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WILL OBSERVE SCHOOL WEEK MARCH 5 TO 10

Robert Lee public schools will observe Texas Public School Week, March 5-10. Visitors are invited throughout the entire week and a special Open House will be held Friday, March 7.

All rooms in the elementary grades will be open to visitors and there will be exhibits of school work. The public is also invited to visit the various high school classes and get first hand information on what our schools are teaching.

Friday night of next week is included in the visiting period. All rooms will be open and teachers will be present to talk with parents and school patrons. Coffee and doughnuts will be served free at a cafeteria.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin advises that a new organization in high school is the Citizens Advisory Committee. It is made up of four members from each class. Addison Davis is president, Royce Wallace serves as vice president and Leslie Nell Wink is secretary.

The committee will assist and advise with administrators in various school problems related to their respective grades.

An early program over the public address system will be given each morning next week by the program committee. A welcome committee has been appointed to serve during open house, Friday, March 7. It is hoped the new Advisory Committee will function similar to a student council.

Gov. Shivers has proclaimed the week of March 5-10, as Texas Public Schools Week, and the movement has been endorsed by the State Teachers Association and numerous civic and fraternal organizations, including the Masonic Lodge.

Sgt. Billy McCutchen was home from Ft. Sill for a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen.



Pfc. Roy Tinkler is back home in Robert Lee after a service of more than a year in the Air Force. He was given his release upon application of his mother, Mrs. Mattie Tinkler, as he was needed to operate her farm north of town.

Roy enlisted early in 1950 and trained at Lackland, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Waco. Last August he was transferred to Alaska and was stationed at Elmendorf Field at Anchorage. He was returned to the States by plane and received his discharge Feb. 19 at McCord Field near Tacoma, Wash.

Another Robert Lee youth, Ralph Walker, enlisted with Tinkler and they were together until soon after reaching Alaska. Walker was transferred from Anchorage to Cold Bay where he is now stationed.

Editorial

Robert Lee residents are again reminded that it is high time they were doing something about the city election. While election day is not until April 1, the law provides that candidates for Mayor and City Commissioners must be filed 30 days prior to the election day in order to appear on the printed ballot. Hence we have until noon Saturday of this week to line up some capable candidates.

The Observer believes the community is highly pleased with the present administration and everyone would like to see them continue in office. However, Mayor John Harvey and Commissioners John Brown and Fern Havins want to be relieved. They say they have no intention of filing for re-election and no other candidates have been brought forward.

We wish to point out that citizens of Robert Lee have too much at stake to let this city election go by the boards. It's important. The situation needs immediate action. Having recently completed a highly satisfactory waterworks project, we are in debt up to the hilt. The new bond issue for a filtering plant and water mains stands at \$64,000. We owe the UCRA \$78,000 for the new Mountain Creek dam and reservoir, and there are old bonds of \$27,500 outstanding. That makes \$169,500 that this little city will have to pay off within the next 20 years.

Best part of the whole thing is that a definite program has been outlined to retire the indebtedness. The only thing necessary is to keep good men on the City Commission. There can't be any monkey business. If city affairs are not handled properly, it would be easy for our finances to get in a heck of a fix.

We don't blame the city officials for wanting to quit. It's a pretty thankless job, and we doubt if very many folks make it a point to tell their city officials that their public service is appreciated.

Maybe we could persuade these men to take the job for another two years. It's worth a try if enough of you folks will get busy with a petition and let the Mayor and Commissioners know where you stand. Go see them personally. If you think they have done a good job and you'd like to see them take another term, don't put off telling them so. If the people of Robert Lee wait around until Saturday noon without getting some names on the city election ballot, we may drift into a disastrous situation.

DISTRICT COURT TO OPEN MONDAY

The March term of District Court for Coke County opens next Monday with Judge John F. Sutton presiding.

A grand jury has been ordered to report at 10 a. m., but petit jurors will not be called until a week later.

Following is the grand jury list: Charlie Capps, Ralph Garvin, Fred McCabe, F. C. Clark, Fred Jameson, Fred McDonald, C. N. Webb, J. B. Glenn.

Also W. C. Duncan, Preston Davis, Lum Lasswell, O. R. McQueen, N. C. Pentecost, Sherman Anderson, Austin Sandusky and L. B. White.

COFFEY LEASES STATION

T. C. Coffey, well known Robert Lee ranchman, has leased the Conoco station at the Y-courts, and took over the business from Howard Varnadore last week. As a get-acquainted offer all next week Mr. Coffey will give a free grease job with every \$1.50 wash job.

Married Folks To Play Basket Ball Thursday night

Robert Lee folks are going to have some rare entertainment next Thursday night. It will be more fun than Donkey Ball or the Womanless Wedding when you see the married men and women on the basketball floor at the high school gym.

The ladies, all of whom played a mean cage game some years ago, have assembled two opposing teams. Mrs. LaRue Harmon is captain of the Snappy Snazzy Six which also includes Mrs. Crowley Harmon, Mrs. Truman Gartman, Mrs. J. T. Thetford, Mrs. Edgar Bagwell and Mrs. Barton Waldrop.

