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Steers Meet Ira Thursday Night In Conference Tilt

Robert Lee Steers hope to break into the winning column this week when they entertain the Ira Wildcats in the first conference game of the season. The contest will be played Thursday night.

With three non-conference exhibitions out of the way, Robert Lee will take on seven District 5-B foes in succession. Hobbs and Loraine will follow Ira on the home field on Oct. 12 and 19.

The Steers have shown improvement from the start and indications are they will be a tough outfit during the rest of the season. Although defeated 34-9 at Eldorado last week, Robert Lee looked much better than the score indicates. The great Eagle team had an edge of only 12 to 11 in first downs, and Donnie Duncan, crack Steer quarterback, matched the great playing of Eldorado Fullback E. H. Nixon.

Coach Charles Dennis says all his boys are in shape except Garland Davis, who was injured near the end of the Eldorado game and will be out of action this week.

A new starting lineup will include: Lynn Davidson and Billy Carwile, ends; Add Davis and J. A. Brown, tackles; Milburn Wink and Elmer Greathouse, guards; Sherman Williams, center; with Duncan, Bill Havins, Wilton Robertson, and Norman Roberts in the backfield. The squad has been cut to 21 men and all except Garland will see action Thursday night.

Little is known about the Ira eleven which is new in the conference this season.

Bronte entertains the Coahoma Bulldogs on Friday night and many Robert Lee fans will be on hand. Coahoma has had only seven points marked against its club in three games.

Hobbs looms up as a top contender in the 5-B loop, with Trent also a powerful machine.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ruth, to Mr. Homer Weimer, of Sterling City. The wedding will take place at 10 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

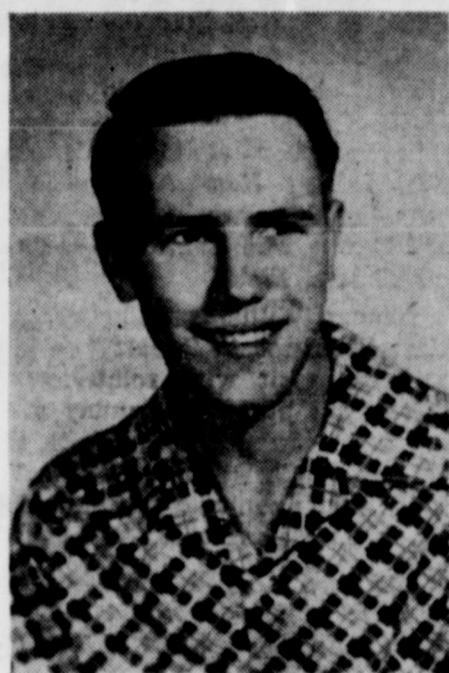
Miss Blair is a 1951 graduate of Robert Lee high school and has been employed in the local telephone exchange. Mr. Weimer, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Weimer of Sterling City, is employed with a seismograph crew at Bryan.

Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell left Tuesday for Harrison, Ark., where she will visit her friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Graf. She made the trip by plane from San Angelo.

BIRTHS

COPPLE—Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Copple of Robert Lee are parents of a son, Ronald Boyd, born Sept. 25 at a San Angelo hospital. Arriving at 11:16 p.m. the infant weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces. He has a sister, Sue Ella, 19 months old. Grandparents are Mrs. Bessie Caston and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Copple.

VARNADORE—Mr. and Mrs. William K. Varnadore of near San Angelo have named their new daughter Helen Kaye. She was born at 12:40 a.m. Sept. 26, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces. The couple also has a son, Billy, 4½. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Varnadore of Robert Lee.



MILBURN WINK

Milburn Wink Gets State Fair Award

State Fair Award of Honor winners have been named for each of the 14 Extension Districts of Texas, announced Floyd Lynch, State 4-H leader. Milburn Wink of Robert Lee was the boy chosen from District Seven to receive this award which was based on his 4-H Club record.

These boys and girls will be honored with a banquet at the Baker Hotel at Dallas on the evening of October 5 by the Rural Youth Committee and the State Fair. Each will be presented with a State Fair Award of Honor Medal.

Milburn began his active 4-H Club work in 1946 under the supervision of T. B. Hicks, county agent. His first demonstration was a Sear's gilt. Since that time he has pyramided his gains and enlarged his 4-H activities to include all types of farm enterprises.

During six years, Milburn has had a gross return of \$6398.76 from his many demonstrations. In addition he had time to take part in every kind of school activity, both athletic and literary, and holds the distinction of having the highest scholastic average of any boy in school.

