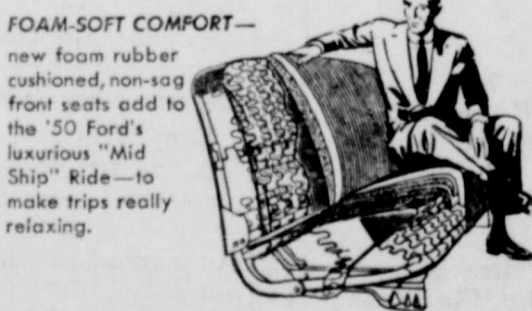
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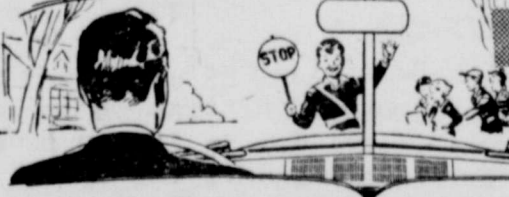
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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Locals Outclassed In District Track Meet

Robert Lee high school took only 4 3-5ths points in the Water Valley track and field meet last Saturday, after winning the event the previous two years.

Point winners were John L. Bruton, who placed second in the shot put, and Bud Austin's tie for fourth in the high jump.

In the junior high division Wilton Robertson was 1st in the high jump at 5 feet, 3 inches, and Donnie Duncan tied for second in the pole vault.

Norman Roberts won both the 50 and 100 yard dashes in the grade school division, and Robert Lee was third in the 440 yard relay.

Johnnie Beth Snead and Harriet Porter entered the girls' tennis tourney. The former won her first round singles match.

WSCS Hour of Worship

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met at the parsonage Monday afternoon for an 'Hour Apart'—a period of directed meditation. Mrs. Cortez Russell played background music and accompanied Mrs. Otto Wojtek, who sang two solo numbers. With an atmosphere of worship which excluded both greetings and conversation, and seated before a candle lighted worship center, the group was directed by Mrs. Ross Welch in their hour of worship.

PMA NEWS

Measuring Cotton Acreage

Coke County cotton farmers can arrange to have their 1950 cotton allotment acreage measured before planting time.

A pre-measurement service is available to all cotton farmers who need this service to determine the correct amount of land to be planted to cotton so their allotment will not be in excess.

The rate for pre-measurement services has been established at \$5.00 per farm plus \$1.00 for each plot to be planted to cotton, plus 2c for each acre in the allotment.

To get pre-measurement services, a cotton farmer will have to make a written request to the County PMA Committee and make payment at the time the request for pre-measurement is made.

Farmers wishing to use this service must make their request before April 15, 1950. Measurements will be made as soon as possible after the requests are received.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr. and little daughter, Marilyn, visited over the weekend with the Travis Allens in Andrews. Mrs. Allen is the former Marie Wallace.

Mrs. Paul I-bell and son, Robert, left Wednesday for Idabel, Okla., where they will spend two weeks with relatives and friends.

Baptist WMU

The Baptist Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. S. R. Young, carrying out their monthly missionary program on the subject, "Is America Christian?" Mrs. Ernest Stewart was the leader and Mrs. W. D. McAdams brought the devotional and led the prayer for our Mexican Mission work in Robert Lee. Others taking part in the program were Mesdames G. C. Allen, B. A. Austin, Victor Wojtek and W. J. Cumbie. Quarterly reports were made out after which tea and cake were served to eleven members present. Mrs. Frank McCabe was welcomed as a new member of the society.

SANCO NEWS

(By Mrs. Sam Fowler)

Mr. J. L. Carwile has been home from the hospital more than a week and is resting and gaining some strength. He enjoys company and quite a few friends have called. The Carwiles wish to express their gratitude to their many friends and loved ones and also the Church for the cards, beautiful flowers, gifts and visits during his stay in the hospital and since his arrival home. These acts of kindness really help a sick person.

Harvey Reid was heard to say "Yes it's bad to have everything you own burn up, but it did make us realize how many friends we have" Mrs. Reid and the children join in saying how nice everyone has been, and they hope all receive God's blessing for the r thoughtfulness.