Playing for Mrs. Mitchell Davis are the Glamour Bloomer Girls, who will wear their old high school suits. The team also includes Mrs. Ernest Varnadore, Mrs. Virginia Jay, Mrs. Bud Jones, Inez Gartman, Mrs. Buster Fields, Mrs. Sam Powell and Gladys Waldrop.

Mrs. Raphey Farris and Mrs. Mamie Littlefield will also play, probably filling in with the team that needs them most.

The ladies will play on a 3-division court with Mrs. P. E. Mahon as referee. There will be a pep squad composed of faculty members and Jack Brock will lead the yells.

Prin. J. Hollis Lloyd is rounding up the married men. They will wear T-shirts and base ball pants. Signed up as players are Dooge Hallmark, Jelly Carwile, Crowley Harmon, Floyd Harmon, Dick Skipworth, Finis Harmon, Mr. Lodge, Mr. Lloyd, Wesley Kinsey, Edgar Bagwell, Elbert Davidson, Lenn Roberts, Leon Byrne, Delmir Walker and Homer Carwile.

Coach Charles Dennis will referee and will be dressed as a Hawaiian hula girl.

The big event is being staged as a benefit for the high school basketball girls jacket fund. First game will start at 7:30. Prices will be 25 and 50 cents. Remember the date—Thursday night, March 6.

Goens Lime Strike Gauged At Bronte

Hickok & Reynolds No. 1 McQueen-Forman, in the midst of producers from the Palo Pinto of the Strawn in the Bronte field, has been finalized as the discovery well from the Goens lime with a daily flowing potential of 441.84 barrels of 45 gravity, pipeline oil.

Production was through perforations from 4,840-60 feet with top of pay logged at 4,838 feet and total depth at 4,861 feet. Tubing pressure was 225 pounds; 5 1/2-inch casing was set at 4,861 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 567-1.

OFFSETS GASSER

No. 1 McQueen-Forman is 660 feet from the south and 330 feet from the west lines of lease in section 450-1A-H&TC, 1,500 feet north of Humble No. 1 Bronte Gas Unit, completed in November as a Strawn Sand gasser. The Humble well indicated production in the Goens lime in October when it ran four drillstem tests in the lime and on the third test flowed 30 barrels of 50.5 corrected gravity oil hourly. However, the well deepened to 5,126 feet and completed from the Strawn.

NEW SODA FOUNTAIN

A fine new soda fountain at the Farris City Drug Store is now in operation. It is an excellent piece of equipment and will enable the owners to handle a wider variety of frozen delicacies and cold drinks.



Kenneth W. Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston of Silver, is a Gunner's Mate on the USS Alshain, now standing by with the Sixth Fleet in the Suez Canal Zone. Their base is the Isle of Crete.

Kenneth has spent some time in the Caribbean Sea and this is his second trip to the Mediterranean. He has visited many ports of interest, recently making a trip to the ancient city of Pompeii, a tour of Rome and the Isle of Capri. Before returning to the States he hopes to make a trip to the Holy Land.

COUNTY COURT JURY CALLED

Jurors have been drawn for a County Court term which convenes at 10 a. m. next Wednesday, March 5. Several cases are on the docket, both criminal and civil.

County Clerk Weldon Fikes announces the following names will appear on the jury panel:

Calvin Wallace, David Key, Boone Richardson, Tom Rives, Frank Smith, Millard Meek, T. E. Tidwell, Steve Badley.

Also Robert Forman, H. E. Rogers, Freddie Lee Roe, W. H. Robertson, Victor Wojtek, B. R. McCarty, Paul Killam, Chester Derrick, W. C. Clark and J. Q. Counts.

Mrs. May Boone left last week for Wichita Falls to be with her sister, Mrs. Alice King, who has been ill for some time.

No Arrests Made In Narcotic Robbery

No arrests have been made following the narcotics robbery at the Farris Drug Store here during the night of Saturday, Feb. 16.

The store owner immediately discovered the loss of more than \$100 worth of narcotics when he opened up the following morning. Entrance to the building was effected through a rear window and the door of the metal narcotics cabinet was pried open with a tire tool.

Local officers enlisted aid from San Angelo and Ranger Ralph Rohatsch made an investigation. It was impossible to obtain fingerprints as the robber was evidently wearing gloves.

Mr. Farris believes the robbery may have been committed by a stranger who had a narcotic prescription filled the previous night.

BIRTHS

TOMES—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tomes (Lonnell Landers) of Amherst are the parents of their first child, a son, born Feb. 19. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and has been named Kenneth Alvin. Grandparents are Mrs. Boneita Robertson of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tomes of Amherst.

RED CROSS OPENS FUND CAMPAIGN

The Red Cross annual fund drive opens March 1, and Coke county's share of the national quota is \$700. This year the Red Cross is asking for 85 million dollars to take care of its program whose three biggest objectives include service to men and women in the armed forces, the blood program and disaster relief.

H. A. Springer, county chapter chairman, announces that Mrs. Carter Dibrell of Robert Lee will be in charge of the fund drive in the west half of the county. Mrs. J. T. Thetford will serve as community chairman at Edith, and Mrs. Dibrell expects to name a chairman for Silver within the next day or two.