In addition to the State Fair Award of Honor, Milburn is entering the Santa Fe contest for an all-expense-paid trip to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Milburn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wink, north of Robert Lee, and a grandson of Mrs. Mattie Tinkler. He is a junior at Robert Lee high school.

Another Producer For Mrs. McCutchen

Another producer in the year old McCutchen field, 4 miles east of Robert Lee, was indicated this week when Aurora Gasoline Co. No. 2 Daisy McCutchen flowed on a drill-stem test from 3,939-50 feet.

The 'ool was open four hours and 25 minutes Tuesday. Gas surfaced in 6½ minutes, mud and oil in 50 minutes and clean oil to the pits in 58 minutes.

The southwest outpost flowed to pits for one hour and 25 minutes, then to tanks for two hours and five minutes at a rate estimated at 15 barrels hourly.

No. 2 McCutchen is 330 feet from north, 990 feet from west line of the southwest quarter of section 445, a west offset to Aurora No. 1 McCutchen. It is about 200 feet northeast of American Republics No. 1 McCutchen, a 3,900 feet dry hole.

One mile north Union A-2 Daisy McCutchen was drilling below 3,500 feet.

H. C. McMinn was called to Midland early this week by the serious illness of his father.

3 Staff Members Quit at Hospital; Showdown Nears

Resignations of three important members of the Coke County Memorial Hospital staff were accepted at a meeting of the Hospital Trustees here Tuesday.

Those resigning were Mrs. Johnson administrator, Miss McCoy head nurse, and Mrs. J. C. Strickland, bookkeeper. Mrs. Johnson and Miss McCoy have been here two months. Mrs. Strickland has been employed at the hospital since it opened 18 months ago, and for a time served as administrator.

Hospital trustees held a 3-hour joint session with the Commissioners Court during the afternoon, which was followed by the Hospital Board opening a meeting of its own at the hospital.

Little information has been made public in regard to the joint meeting. Judge Dean told The Observer that no definite action was taken, although various hospital matters were discussed. Commissioner J. W. Service said there would be further discussions at the regular Commissioners Court session next Monday.

Administration of County Hospital affairs have been in a mess the past ten weeks. A petition requesting the present Hospital Trustees to resign for the future welfare of the institution was ignored by both the County Commissioners Court and members of the Hospital Board.

County Attorney Frank Dickey rendered a legal opinion that the Commissioners had no authority to ask the Hospital Trustees to resign. In a letter to The Observer last week he reversed himself, and said he was wrong.

There is strong talk that the people may employ an attorney to represent them next Monday, and make a forceful demand for a change in the hospital setup.

BUYS MISSOURI FARM

Ray Ledbetter, well known young Robert Lee stock farmer, has purchased a 60-acre highly improved farm, two miles from Aurora, Mo. It is 38 miles from Springfield. The price was \$225 per acre. The new owner will get possession of the place in the near future and plans to move his cattle there before cold weather. Mr. Ledbetter was accompanied on the trip to Missouri two weeks ago by his mother, Mrs. J. C. Slaughter, and Wilson Bryan. Because of continuous drouth years, a number of farmers in this locality have been looking for land where there is more rainfall. Numerous land seeing trips have been made to Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri.

Methodists Start All-State Revival

Rev. E. R. McGregor of Booker, Texas, will be here to preach Sunday morning. This service will open our week's Revival. Services through the week each evening at 7:30.

All our youth are urged to go to the big YOUTH RALLY this Saturday evening at 6:30 (Oct. 6) at First Methodist Church, San Angelo. On Sunday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at Guinn Field, San Angelo, hundreds and hundreds of Methodists are expected to gather for the GIANT MASS MEETING, which closes the south half or Houston Area of United Evangelistic Mission.

EVERYONE is urged to attend all these services.

MURTISHAW IS 90

Congratulations are being extended to J. I. Murtishaw on his 90th birthday which occurred Tuesday, Oct. 2. "Murty" is one of the real oldtimers of the Robert Lee community, having been a resident here 60 years or more. His wide circle of friends will be happy to know that he is enjoying good health again after quite an illness last year. All of the Murtishaw children and their families will be here this week to help Mrs. Murtishaw give her husband a rousing birthday party. The group will gather for a dinner next Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Augustine in Sterling City.

Cotton Harvest Off To Good Start Here

Cotton harvest is getting off to a good start with 95 bales having been processed at the Robert Lee gin up to Wednesday afternoon. The crop will be short because of the late summer drouth, but several hundred bales will be handled here, according to the prediction of Fred McDonald, Jr., gin operator.