The Sewing Circle has organized again at the club room and 11 women were present for the first meeting last week. It was decided to meet all day on Tuesday of this week when they completed a quilt for Mrs. Harvey Reid. Regular meeting dates are every other Tuesday, so the next meeting date will be the first Tuesday in April.

Effie Carwile of Sterling City is at home this week visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Jr. and daughter, Ann, have been in the hospital at San Angelo for the past two weeks. They are at home now and their friends hope they will be feeling fine in no time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler and little son, Dellwyn Brice, spent last Saturday night in the parental Sam Fowler home.

There will be services Sunday at the Sanco Baptist church. Everyone welcome.

Rev. Newswander, pastor of the Evangelical Methodist church in San Angelo, was here Sunday. He was accompanied by two missionaries of the Oriental Missionary Society, who brought special music and a very inspiring report of their work in the mission field.

Mrs. Horton Devoll is at Colorado City with her daughter, Mrs. Leon Leonard, who is ill.

Last Chance To Secure

1950 Auto Licenses

Without a Penalty

The Deadline for All Licenses Is

MARCH 31st

Please bring your Title Certificate and previous License papers, which will help speed up the registration process. State Law provides that you must have your Certificate of Ownership when you make application for a Motor Vehicle License.

Paul Good

Coke County Tax Assessor and Collector

Roberts Grocery

Bell Peppers, lb	15c	Yellow Squash, lb	14c
Radishes, bunch	5c	Yams, E. Texas, lb	6c
GREEN BEANS	Nice and fresh	Lb	12½c
CELERY	Best for eating	stalk	17c
New Potatoes		2 lbs	9c
Bananas, yellow ripe		lb	12½c
Pork & Beans	Jack Sprat	2 cans	19c
Prune Plums	HUNTS	Large 2½ can	19c
Toilet Tissue	White Fur	4 rolls	37c
Facial Tissue		300 Sheet Pkg	17c
PEARS, Del Monte		No. 303 can	23c
SPINACH	Marshall, No. 1 cans	2 for	19c
Libby Tomato Juice,	No. 2 can	2 for	25c
MATCHES		Carton of 6 Boxes	35c
TEA, Bright & Early	with glass	¼ lb	29c
CHEESE	Swifts Brookfield	2 lbs	65c
MARGARINE, plain		lb	21c

★ Born on a Williamson County farm, the seventh child in a family of 13 (six brothers and six sisters).

★ Farmed in Central and West Texas.

★ Worked his way through Lamesa High School and Texas Tech College.

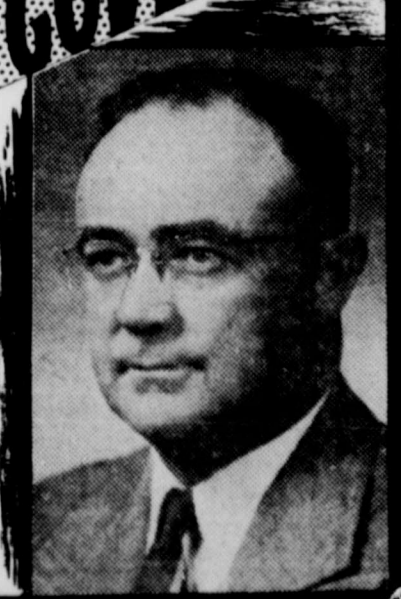
★ Married and father of two children.

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★ Member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and Kiwanis Club of Lubbock, Tex.

★ Successful West Texas business man and veteran legislator.

★ Believes in the application of sound business methods to state government.



Preston Smith Of Lubbock In Race For Lt. Governor

Preston Smith, 38-year-old Lubbock business man, entered the political arena this week by announcing his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor.

Smith is a three-term veteran of the Texas House of Representatives. He was first elected in 1944 to represent District 119.

During his service in the House, Smith has been for four years a member of the appropriations committee. He has also served as chairman of the sub-committee on higher education. He is a firm believer in the application of sound business methods in the operation of the state government.