One-half the funds raised will remain here to be used as the County Chapter officers see fit in rendering local aid to needy persons. Locally the chapter has been particularly active in maintaining the link between service men and their families at home. This program of home service is vital to the military.

Relief for the flood stricken areas in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Illinois last year has cost the Red Cross more than 14 million dollars, and funds set aside for such work have been entirely depleted.

Coke County folks have always given the Red Cross fine support, and there is every reason to believe that this year's quota will be oversubscribed.

Baptist Banquet For Senior Class

Robert Lee high school seniors were honored with a banquet served Tuesday night by the M. W. U. at the Baptist church. In addition to members of the senior class and their dates, other guests were Supt. and Mrs. B. C. Goodwin and Miss LaVerne Darter, class sponsor.

Following a delicious baked ham dinner served in the church dining room, the group gathered in the auditorium where Weldon Fikes presided as master of ceremonies. Entertainment was furnished by three girl musicians from Hardin-Simmons University. The group included Mary Jane Smith, accordionist; Doris Crudginton, vocalist, and Pat Beasley, pianist. The former two are members of the H-SU Cow-girl band.

Speaker of the evening was Dean W. T. Walton of H-SU whose subject was "Take Time Out To Live." Following the address an invitation was extended for the seniors to consider H-SU when they choose a place to attend college.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay H. McKenzie of Crystal Lake, Ill., were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe. The former is a nephew of the late F. E. McKenzie, early day Mitchell county rancher. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie are spending some time with her brother, Harry Cannon, at Brownwood.

Coke County

Hospital News

Feb. 20—Otis Robertson admitted. W. E. Burns dismissed.

Feb. 21—Jo Ann Arnold dismissed.

Feb. 22—Dr. J. K. Griffith, Mrs. Bob Patterson admitted. Mrs. Ed Hickman dismissed.

Feb. 23—Dr. Griffith, Mrs. Patterson dismissed.

Feb. 24—Mrs. Harry Finch, Mrs. O. E. Kresta admitted. Otis Robertson, Fred West dismissed.

Feb. 26—Faustina Gloria admitted.

Funds Available To Help Farmers In Texas Drouth Area

The prolonged dry weather has resulted in the designation of eighty-nine counties in Texas as disaster areas. No estimate is available of the actual losses sustained by farmers and ranchmen as a result of those production losses, but L. J. Cappleman, State Director, of the Farmers Home Administration of Dallas said that the situation faced by farmers throughout the State is one of the most serious since the drouth of 1934-35. Drouth conditions reported by Cappleman follow closely those outlined by Pasture and Land Covers Conditions Map issued by the office of Louis P. Merrill, director, Soil Conservation Service of Texas, under date of January 15, 1952.

The map depicted conditions covering about two-thirds of the State extending from Bailey and El Paso counties on the west to Cherokee on the east and Starr on the south. Over this area, conditions are described as severe. Only in one-fifth of the counties are adequate moisture and cover conditions reported. A survey completed recently by Cappleman's staff indicates credit conditions are tight, which prompted designation of the counties as disaster areas and Farmers Home Administration has made available funds for crop production purposes.

The record breaking drouth cut crop yields drastically and because of low crop income many farmers have been unable to finance production of this year's crop. Disaster loans are available in each county designated as a disaster area. Farmers who have suffered production losses on crops and livestock may apply for funds to pay for seed, fertilizer and materials for insect control where needed, gas and oil for tractors, feed for livestock and essential farm and home operating expenses, repairs to machinery, and other expenses incident to production of a crop.

Credit is advanced under authority of Public Law 38 and is available to family-type farmers who have sustained losses, and who cannot obtain from local sources the funds requested to plant a crop this year. Farmers may apply for loans at the office of County Supervisor, Paul C. Shillingburg, located in the Agricultural Building in Robert Lee. The office is open each Thursday from 10 to 2 o'clock.

Cappleman admitted some concern about the lateness of the season and the lack of moisture and other favorable planting conditions. With the Department of Agriculture calling for full scale production in 1952, many areas of the State are going to be hard put to get acreage planted to the crops wanted in the production program. "Despite adverse growing conditions, I believe farmers will come through," he stated.

Improved farming practices that are emphasized in the FHA program will be discussed and agreed upon by the county supervisor and the applicant at the time the loan application is prepared. In discussing farming practices Cappleman emphasized that a program of diversification is the safest course for farmers to follow. Case files in FHA county offices disclose that farmers who have carried out a balanced farming program with livestock do not need emergency aid this year even though they did sustain losses because of drought conditions last year.

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Personals

The Young Peoples Department of the Robert Lee Baptist Church presented a program at Sanco Sunday night. Subject was "Teaching Is Imperative." Mrs. Melvin Childress and Elton Neel are sponsors of the group. A good crowd was present at the Sanco meeting.

G. L. Lord and family of Midland were down for a weekend visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson have moved to San Angelo where the former will drive a truck for the Tucker Drilling Co. They will reside at 23 South Emerson. Clyde was formerly employed by Cragin Lumber & Supply.

Mrs. J. J. Neill of Sunray and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lloyd Bradley and children of Odessa, were Robert Lee visitors last Thursday.