The price has improved the past week and producers are now getting from 32 to 35 cents a pound for their lint and \$70 per ton for seed. The average bale will bring between \$175 and \$200, including pay for seed. Thus far about one-half the cotton delivered here has been sold for cash.

Charlie Arnold of Silver received a cash bonus of \$82.50 from local business men for bringing in the first 1951 bale. D. D. Walker of the Robert Lee Wholesale Oil Co. gave \$10 and the following donated \$5 each: State Bank, Brown & Clark, The Observer, Harvey Chevrolet Co., Ivey Motor Co., Farris City Drug, Roach's Dry Goods, Looney's, Baker Grocery, West Texas Utilities Co., Roberts Grocery, Key Feed Store, S. B. Cragin, B. & F. Grocery and Robert Lee Variety Store.

To Drill Wildcat On Roller Page

Wide interest is being directed to the new wildcat started this week on the Roller Page land, 5 miles west of Robert Lee.

J. Kenneth Blackmar of Roswell, N. Mex., and others No. 1 R. L. Page is 660 from north, 650 feet from east line of John H. Childress Survey 1. It is projected to 7,000 feet.

B. M. Mundell is drilling the first 400 feet and after surface pipe is cemented Strawn Drilling Co. will move in rotary equipment.

Operators will make the test on a farmout from American Republics, which owns the lease on Page's 400 acres in that locality.

Seaboard has leases joining on the east and south. Hunt Oil Co. owns leases on Sallie G. Rabb, P. M. Page and Sloan Boone, and Phillips has the lease on T. R. Harmon property joining on the west and north.

Blackmar and his associates bought up considerable royalty in the block earlier this year.

COURT HOUSE CHANGES

Mrs. R. C. Patterson (Mary Brooks) has been appointed deputy county superintendent and began her new duties Monday. She succeeds Mrs. John Conley, the former Maudie Watson, who resigned. Mrs. Patterson has been deputy county clerk for several years. Miss Glo Carraway has been appointed as a new assistant in the clerk's office. She will terminate her position with the telephone company next week.

County Tax Value This Year Nearly 15 Million Dollars

It's tax paying time for owners of real estate and personal property. Tax payments for state, county, municipal and school purposes became due Oct. 1.

Coke county's assessed valuation took another big jump this year, more than 2½ million dollars over 1950. Increased oil activity accounted for most of the increase.

School Gain Is Small

Robert Lee Independent School District added over \$70,000 to its taxing valuation this year, bringing the total to nearly 2 million dollars.

Here's how the school assessments are divided:

Real Estate	\$1,364,651
Personal Property	322,008
Oil & Utilities	209,005
	\$1,987,204

Figured on a tax rate of \$1.50 for each \$100 the Robert Lee school district will take in \$29,919.96 if and when all the 1951 taxes are collected.

H. S. (Major) Lewis, school tax assessor-collector, says taxes are coming in this week at a brisk rate. Notices of taxes due were mailed by his office a few weeks ago.

City Taxes

City Secretary Mrs. Sam Jay says the valuation of Robert Lee property gained only \$15,000 the past year.

The total 1951 assessed value is \$911,685. A city tax levy of 75 cents makes the total taxes levied \$6,839.72. However, it seems that there are a number of delinquent city taxpayers.

Mrs. Jay was collecting considerable money this week. Many persons stopping to pay their water bills were also asking for tax receipts.

Oil Over 10 Million

Coke county's valuation reached \$14,991,010 this year, compared with \$12,458,940 in 1950. At the same time assessed value of oil properties went from \$7,502,700 to \$10,002,230, accounting for the big increase.

The county's 552,338 acres of land were assessed at \$2,544,070, an average of \$4.61 per acre. City property was valued at \$568,670.

Here's how the county taxing values have increased the past five years, showing comparison of the oil valuations to the county total:

1947	360,800	5,099,160
1948	1,880,880	6,630,270
1949	4,281,890	9,059,300
1950	7,502,700	12,358,940
1951	10,002,230	14,991,010

Tax rolls of Coke county show a total of \$352,473 has been assessed for state, county, road bond and common school districts.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Watch next week for announcement of the PTA Halloween Fiesta at the Robert Lee high school auditorium.

Coke County

Hospital News

Sept. 26—Clarence Mitchell, Mrs. T. A. McDonald, Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr., and baby, dismissed.

Sept. 27—Mrs. Calvin Sparks, Mary Coffey, Nancy Fletcher (colored twin) dismissed.

Sept. 28—Mrs. Jack Cowley, Jerome Sheppard, admitted.

