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STEERS LOSING 4 TOP PLAYERS; PROSPECTS BAD

Gloom of the worst variety is settling over the Robert Lee High School Steer camp two weeks before football practice gets started.

It's all on account of the loss of four husky regulars, three of whom are hospitalized and another is moving away.

Don Bowen was in a bad auto wreck two weeks ago and will be out for the season. Last Friday Wilton Robertson and Bobby Roberts underwent surgery at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Jack Thetford is moving to McCamey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thetford of Edith.

Robertson, son of Mrs. J. B. Robertson, has been bothered for some time with adhesions and intestinal disorders. They were the result of his serious illness six years ago when he barely recovered from a ruptured appendix.

Bobby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts, south of town. He submitted to an appendectomy. Both Wilton and Bobby are doing nicely, but they will not be ready for football before mid-season, if then. Both boys are seniors, as is Jack Thetford.

It's going to cut down terribly on the Steer list of reserves. A good starting lineup is still in prospect, but material won't be very deep for the various positions.

Coach Charlie Dennis has been away working in the oil fields this summer, but is expected back in Robert Lee next week. Practice will not begin until Sept. 1, the first day of school.

The Robert Lee schedule:
Sept. 12—Robert Lee in Bronte, non-district.

Sept. 1—Robert Lee in Ira.

Sept. 26—Eldorado in Robert Lee, non district.

Oct. 3—Divide in Robert Lee.
Oct. 10—Robert Lee in Hobbs.
Oct. 17—Robert Lee in Loraine.
Oct. 24—Hermleigh in Robert Lee.
Oct. 31—Robert Lee in Coahoma.
Nov. 7—Trent in Robert Lee.
Nov. 21—Bronte in Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. and their children, Joe Alice and Freddie, left early Sunday on a motor trip to California. They will make their headquarters with an aunt of Mrs. McDonald in the Los Angeles area. Bose left word at his office for them to phone him if Coke county gets a good rain while he is gone.

Coke County Hospital News

Aug. 13—Son born to Mrs. P. E. Stephens. Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gaines. Jimmy Caraway dismissed.

Aug. 14—Mrs. W. E. Burns, Bobby Roberts admitted. Mrs. Marvin Glasgow, Mrs. B. B. Pierce dismissed.

Aug. 15—Mrs. Melvin Bahlman admitted and dismissed. Mrs. Abner Hall, A. J. Summers admitted. Mrs. Paul Burns dismissed.

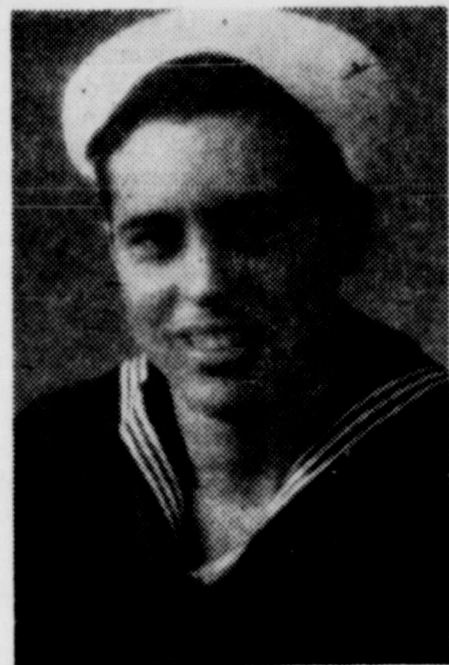
Aug. 16—Mrs. Tommie Stephens and infant son and Mrs. Monroe Gaines and infant daughter dismissed.

Aug. 17—Mrs. Abner Hall, A. J. Summers dismissed.

Aug. 18—E. A. Burgess dismissed.

Aug. 19—Mrs. Charlie Arnold admitted. Mrs. W. E. Burns, Bobby Roberts dismissed.