Catholics Plan Lenten Services

The Ark and Dove club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs.

Frank Percifull in Robert Lee. Mrs. R. A. Stroud was hostess.

Father Fidelis presided over the meeting and led the discussion of the truth about President Truman's appointment of General Mark Clark to the Vatican.

Progress of current Catechetical classes was noted and the Lenten schedule was announced. The Lenten season of fast and penance begins on Feb. 27, Ash Wednesday. Distribution of the blessed ashes to all Catholics in the vicinity will be at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Bronte. Also, at the same time, confessions will be heard and there will be special Lenten devotions of the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Communion on Saturday morning, March 1, at eight o'clock. Father Fidelis's first Lenten sermon topic will be from Holy Scripture St. James 2:20-26.

The next meeting of the Ark and Dove club will be at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, Feb. 29, in the home of Mrs. Frank Percifull in Robert Lee.

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Sun Testing Sand On Mathers Lease

Sun No. 8-A Mathers is coring after topping the Strawn sand at 5,900 feet. Casing has been cemented at 5,906 feet. Wednesday's report indicated that the last core reached a depth of 6,008 feet, and the sand was mixed with shale. It is an east offset to the recent lime discovery brought in by Chester Hunter on E. E. Stagner.

SAND TESTS

Sun No. 9-A Mathers, a south offset to the Stagner producer, was drilling Wednesday at 4,486 feet in lime and shale.

Sun Homer Jameson 21 was in shale and lime at 2,370 feet.

Sun No. 20 Brannan was at 3,098 feet in shale and lime.

Sun Homer Jameson 24 was at 2,091 feet in lime and shale.

Eun Tubb C-1 spudded Wednesday. Warren & Bradshaw has the contract.

LIME TESTS

Sun Mathers 24 topped the reef at 6,388 feet and was bottomed at 6,446 feet. Operators were preparing to set pipe.

Sun Mathers 27 was at 4,055 feet in lime and shale.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 3-A on the Anderson lease at Silver was drilling at 5,980 feet in shale and sand.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 17-H on Fred Jameson was at 2,084 feet in shale.

Sun J. R. Walker A-3 was still fishing. Bottom is 4,396 in shale.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 15-H on Fred Jameson was changing pump unit and no oil has been gauged.

Sun No. 5 Central Nat'l Bank, south of the river, at Silver, was cementing surface pipe below 500 feet.

MILLICAN FIELD

Sun 15 Cummings was drilling in shale at 5,434 feet.

Sun 16 Cummings was in shale and sand at 4,665 feet.

DEATH OF W. R. GREER

W. R. Greer, 61, was found dead Tuesday at his home near Grassland. He had been suffering from a heart ailment for some time and had gone to inspect an irrigation ditch. When he failed to return members of his family investigated and found him lying beside the ditch. He was born Oct. 9, 1890, and had visited Robert Lee relatives on numerous occasions. He is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters. He was a brother of Jess Greer and Mrs. L. L. Scott, both of Lampasas. Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Scott of Robert Lee attended the funeral of their uncle last Wednesday at Grassland.

SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB

The Sunshine 4-H girls met Tuesday, Feb. 26, with their leaders, Gladys Waldrop and Joyce King. The meeting opened with members repeating the club motto, prayer and pledge. Miss Waldrop gave a demonstration on how to stay-stitch. There were 22 members and one new member present. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p. m.—Jane Wylie, Reporter

Mrs. Coke Austin advises The Observer that her son, Alfred, is a member of the crew of the USS Gen. William Mitchell, a naval transport. He has been on a trip to Japan.

Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good enjoyed a visit this week from their 5-year-old grandson, Fred Bruce Parker of Stephenville.

Want Ads

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FOR SALE—Cotton stripper and 5 lbs. toxaphene. See me before it rains. Loran Neel. 36w4p

FOR RENT — 2-bedroom house with bath, across from high school. Palmer Leeper.

NOTICE

My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission. —Fred McDonald, Jr.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Millican, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbern Millican and Mrs. Henry Varnadore spent the weekend in Dallas with the J. W. Keenan family. Mrs. P. W. Millican and Mrs. Varnadore are sisters of Mrs. Keenan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Large and children came from Chicago for a weekend visit with Robert Lee and San Angelo relatives. Mrs. Large is the former Pauline Tinkler. Mr. Large is an instructor at Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago.

Pfc. Wm. L. Coffey returned last week to his station at Hanscom Field near Bedford, Mass., after a 20-day leave spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coffey. Prior to being sent to the eastern base two months ago Coffey graduated from the Bakers School at Ft. Sill, Okla. He has an older brother, T. C. Coffey, Jr., who is stationed with the Air Force in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Brown of Houston visited in Robert Lee the last of the week with the former's brothers, Chism and John Brown, and their families.

The Travis Allen family moved last week from Tulsa to Ft. Worth. The former is an employee of Stanolind Oil Co. which transferred a large office force to the new office in Ft. Worth. Mrs. Allen is the former Marie Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace.