Sept. 30—Mrs. Jeff Dean admitted.

Oct. 1—Mrs. Jeff Dean dismissed.
Oct. 2—T. C. Coffey admitted; Mrs. Jack Cowley dismissed.

Frank Percifull, Jr. And Dean Richards United In Marriage

Miss Francis Eulene (Dean) Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Richards of Robert Lee, became the bride of David Franklin (Franky) Percifull, Jr., son of Mrs. Emma Percifull of Robert Lee, at nine o'clock Saturday morning, September 15.

The wedding was solemnized in the sanctuary of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in San Angelo. Church decorations consisted of bouquets of pink gladioli and tapers on the altar and floor baskets of pink gladioli on each side of the entrance to the altar.

The Rev. Fr. Wendel Sontheimer performed the double-ring ceremony before the main altar and sang the nuptial high mass, which was celebrated immediately following the ceremony. Carolina Steward, organist, played appropriate wedding music and accompanied members of the Sacred Heart School choir as they sang the responses.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina-length dress of powder blue taffeta, fashioned with a fitted bodice, trimmed with self-covered buttons, and an overskirt of blue imported lace. Her accessories were black, and she carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations, net, and satin ribbons.

Maid of honor and only attendant of the bride was Miss Lynn Doris Vannadore of Robert Lee. She wore a gray, ballerina-length dress with navy accessories and carried a nosegay of white gladioli.

Will Percifull of San Angelo attended his brother as best man.

Following the wedding ceremony, parents of the contracting couple were hosts to forty people at a wedding breakfast in the Virginia room at the St. Angelus Hotel. The breakfast table and room were decorated with several bouquets of pink gladioli.

When the couple left for a one-week wedding trip to points in South Texas, the bride was wearing a navy blue suit with navy accessories.

The bride is a 1951 graduate of Robert Lee High School, where she was elected Sophomore Class favorite, and was awarded the Best Citizenship medal for girls in her senior year. She was active in sports, having served as cheer leader of the Steers' pep squad for two years. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman, well known, prominent citizens of the Edith community west of Robert Lee.

The bridegroom was graduated from Robert Lee High School with the class of 1949. He served as president of his junior class and was elected class favorite that year. During his senior year, he served as an assistant editor of THE CORRAL, high school annual, and as co-captain of the Steer football squad. He also played on the basketball, baseball, and volley ball teams. He attended San Angelo College one year, and is now employed by the Younger Construction Company in Sun Oil Company's Jameson Field at Silver. His father was the late Frank Percifull, long-time, popular sheriff and tax assessor-collector of Coke County. Mrs. Dave McCrohan of San Angelo is his grandmother.

People from Robert Lee who attended the wedding and breakfast were members of the wedding party already mentioned, and Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Richards; Mrs. Emma Percifull; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman, Mrs. Curtis Trimble, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Stroud and Fatima; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickey, Frank Dickey, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin, Mrs. Jessie N. Yarbrough, Royce Smith, and Jaunice Childress.

Other guests were relatives and close friends from San Angelo and Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Percifull are now at home in one of the Percifull apartments in Robert Lee.

BCD Will Support County Turkey Show

Further plans for a county-wide Turkey Show were discussed at Monday's luncheon meeting of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development. President W. D. Adams presided over the business session.

County Agent Travis Hicks said the show will take place near the first of November. Sixteen 4-H boys and girls will each exhibit a pen of three birds. Fern Havins and Weldon Fikes were named to help Mr. Hicks in making arrangements for the show.

McAdams reported indebtedness against Robert Lee Scout Cabin has been entirely paid off by the Lions Club. Their latest money raising project, a box supper, brought in \$200.

A. L. Newberry, with the Stanolind seismograph crew working in this locality, was a guest of Fern Havins at the luncheon.

Mrs. Sam Fowler and Waddy and Janis visited in Grand Prairie and Kaufman county with friends and relatives over the weekend. Mary Ann Gartman of Grand Prairie motored to Crandall with them.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Robert Lee Seniors

The Senior 4-H Club met September 25 at the school house. The club was reorganized and the following officers were elected: President, Annelle Simpson; Vice-President, Leslie Nell Wink; Secretary, and Treasurer, Jeffie Harmon; Reporter, Joyce King; Delegate to County Committee, Annie Lou Boone; Alternate delegate, Joyce King. There were eight members and Gladys Waldrop and Miss Sharp present. —Joyce King, Reporter.