Born on a Williamson County farm, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Smith, he stayed with farm life until 1931. He is the seventh child in a family of 13 and has six brothers and six sisters.

Much of his career in the House has been devoted to championing the cause of Texas' rural people.



Preston Smith

He was author of the rural hospital bill and co-author of the rural telephone bill, and also has been active in the fight for farm-to-market roads and soil conservation. Smith has been a supporter of all veteran legislation.

Of his hospital plan, Smith says, "This measure will go a long way toward solving the doctor shortage in small communities. If the counties will vote bonds for hospitals and then lease them to some of the young doctors just out of college who have no financial means to build their own hospitals, the younger men will not be so inclined to go in on the large towns where facilities are available."

Commenting on his race for Lieutenant Governor, Smith said, "Much of Texas' population is centered in rural areas and small communities. Unless you have lived on a farm or in one of the very small towns, of which there are many in the state, you can't realize how much is needed in the way of worthwhile legislation for the rural areas. Texas needs the services which the rural population provides. The rural population needs better facilities for day-to-day living. As Lieutenant Governor, I will continue my efforts to see that this important segment of our population receives as many needed improvements as possible, along with other necessary and important legislation."

Smith also authored the bill, in the House, which would require all boards, bureaus and state agencies that spend state tax money to hold open meetings and to advise the press in writing in advance of such meetings. The measure pass-

ed the House but did not get through the Senate.

Smith has been a Lubbock resident for 18 years. He has been in the theater business since 1936.

His schooling includes a diploma from the Lamesa High School and a degree from Texas Technological College in Lubbock where he studied auditing and accounting.

In 1935 Smith joined forces with another Smith—Miss Ima Smith by name—who is now Mrs. Preston Smith. She also is a Texas Tech graduate, born and reared in the state. The Smith's have two children, Preston Michael, 9, and Jan Lauren, 5.

A member of the Methodist Church, Smith is also active in the Kiwanis Club and is a 32nd Degree Mason.

Benefit Square Dance

The Altrusa club of San Angelo, a civic club composed of women, is giving a benefit Square Dance at the San Angelo Community Gym on Saturday, March 25, starting at 8 p. m. S. L. Bowen of San Angelo will be master of ceremonies. Music is to be furnished by Jack Banta's Roundup Four square dance band of Coleman. Admission 75 cents.

Sunshine 4-H Club

The Sunshine 4-H girls club of Robert Lee met March 14 with 19 members present. Their sponsor, Zona Mae King, gave a demonstration on the correct method of making a hem, and used one of Patricia Smith's dresses. The next meeting will be March 28.—Patricia Smith, Reporter.

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- 30—Alaska purchased from Russia for \$7,200,000—1867.

AQUAMARINE

- 31—Birthdays of Rene Descartes, Franz Joseph Haydn.

APRIL

- 1—All Fool's day.

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PAINTS

Robert Lee Wins Literary Meet At Water Valley

Students from Robert Lee public schools won a comfortable lead over other entrants in the literary divisions of the Water Valley literary and athletic meet last Friday.

Robert Lee amassed a total of 151 1-2 points Water Valley followed with 100, Wall with 86 1-2, Millersview with 14, Robert E Lee junior high school of San Angelo with 12, and Carlsbad with 7. Three schools which had planned to enter the contest but were unable to participate were Big Spring, Forsan and Lake View.

Johnnie Beth Snead of Robert Lee with 25 points was third in individual scoring. The Robert Lee point winners were as follows:

Boys' extemporaneous speech, Tommy Kirkpatrick, 1st.

Girls' extemporaneous speech, Johnnie Beth Snead, 2nd.

High school spelling teams, Harriet Porter and Lurlyne Pettit, 2nd.

Fifth and 6th grade spelling, Joy Adkins and Mary Jo Clawson, 1st; Sandra Nell Welch and Edna Lea Killam tied for 3rd.

High school ready writer, Johnnie Beth Snead, 1st.

Grade school ready writer, Martha Sue Richardson 1st; Robert Lewis Jay, 2nd.