Johnnie Beth Snead, Glo Caraway and Bob Muncy of Ballinger motored to Wichita Falls Saturday and brought Jack Snead home for a weekend visit. Jack is stationed in the Air Force at Sheppard Field.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin of Robert Lee was the speaker at layman's services at the Bronte Methodist Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lofton, former Robert Lee residents, left Tuesday for their home in Blythe, Calif., after a week's visit with Coke county relatives and friends.

HAVINS FAMILY DINNER

Mrs. M. M. Havins was happy to entertain a large family group at her home last Sunday. The occasion was in honor of her birthday. She was 85 years old Feb. 28, and is enjoying good health. Among those present were her sons, Pat, Fern, Fred and Mike and their families and two daughters, Mrs. Eva Voyell of Abilene and Mrs. Ed S. Roberts. Also her brother, Henry

Wyatt and wife, and a number of grandchildren.

S/Sgt. Dan Hall of Biggs AFB near El Paso and Zona Mae King of Odessa were weekend guests in the Dave King home. Zona Mae is now employed in the office of the Sunset Motor Lines in Odessa. She resides with her sister, Mrs. Harry Anderson, and family who recently purchased a new home.

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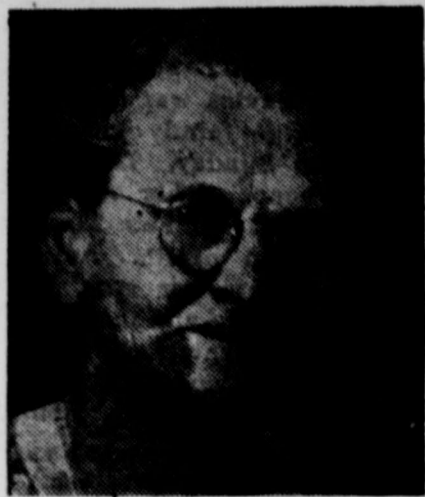
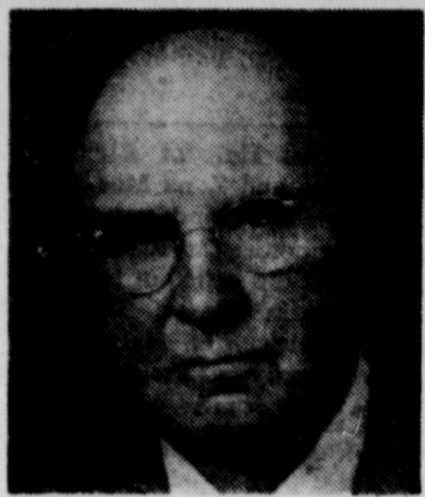
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The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith will be happy to learn that this splendid Robert Lee couple is enjoying good health at this time, and both are out daily mingling with friends and neighbors.

Last Christmas Day the Griffiths celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Their four children, all of whom were present for the occasion, include Mrs. D. W. Parrish, Abilene; Byron Griffith, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. D. R. Wells, Quanah; and Mrs. Delbert Walling, Artesia, N. Mex.

Since that time both have observed birthdays. The doctor was 88 on Jan. 13, and Mrs. Griffith was 82 Jan. 31.

NATIVES OF MISSOURI

Dr. and Mrs. Griffith are both natives of Missouri. The doctor, son of Alexander and Mary Drake Griffith, was born in Henry County, Mo., Jan. 13, 1866. Mrs. Griffith, the former Carrie Alice Sloan, daughter of James and Hannah Sloan, was born in Cass Co., Mo., Jan. 31, 1870. Dr. Griffith said, "Her father had only one objection to me. Since he was a staunch Republican, and I was a Southerner, he considered me a Rebel."

John Kimberline Griffith and Carrie Alice Sloan were married at Creighton, Mo., Dec. 24, 1891, the year the doctor graduated from Kansas City Medical College. During the time he attended medical college, he had spare-time employment driving a mule-drawn street car in the city. He had previously attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo., where he did his pre-medical college work.

ademy in Lexington, Mo., where he did his pre-medical college work.

LIKED SMALL TOWN

Upon his graduation from medical school, Dr. Griffith was offered an opportunity to remain in Kansas City and practice there. "But," Dr. Griffith said, "since both Mrs. Griffith and I were reared in the country, we thought we'd like a small place better. We thought there'd be a greater opportunity for service and more personal satisfaction in a little place."

During the first several years of his practice, the Griffiths lived in Dayton, Mo. In 1906 they drew a claim in the then new Oklahoma Territory, and in 1907 the family moved to Randlett, Okla., where they lived and he continued his practice until 1920 when they came to Texas.

Dr. Griffith practiced at Lawn, from 1920 to 1925, when he moved his family to Aden, Concho County, where he practiced until Nov. 27, 1927, when the family moved to Robert Lee, where they have lived for 24 years and where he continued his practice until his retirement about two years ago.

During most of the 22-years practice here, Dr. Griffith was the only doctor in the west half of Coke County.

GAVE UP PRACTICE

Dr. Griffith began trying to retire two or three years before he was able to do so. Since there was no hospital at Robert Lee, he could not find a doctor who would agree to come here to take his place. He was at last relieved of active practice when Dr. J. D. McDaniel moved here two years ago. "However," Dr. Griffith said, "occasionally some old friend or former patient corners me and won't let me off without a prescription."