Moonbeam Club

A new 4-H Girls club in Robert Lee has chosen the name Moonbeam. They organized Sept. 25 and elected the following officers:

Pres., Barbara June Casey; Vice-Pres., Sue Henson; Secretary, Joy Adkins; Treasurer, Alice Ross; Reporter, Judy Stephenson; Delegate, Sheridan Davis; Alternate, Jo Alice McDonald.

The club song is "Light of Mine." Meetings are held each 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Next meeting will be Oct. 9, from 11:15 to 12 noon. Our leader is Minnie Mae Sharp, County Agent. — Judy Stephenson, Reporter.

Fred Nutt was over from San Angelo last Friday and stopped in to renew his Observer for another year. Fred disposed of his holdings out in New Mexico some time ago and returned to San Angelo. He resides at 2629 West Beauregard.

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I'm not setting any price on the two bedroom house now under construction. When it's finished the highest bidder gets it. The main thing is to get it out of here. If we can't do anything else we might at least be able to clean up the yard.

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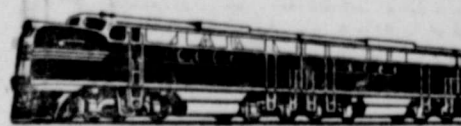
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Some of our members take your about face conversion with a grain of salt. They wonder what you're up to now. But not me. As I see it we're entering a new era in Coke county politics. From the next decade it will be impossible to pull the wool over the eyes of the Coke county voters. It should be easier now for a politician to listen to the people instead of the pressure

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, will on the 8th day of October, 1951, at 10:00 A. M., in the usual meeting place in the Court House, Robert Lee, Texas, receive and consider sealed bids for the purchase of the following described machinery:

One Heavy-Duty Motorgrader, equipped with 100 H. P. Diesel Engine.

1400-24 Front and Rear Tires and weight of machine not to be less than 23000 pounds.

ACCEPT AS TRADE-IN as part payment—
One Used Allis-Chalmers AD-3 Motorgrader.

Bidders price must include freight from Factory to Robert Lee, Texas. Notice is hereby given that it is the intent of the Commissioners' Court to make payment for said equipment in legally issued time warrants not to exceed \$14,000.00, the interest rate not to exceed four (4%) percent, with final maturity date not to exceed May 1st, 1956. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Certified check for 5 o/o of bid is required or bidders bond in the amount of the bid.

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- 1—Russia inaugurates "Five Year Plan," 1928.
- 2—Texans and Mexicans battle at Gonzales, 1835.
- 3—Italy invades Ethiopia, 1935.
- 4—First defendant tried under Sedition act, 1798.
- 5—All rents are frozen, 1942.
- 6—Mormon church outlaws plural marriages, 1890.
- 7—General Wayne moves into Indian country, 1793.

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groups. As I say, I want you to feel right at home in our political church so you can get saved good and proper, but I'm not in favor of turning over the preaching to you the first day you join up.

First, help us get rid of the old hospital board. Next time they come into your office, please advise them to resign. We need a full set of board members with humility who can accept unearned authority without having it go to their heads. I am not in favor of arming with authority that type of ignorance that finds knowledge the unforgiveable sin.

The present hospital mess, as a lawyer, should remind you of being confronted with the last will and testament of a dead idiot. The deceased has been proved an idiot, but until nullifying action is obtained the crazy will remains in force. The ous'er order is still in effect, although they'd never dream of pulling a fresh stunt like that now. The doctor has been told to get away from his patients. He's complying, moving his office. It seems the hospital rooms eventually will be used only for board meetings.

I want the doctor back in as boss. If you're really on our side, help us get this job done and we'll turn the pulpit over to you every Sunday.—Arnold Samuelson.

SIMPSON'S ANGUS

Marvin Simpson, owner of the Black Gold Angus Farms at Robert Lee, has consigned two excellent Angus heifers to the Four-State auction sale in Idabel, Okla., Oct. 11. Both young females are bred to Quality Prince 5th of Angus Valley, outstanding sire of the Black Gold herd.

Mrs. Alvin Bessent of Pecos is recovering at Shannon hospital where she underwent major surgery last Wednesday.

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NOTICE

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—Fred McDonald, Jr.

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Bus Will Carry 4-H Group to Sta'e Fair

Arrangements have been made to send a 4-H bus to the Dallas Fair on Saturday, October 6. Thirty-six 4-H boys and girls will leave Robert Lee Saturday morning at 4 o'clock. They plan to eat breakfast in Stephenville, then move on to Dallas. Lunch will be served free to all 4-H clubbers from 11:00 to 12:00. The group will return home Saturday night and plan to arrive at Robert Lee about midnight.