Typing, Janet Bilbo, 1st; Eugenia Hurley, 2nd; Lurlyne Pettit, 3rd.

Grade girls' declamation, Jo Alice McDonald, 1st; Jackie Nell Sparks, 3rd.

Grade boys' declamation, Byron Russell, 2nd; Don Bell, 3rd.

Junior girls' declamation, Annette Simpson, 3rd.

Junior boys' declamation, Garland Davis, 1st.

Senior girls' declamation, Lonnell Landers, 1st; Eugenia Hurley, 2nd.

Senior boys' declamation, Milburn Wink, 3rd (Stanley Adams, formerly of Robert Lee, won first in the event for Robert E. Lee junior high of San Angelo.)

Enters Race Meet

H. C. Allen is attending the race meet at Hot Springs, Ark., and has his running horse, Texas Porten, entered. The six-year old gelding showed up well in Texas race meets two years ago but a lameness kept him off the track last season. W. T. Roach went to Hots Springs with Mr. Allen ten days ago, returning to his home here Sunday. He reports the Robert Lee horse is looking good in workouts. While there Mr. Roach took some mineral baths.

Frank Roane and family of Maryneal visited Robert Lee relatives Sunday evening. They called at the O. B. Jacobs home and also spent a few hours with Mrs. E. J. Roane and the Lowell Roanes.

Mrs. J. E. Keenan writes The Observer that they have moved from Amarillo to Temple, Texas, where they are residing at 304 E. Barton Ave.

The STEERING WHEEL

(By Joyce McCutchen)

Robert Lee High has shown up nicely in the literary events at Water Valley Friday.

Typing, 1st, Janet Bilbo; 2nd, Jean Hurley.

Declamation, Senior division 1st Lonnell Landers; 2nd Jean Hurley.

Extemporaneous Speech, 1st, Tommy Kirkpatrick; 2nd, Johnny B. Snead.

Spelling, 2nd Lurlyne Pettit and Harriet Porter.

FFA

The FFA boys went to Huntsville Friday to take part in a "green hand" quiz. Our boys won third place.

Bake Sales

Saturday morning the basketball girls will hold a bake sale. Saturday evening the Seniors will hold a cake sale on the street.

Junior Play Postponed

The Junior class has postponed its play, "Amazing Gracie," until April 5, because of a conflict with the volleyball schedule.

Basketball Jackets Here

The girls surely are strutting in those new jackets and the coaches seem almost as proud of theirs. Well, they are pretty!! 2nd year jackets went to: Lurlyne Pettit, Janet Bilbo, Joyce McCutchen, Joyce Littlefield, Olene Cole, Dean Richards, Ruth Blair, Juanice Childress, Dixie Taylor, Jean Hurley, Thelma Jo Bryan, Joan Hester, Barbara Harwell and Lynn Doris Varnadore.

1st year jackets to: Johnnie Beth Snead, Bobbie Davidson, Jean O'Bannon, Doris Martin and Melba Rives. The senior players and coaches received reversible wool-an'-satin jackets. Other players received satin jackets. These were chosen according to Interscholastic League rules which state seniors may receive \$15 awards and all underclassmen \$10.

P-TA Sponsors Mrs. Welch In New Book Review

The Robert Lee Parent-Teachers Association will present Mrs. Ross Welch in a review of "Happily Ever After," by Hartzell Spence, sequel to "Get Thee Behind" and "One Foot in Heaven," Tuesday evening, March 28, at 7:30 o'clock in the Homemaking Cottage, announced Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr., P-TA president.

Spence's latest novel, just off the press, is a human interest story with a special appeal to rural people describing the many humorous situations incident to an inexperienced young couple trying to establish themselves on a Virginia farm.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. A free-will offering will be taken to help in the furnishing of the cottage now used by the Home-making Department. Pictures, lamps and a desk are needed in the living room and additional kitchen equipment.