Dr. Griffith has had many hobbies, chief among them being deer hunting, fishing, base ball and football. For several years he hunted black-tail deer on the Brite ranch west of Marfa, and he has hunted flag-tail deer in Mason County. Wherever he hunted, he usually brought back his deer.

At least once each year Dr. Griffith "took off" to satisfy his urge to fish. Many times he brought back fish weighing 50 or 60 pounds. "Once in 1934, I think it was, I caught one which weighed 100

pounds," said Dr. Griffith with a smile of satisfaction at the memory. He likes to fish on the canyon-rimmed Pecos.

In recognition of his enthusiasm for and his support of the Robert Lee Steers, the name of the local gridiron was changed to Griffith Field in the fall of 1949.

After his retirement, Dr. Griffith became interested in raising Parakeets, and he has had as many as 100 of the birds at one time. He also has spent much time raising flowers; however, health has forced him to take things easier in recent months.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Griffith are active members of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Griffith is an active worker in the Women's Society of Christian Service. Dr. Griffith is a Mason.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCullough of San Angelo spent Sunday with Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Crowley Harmon, C. C. Millican and Finas Harmon and their wives attended a home talent Grand Ole Opry performance at Tennyson Saturday night. They report it was a good show.

A record crowd attended the singing at the North Side Church of Christ Sunday afternoon. Galveston, Kerrville, Abilene, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Maverick and Wingate were represented among the many visitors. The presence of other visitors from Robert Lee was also appreciated.

Marvin B. Simpson of Robert Lee recently sold five purebred Aberdeen Angus bulls to Jim Maddox of Maryneal.

Visiting in the parental B. W. Shropshire home and with her sister, Mrs. Carol Reed, last week was Mrs. F. W. Hunter of Austin.

Mrs. Bill Lassiter and Mrs. Frankie Percifull motored to Ft. Sill, Okla., for a weekend visit with their husbands. The boys were inducted into the service the previous week. They expect to be transferred soon.

The Clyde Gibbins family of Clyde were Sunday guests in the J. I. Murtishaw home. Mrs. Gibbins is a daughter of Mrs. Murtishaw.

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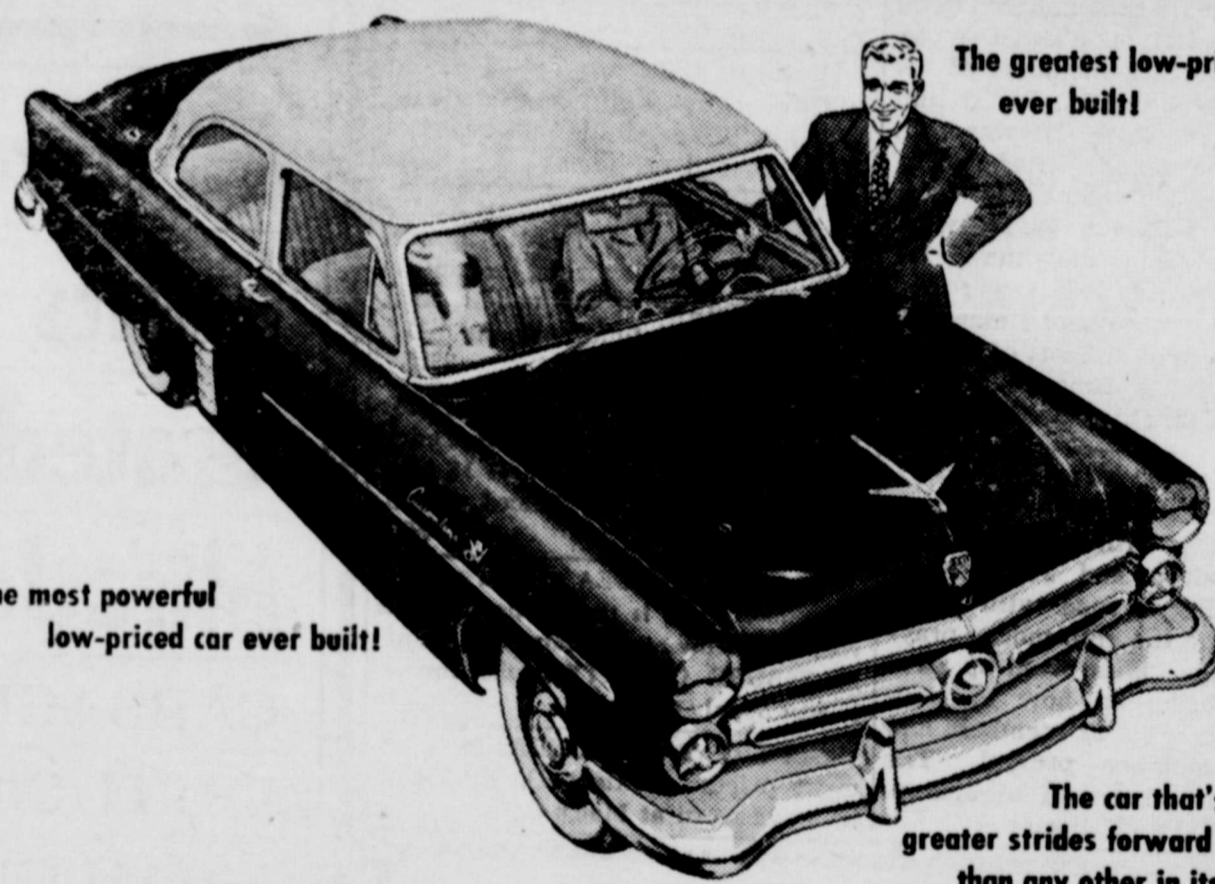
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PROCLAMATION