Adult leaders will be Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon, Miss Minnie Mae Sharp, County Home Demonstration Agent, and Mrs. C. E. Arrott. The County Agent, T. B. Hicks, will be on hand to meet the group when they arrive at the fair.

PETE HICKMAN CITED

Fred (Pete) Hickman of Robert Lee was featured in an illustrated story in a recent issue of the daily newspaper at Denton. The article stated that Pete made a fine record last season at North Texas State and is expected to be an outstanding defensive halfback again this year. Fred was a good high school footballer here and played two years at San Angelo college before transferring to the Denton school. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman and a brother of Johnny Hickman, who rounded out his college career as defensive fullback with the Tulane University Green Waves.

Persons with pet fawn deer are advised to release them before the fall hunting season.

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Disastrous Fires Last Year Boost Insurance Rates

Robert Lee's heavy fire losses during 1950 have caused a big hike in insurance rates. For the past ten years losses were small and as a result insurance premiums were reduced 25 per cent from the regular rate.

However, last year the losses were three times as much as the total premiums paid, and instead of getting a 25 per cent discount, persons buying fire insurance in Robert Lee this year must pay 15 per cent above the standard rate.

A recent letter to Fire Chief Sam Jay from Olin Culberson, secretary of the State Firemen's Association, set forth a record of the premiums and losses in Robert Lee since 1926. During the 24-year period from 1926 to 1949, insurance premiums collected here amounted to \$69,820.00, while the losses totaled only \$16,947.00.

Then came the disastrous year of 1950 when the losses were \$22,069.00 while insurance companies collected only \$7,892.00 in premiums. Largest loss was the \$16,000 paid on the Casey garage fire.

An effort is being made to have a new basic rate set for Robert Lee since an abundant supply of water is now available and many new fire hydrants have been installed over the city.

No losses of consequence have occurred in 1951, but insurance men say it will take several years to get back the city's previous good record and premium discount.

And it might be added that fire safety is everybody's business. When losses occur everyone helps pay for them.

FROM DR. GRIFFITH

To the Editor:

It is my understanding that the Hospital Board is accusing Dr. McDaniel of not cooperating with the Hospital. I know that Dr. McDaniel is cooperating with the Hospital and wants to see it succeed.

If the Hospital Board had been as cooperative with Dr. McDaniel as he has been with the hospital, things would have been different and all this controversy and ill feeling avoided.

Why don't you ask someone who can and will tell you why patients who need hospitalization are going to other places?—Very respectfully, J. K. Griffith.

HAYRICK HD CLUB

Six members and one visitor were present for the meeting of Hayrick Home Demonstration club in the home of Mrs. J. W. Labenske on Sept. 20. The program was a lesson on making a lawn chair, each member taking part in the demonstration. There will be an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. B. W. Waldrop on Monday, Sept. 24. The lesson will be on making corsages.

Carl Grubenman, Sun petroleum engineer at Silver, attended a company meeting in Dallas several days last week. During his absence Mrs. Grubenman and little daughter, Carla Frances, were guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

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Know Your Teachers



J. HOLLIS LLOYD
High School Principal

Robert Lee High School is proud of its new principal, J. Hollis Lloyd. A native of Wood County, Texas, where he grew to manhood, he later came to West Texas and resided in the Big Spring area.

He graduated from Decatur Baptist College and obtained his degree at Hardin-Simmons University. He later earned a Master's degree at H-SU.

Mr. Lloyd has had nine years of teaching experience, coming here from Highland where he was principal and athletic coach. He is also an ordained Baptist minister and fills the pulpit twice monthly at Mesquite Church in Nolan county.

Mr. Hollis is married and has a son, Hollis, Jr., 15 years of age and a sophomore in high school.

The new principal is also serving as assistant coach of the Steers, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Say, have you noticed how many Juniors are on the Steer squad and a good many of them are first-stringers.

Classes met last week and by secret ballot elected Favorites for the annual.

Teacher: Johnny, what has twelve legs, a green back and is fuzzy?

Johnny: I don't know, teacher, what?

Teacher: I don't know either, but it don't look so good crawling on your neck.

YEAH STEERS.

Say, have you noticed that Joan Hester is wearing a new diamond? Congratulations Joan and lots of luck.

Other seniors wearing diamonds although not new, are Sondra Hester, Melba Rives and Juanice Childress. The four Senior boys have decided to be old bachelors.

The Seniors will have the concession stand Thursday night at the ball game.

The Juniors sold Steer Pennant Pens this week.