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Service Lists 1949 Costs in Precinct 1

J. W. Service, now serving his first term as commissioner from Precinct No. 1, has compiled a list of expenditures in his district for the year of 1949. The figures are as follows:

Labor	\$4,827.80
Diesel fuel	557.73
Oil and grease	100.96
Gas and oil for trucks	420.35
Parts and repairs for machinery	1,393.90
Maintenance, grader blades, lumber, gravel, etc.	2,063.74
Total	9,364.48
Expense on highway	2,398.39

Folks You Know

T. L. Vowell, Jr. and family last week moved out to the new pump-er's residence built by Al Hill on the Harris Ranch south of the river at Silver. The house was finished several weeks ago but the REA line was only recently connected.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Millican returned recently from Meridian where they spent some time on the farm owned by their son, Talman. The latter has again accepted employment on the Logan Ranch at Sonora and has moved his herd of cattle back there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson of Rotan visited relatives and friends here Tuesday.

A group of 24 from Emmanuel Pentecostal Church here attended the Young Folks Rally in Coleman last Friday night at the First Pentecostal church in North Coleman. The Robert Lee group took part in the program.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith returned Sunday from a few days visit in Galveston. They were brought to Robert Lee by their son, Byron S. Griffith, who continued to California where he plans to open insurance agencies at Long Beach and Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson, San Angelo district director of children's work in the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Paul E. Webb attended the children's division workshop at Trinity Methodist Church, San Angelo, Monday evening.

Olene Snoddy and Aline Key planned to attend a hair styling show in San Angelo Thursday night.

Mrs. May Boone returned Tuesday afternoon from Abilene where she spent ten days with Mrs. Ellen Andrews. The latter has been seriously ill but is improving.

Evangelist Elsie Green of California visited here Tuesday in the F. A. Askins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hill and little granddaughter, Carrol Ann Baker, came from Midland Sunday to visit Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. J. C. Newton. The latter has been seriously ill from influenza, but is improved this week.

Alf Key and so, J. C. Key, arrived the first of the week from San Jon, New Mex. J. C. returned home Wednesday, while his father will remain for an extended visit with relatives and old friends.

Political Announcements

Rates:

Congressional	\$30
District Offices	\$25
Legislative	\$20
County Offices	\$20

The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons, subject to Democratic Primary Election on July 22, 1950:

For County Judge & School Supt.:
JEFF DEAN

For County Treasurer:
MRS. RUBY L. PETTIT

For County and District Clerk:
WILLIS SMITH

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector
PAUL GOOD
JEFF BLAIR

For County Commissioner, Precinct 1
J. W. SERVICE

For County Commissioner Precinct 3:
T. R. HARMON

Open House For Homemaking Dept.

More than 100 persons attended Open House at the new Homemaking Cottage of the Robert Lee schools on Wednesday of last week.

Guests inspected the new building and exhibits of sewing and foods. Aprons, dresses and shirts were displayed by the freshmen, sophomore and junior classes, while the displays of cooking were made by senior girls.

Visitors were requested to select the best exhibits and the results were as follows:

Cooking—Jean Hurley, 1st, Barbara Harwell, 2nd, and Janet Bilbo, 3rd

Sewing—Zona Mae King, 1st, Sondra Hester, 2nd, Melba Rives and Sondra Hester tied for 3rd. All the girls who took part are to be congratulated upon their excellent work. Punch and cookies were served.

We are proud of our homemaking teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, who has directed the girls in their first year of cooking and sewing.—Johnnie Beth Snead, Reporter

Mrs. J. W. B. Robertson is recovering from a serious illness of pneumonia.

Announcement

I take this means of notifying the public that I am not an applicant for the coaching job of the Robert Lee High School for the year 1950-51. I appreciate those who have cooperated with me to make my work here as successful as it has been. I want to insist that the town get behind my successor and help him do a good job. At this time I am handing the School Board my resignation—Mike C. Hughes.

Firemens Auxiliary

Following the regular Firemen's meeting Monday night the Auxiliary entertained with canasta. Music by Francis Jones and Pete Davis was enjoyed and pie and coffee were served to nineteen. Hostesses for the social were Mesdames Genie Baker, E. C. Davis and H. S. Lewis, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. David Key returned Monday from a weekend visit with the former's sister, Mrs. G. B. Shellburne, and family at Kerrville.

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