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THAT the success of our public schools depend upon our cooperation as citizens, and our realization that the men and women devoting their time to the teaching of our youth cannot successfully discharge their duties without our cooperation.

I, John D. Harvey, Mayor of Robert Lee, Texas do hereby designate the week of March 2 to March 8, as Public Schools Week

and urge every citizen to visit the schools and become acquainted with the teachers and their programs.

In official recognition I hereby affix my signature this 25th day of February 1952.

JNO. D. HARVEY
Mayor, Robert Lee, Texas

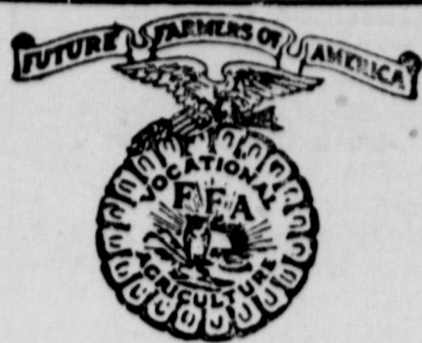
Personals

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shelburne and children, G. B., Gene Paul and Ruth Ann, also Miss Mary Catherine Skeen and David McCormick, all of Kerrville, and Mrs. F. W. Hunter of Austin. Mrs. Shelburne is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Key and Mrs. Hunter is a sister of the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Roberts and sons, Durvis and Marlin, of Hico joined a family gathering here Sunday in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Roberts.

Mrs. E. C. McArthur returned Sunday to her home in Sun's Millikan Camp west of Edith. She is recovering from major surgery which she recently underwent at the Big Spring Hospital. The McArthur family received the sad information last week advising the death of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Mace of Staley, N. C. Mrs. Mace had been in poor health for some time. She was past 73 years of age.

Russell Zoet came up from Galveston last weekend and returned home Monday, accompanied by his wife and daughters who had spent a week with Robert Lee friends and relatives.



EL PASO SHOW

Robert Lee Future Farmers of America who attended the El Paso Fat Stock Show had an enjoyable and profitable week in spite of rain, snow, a hail storm and a dust storm.

Lynn Davidson placed 15th in medium-weight cross-bred lambs. Victor Collett was 12th in line with his pen of three cross-bred lambs. Billy Glen Carwile placed 16th with his Angus calf in the medium-weight and won 19th place with his Hereford calf. He received 50 cents per pound for his 824 lb. Angus calf.

Bobby Roberts received 37½ cents per pound for his 790 lb. Angus calf. Roberts' Hereford calf placed 21st in the medium-weight calves.

The following boys sold lambs for 27½ cents per pound: Billy Glenn Carwile 2, Milburn Wink 1, Victor Collett 2, Jack Thetford 2, Lynn Davidson 1.

Bobby Roberts won a calf in the calf scramble; that is, he is entitled to go with his instructor, Carter M. Dibrell, to some designated ranch nearby and purchase a calf for \$150. Such calf must be no later than a January calf, and it will be shown at the El Paso show next year.

SAN ANGELO SHOW

Eight members of the Robert Lee FFA will compete in the San Angelo Fat Stock Show February 27-29. Contestants who will participate are Jack Thetford, Bill Havins, Billy Glen Carwile, Garland Davis, Lynn Davidson, Victor Collett and Bobby Roberts.

Milburn Wink, Billy Glen Carwile and Bill Havins make up the Livestock Judging team with Garland Davis acting as holder of livestock. Boys from here will display swine, lambs and calves.

The following members of the Robert Lee FFA will enter the Abilene Fat Stock Show March 1-5: Sherman Williams, John McDaniels, J. C. Caston, Dale Wojtek, Don Bo-

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Governor Shivers Sets 4-H Week

Governor Allan Shivers has designated March 1-9 as 4-H Club Week in Texas.

In issuing the proclamation, Governor Shivers said, "Aggressive and trustworthy citizens are vital to the future of the world today, and we take great pride in these characteristics of the 116,000 Texas 4-H club boys and girls.

"Organized through county agricultural and home demonstration agents and assisted by volunteer leaders, 4-H club members are learning and demonstrating to others better methods of home making and farming.

"More important still, they are developing deeper appreciation for their country and the democratic way of life which it assures."

The Governor concluded "with complete confidence, I look upon the 4-H club members of Texas as the capable leaders for tomorrow in agricultural, home, community and world affairs."