The band elected their drum majorette, drum major and majorettes this week. They are Jerry Hurley, Margie Calvert, Leslie Nell Wink and Collene Varnadore.

Fixtures of the former Bilbo Drug Store were moved out this week. The store was closed several weeks ago. Another vacant building is in prospect. The Club Cafe closed Saturday night and owners announce if the business is not sold this week the fixtures will be moved away.

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Personals

Jack Snead came from Sheppard Field at Wichita Falls for a weekend visit in the parental J. C. Snead, Jr. home. Jack has completed his basic training in the Air Force and will start in the A. & M. school next week.

Tommy Kirkpatrick has withdrawn from McMurry College at Abilene and last week enrolled as a freshman at San Angelo College where he will major in journalism.

Mrs. Rosa Lackey of Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones of Abilene visited here Sunday with their nieces, Mrs. Roy Wyatt and Mrs. Dora Arbuckle, and also called at the R. H. Lackey home.

Sgt. Herbie Taylor arrived this week for a visit with friends after 6 months of duty as a diesel engine mechanic in the Air Force at Anchorage, Alaska. He was called in as a reserve a year ago and will be discharged October 15.

Earl Brite, new bookkeeper at the Harvey Chevrolet Co., has moved his family here from San Angelo and they are now occupying a new home in the north part of town. The modern 4-room house is owned by Mr. Harvey. It was completed by Linzy McDorman and Alfred Lofton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Copeland, accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. P. B. Copeland and son, Talmadge enjoyed a nice vacation last week. They toured the Alpine and Davis Mountains area and then motored to East Texas and points in Arkansas and Missouri. They made an over night visit with the Clell Varnadore family at Mena, Ark.

O. E. KRESTA WRITES

To Frank C. Dickey, Esquire County Attorney, Coke County.

Dear Sir: How did it taste?—Sincerely yours, one to whom it did concern, O. E. Kresta.

TRANSFERRED TO SILVER

A. T. Holt and family are new residents of Sun's Tubb Camp at Silver, having been transferred here from Delmita in Starr county. Mr. Holt is a distillation operator 1st class and exchanged positions with H. W. (Blackie) Keener. The Holts have two children, Carolyn, 11, and Joe, 5 years old.

Mr. Holt enjoyed the acquaintance of Eddie Paul Good, Robert Lee

youth who is employed at the Delmita gas plant as a petroleum engineer. A number of Sun employees at Silver have been transferred to South Texas.

USED MAYTAG Washing Machine, with pump. Good condition. \$65. LOONEY'S.

More than 200 species of birds have been recorded in Big Bend National Park.

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FLOUR Cherry Bell 25 lbs 1.79

SUGAR Pure Cane 10 lbs 89c

Schillings Coffee lb 83c

SALAD DRESSING, Blue Bonnet pint 29c

APPLE BUTTER, Red & White quart 25c

ORANGE JUICE, R & W 2 cans 29c

PICKLES Sour or Dill quart 29c

KALEX half gal 29c

Grated Tuna Van Camp can 25c

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

Bud Thetford, A Jayton Teacher, Slashed By Pupil

Good reports come from W. W. (Bud) Thetford, agriculture teacher at Jayton, who was slashed with a pocket knife by a 19-year-old student Tuesday of last week.

Bob Short, the youth, was released on \$2,000 bond the following day. Thetford was carried to the Spur hospital. He suffered two long knife wounds but neither of them were deep. He was released from the hospital Sunday.

Thetford is a well-known Edith resident and a graduate of Robert Lee high school. He finished Texas Tech and has been at Jayton three years.

He is the son of Mrs. T. M. Freeman, who with her husband hurried to Jayton when they learned of the attack. Mrs. Freeman remained there, while Tony came home the first of the week and said Bud was making a good recovery.

Thetford was driving a school bus on which Short and his brother, Bill, 17, were riding. Thetford said that Bill was making a disturbance. When he made a stop four miles outside Jayton he ordered Bill to sit on the front seat as punishment. Bill refused.

He challenged Thetford to fight. They left the bus to avoid hurting other children. While the two were fighting—Thetford said he was holding Bill off—Bob Short allegedly attacked Thetford with the knife.

Bud drove the bus back to Jayton and then was rushed to the hospital.

Some hunters say the flesh of grey squirrels is superior to that of fox squirrels.

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SPECIAL DAY AT FAIR

The State Fair of Texas at Dallas has set Friday, Oct. 12, as a date to pay special recognition to this section of the state. The fair management has extended an invitation to Robert Lee to participate in this day, with a special representation by having this day designated as "Robert Lee Day."

City officials who received the invitation have turned the matter over to the BCD for action at its luncheon next Monday.

Oil Show In Sand South of Silver

Sun No. 1 Blanks-Perkins, south of the river at Silver, reports a good oil show. During a one-hour drillstem test from 6,006-18 feet in a sand section recovery was 20 feet of clean oil and 75 feet of heavily oil-cut mud. Operators were coring deeper.

Sun No. 17 Mathers, on the west side of the Jameson field at Silver, topped the reef at 6,289 feet and cemented casing at a depth of 6,308 feet.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 13-H (formerly Fred Jameson No. 13) was drilling in shale and sand at 5,618 feet.

Sun C. E. Mathers A-4 was at 5,729 feet in shale.

Sun No. 19 C. E. Mathers was drilling Wednesday at 3,735 feet in shale and lime.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit No. 19 (formerly Homer Jameson 19) was in shale at 2,757 feet.

West and north of Edith, Sun No. A-6 F. S. Price was drilling at 2,235 feet in shale.

Sun No. 17 Jewell Brannan, southwest of Silver, has been plugged and abandoned.

BEAUTY SHOP MOVES

Olene's Beauty Shop is now located in the J. C. Snead, Jr. building, just south of the Ivey Motor Co.

BUTANE GAS HEATERS, Dearborn and Hearth-Glo, radiant or circulating. \$11.95 and up. LOON-EY'S.

COUNTY AGENT'S COLUMN

To Show 170 Turkeys At Fair In Dallas

Seventeen 4-H Boys and girls will be sending 170 turkeys to the Dallas Fair Thursday night. They will be judged and sold at auction, Tuesday, October 9.

Plans are being made to send mos* of the turkeys by truck which will be especially arranged to haul turkeys. Coke County turkeys are of the best quality raised to date.

In connection with the 4-H Turkey demonstrations, Saturday, November 3, has been set for the Coke County Junior Market Turkey Show. Local civic organizations are supporting the event. Purpose of the local show is to give the people of Coke County a chance to see what these boys and girls are doing with turkeys. Those wishing to purchase turkeys will be given an opportunity to do so at the show.

The list of turkey exhibitors includes the following: Douglas Ashworth, Fredrick Ashworth, Billy G. Carwile, Jim Cox, Lynn Davidson, Jerrel C. Harmon, Tommy Jett Hood, Jerry Hurley, Robert Lewis Jay, Norman Roberts, Byron Russell, Morgan Russell, Willie Sue Skipworth, Kenneth Wink, Leslie Nell Wink, Betty Ruth Hood, and Marlene Arrott.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The Coke County 4-H Club Council met Thursday night at the County Agent's office to discuss plans for 4-H work for the coming year. Those members present were: Crowley Harmon, Carroll Russell, Tom Schooler, Le Drew Arrott, Delmir Sheppard, Elbert Davidson, M. A. Cox, L. E. Wink, and Homer Carwile.

Tom Smith of Ozona underwent major surgery Wednesday of last week at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. His condition is reported as good. Tom is a former well known Robert Lee resident.

Arriving Tuesday for a visit in the H. L. Scott home were Mrs. Horace Scott and children of Del Rio. Horace will join them the last of the week.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hughes and children returned recently from a vacation trip to Seymour, Iowa, and other points in the midwest. A. V. made the trip to visit an old army buddy.

Mrs. Herman Carwile of Carlsbad, N. Mex., Mrs. Jess Martin of Sterling City and Miss Verna Martin of San Angelo were guests Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Sr., near Sanco.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crum were called to Bertram last week by the death of their brother-in-law, Arthur Buckner. They made the trip to Burnet county with their daughter, Mrs. B. W. Waldrop. Mr. Buckner, a retired farmer 65 years of age, failed to recover from a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Field returned Monday from a few days visit in Abilene. They went over last Friday, taking Mrs. Annie Shelton home after a week's stay in the Field home. Mrs. Shelton is a daughter of Mrs. Field.

Tommy Williams and family of Kerrville came to Robert Lee for a weekend visit with relatives, and the former preached Sunday morning and evening at the North Side Church of Christ. Mrs. Mabel Williams accompanied her son and his family to Kerrville for an extended visit.

S. S. CLASS OFFICERS

Officers elected by the W. K. Simpson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Robert Lee Methodist Church include Herbert Buchanan, vice president, and G. B. Gebhart, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Carroll Russell is the teacher and Jack Brock, assistant. The class has an attendance from 14 to 20 each Sunday.



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- ★ COTTON BOWL FOOTBALL
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