Texas 4-H boys and girls will join with nearly two million other 4-H club members of the country in observing National 4-H Club Week, March 1-9.—Minnie Mae Sharp

SENIORS TO SAN ANGELO

Robert Lee high school seniors and their sponsor attended the annual Citizenship Day at San Angelo College on Thursday of this week. Highlight of the morning program was an address by John Ben Sheppard, Secretary of State. High school seniors from the San Angelo area attended the affair and were served a barbeque dinner at noon. They were entertained at the Stock Show and Rodeo Thursday afternoon.

NEW CHEVROLETS

Harvey Motor Co. of Robert Lee reports the following sales of 1952 model Chevrolets: Morgan Drilling Co., Bel Air; Humble Oil & Refining Co., pickup; Fred Campbell, truck and pickup; W. N. Miller, 4-door; Allen Sparks, pickup. New owners of late 51 models are Geo. A. Fugate, a 2-door; and G. E. Conner, Bel Air.

J. W. Bahlman of Ballinger was speaker at the Sunday morning services at the North Side Church of Christ.

Personals

A big crowd turned out for the monthly party at Green Mountain school house last Friday night. A lot of musicians were on hand, including a vocal quartet from San Aneglo. Annette Simpson played the piano most of the time and Chester Derrick was the announcer.

Mrs. O. E. Kresta has been issued a license as Licensed Vocational Nurse by the State Board of Nurse Examiners. She was employed for 15 months as a nurses aid at Coke County Memorial Hospital.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ray Lee returned Wednesday from East Texas where they were called Monday by the death of T. E. Phipps, 51 year old Kilgore merchant who was burned to death in a fire at his home Sunday night. Mrs. Phipps is a niece of Rev. Lee. Funeral services and burial took place Tuesday at Wortham.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jameson of Fritch have been here the past ten days visiting Mrs. Jameson's sister, Mrs. S. M. Conner, and other relatives and friends. Edwin has been ill and was hospitalized a few days. He and his wife were taken to Amarillo in the Clift ambulance Wednesday. Mr. Jameson will enter a hospital there for treatment.

Attending the recent wedding of Neva Rue Conner in Colorado City were Mrs. Ethel Green, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green and Mrs. Russ Mathers and daughter, Letha, of San Angelo. Miss Conner is a daughter of the late Herbert Conner, former Silver resident.

Henry Varnadore and his son-in-law, Wilton Scott, left Sunday for Mena, Ark., where Wilton will complete the purchase of farm property. Mrs. Scott joined them the middle of the week, making the trip by plane.

Wesley Kinsey and family have moved to San Angelo and his home in the south part of town was purchased by Earl Roberts and Emory Davis. Wesley is employed on a drilling rig in the Jameson field, and makes the trip with a crew resident in San Angelo.



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PTA MEETING

The Robert Lee P. T. A. met Feb. 21 at 3 p. m. with the president, Mrs. Bob Stephenson, presiding. The 3rd and 4th grades showed slide pictures of Mt. Vernon and several kinds of birds.

A business meeting was conducted and Mrs. Jeff Dean gave a very interesting talk on "Looking Backward, Looking Forward."

The meeting closed in regular form. Refreshments of punch and a lovely birthday cake honoring Founders Day was served to 25.

NOTICE—Watch for further announcement of our next P. T. A. meeting. Something new and different is being planned. You will all want to come.

Political Announcements

The Observer is authorized to publish the following list of persons who will be candidates for public office at the Democratic Primary Election July 26, 1952:

For Congressman, 21st District
O. C. FISHER

For Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector:
PAUL GOOD

J. T. THETFORD
WILSON BRYAN

For County and District Clerk:
WELDON FIKES

For County Judge and Ex-Officio Supt. of Schools:
JEFF DEAN

For County Treasurer:
MRS. RUBY L. PETTIT
MRS. GERTRUDE GRAY

For County Attorney
FRANK C. DICKEY

For Commissioner, Precinct 1:
J. W. SERVICE

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:
FINNELL SMITH
ED HICKMAN

HAYRICK HD CLUB

Ten members and seven visitors met in the home of Mrs. B. W. Waldrop for the regular meeting of the Hayrick Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Dan Middleton, president, conducted the business meeting. Delegates for the district 7 T. H. D. A. meeting were elected as follows: Mrs. C. J. Robbins, delegate and Mrs. J. W. Labenske, alternate.

The program was given by Mrs. Labenske on "The Qualifications of The County T. H. D. A. Chairman."

Gladys Waldrop conducted the recreation. The next meeting will be

March 6 with Mrs. Robbins as the hostess.

WATER CERTIFICATES

Signal honors came this week to Sam Jay, city water superintendent, when he was awarded a "B" Waterworks Operators Certificate by the State Health Department. Mr. Jay is doing a fine job in Robert Lee and recent studies advanced his certificate to the "B" rating. Mrs. Jay, who serves as city secretary, has also studied the water operators duties and was recently awarded a "C" certificate.

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24—George Rogers Clark captures Vincennes, 1779.

25—Colt revolver patented, 1836.

26—Second French republic established, 1848.

27—German Reichstag burns, 1933.

28—G.O.P. founded, 1834.

29—Stalin offers Finland peace, 1944.

MARCH

1—U.S. Constitution goes into effect, 1789.

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