Aug. 20—Jack Trimble admitted (Transferred from Shannon Hospital.)



MARION L. SPARKS enlisted in the Navy in May 1951 and is stationed on a repair ship operating in Japanese and Korean waters. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks of Robert Lee, Marion will be 19 in December. He is scheduled to return to Pearl Harbor in the near future to attend school as a metal smith.

EXPECT LIGHT VOTE FOR RUN-OFF ELECTION

Less than half the 1,600 voters who went to the polls at the first primary July 26 are expected to turn out for the runoff election Saturday of this week.

Local interest centers on the Commissioner race in Precinct 3, but only persons living within that area will be permitted to express a choice between Ed Hickman and T. R. Harmon.

Mr. Hickman led in the first primary with 63 votes. Harmon, who is serving his 16th year in the office, was second with 48 votes and Finnell Smith, young Edith rancher, had 30. Hickman had polled 45 per cent of the total of 141 votes, while a nomination requires 50 percent.

If Hickman holds his original strength and picks up eight votes of the 30 which went to Smith, he will be elected.

Another important contest centers around Joe L. Mays and Clyde Vinson in the race for District Judge. Mays, presently serving as County Judge in Tom Green County, had a big majority in the first election, but failed to get 50 percent with Bill Leslie the third candidate.

A CORRECTION

The Observer was mistaken last week in showing another candidate being pitted against Bell.

Coke County voters favored Glenn Lewis of San Angelo in the July primary. Judge Culver was high man in the 4-man race with 378,886 votes. Bell had 371,020.

ELECTION RETURNS

Returns from Saturday's runoff will be gathered in The Observer office as early as possible. Persons holding the election in the four boxes in Precinct 3 have been requested to phone the results to the Farris Drug Store where they will be posted.

BONUS FOR VETERANS

Veterans who served in the U. S. forces after June 26, 1950, are entitled to mustering out pay. The amounts are \$100 for less than 60 days of service, \$200 for more than 60 days and \$300 for veterans who served more than 60 days and were overseas. Veterans who are entitled to any of these payments may fill out application blanks at the office of County Clerk Weldon Fikes.

HEAT DROUTH RUINOUS TO COKE COUNTY

Hot, dry weather continues in Coke County and has spread from West Texas to a large area of the state. The heat wave has set a new record with temperatures climbing from 100 to 105 degrees for the past three weeks. Not a sign of rain has fallen this month.

The rainfall gauged in Robert Lee since the first of the year is six-inches, but the amount is less in some sections of the county. Silver has not received that much and Bryan Gartman says he has recorded only 4.40 inches.

Old timers say it is as bad as the drouth of 1917-18. The San Angelo weather bureau showed 8.29 inches of moisture for 1917, with 14.46 inches in 1918. But how about 1933 with only 8.49 inches of rain, and 1946 with 7.13 inches?

Most folks believe 1946 was almost as bad as the present drouth when it rained some early in the year, but was dry the entire summer, with the spell finally being broken the last of August. That was the year when Loren Neel brought the big hail stones to The Observer office. Then followed another dry year with only 11.52 inches being gauged in 1947.

Coke county did pretty well in 1951 when the moisture amounted to 13.90 inches. It was 8.40 inches up to July 1 last year, then 3.40 inches fell at Robert Lee during August.

SITUATION RUINOUS

Farmers will harvest no crops, although if rain comes soon there will be a few bales of cotton and some improvement to feed crops that have survived.

Everyone thinks its will surely rain by September. Some good early moisture would make it possible to grow some small grain for winter feeding.

Hot Weather Causes Smaller Crowd at Edith Homecoming

A fine time was had by everyone at the Edith Homecoming last Sunday, but the crowd was smaller than usual because of the severe drouth and hot weather. Attendance was estimated at 600, with 535 having signed the register.

Nineteen muttens were barbecued with Cedar Hill Johnson of Bronte being in direct charge of cooking the meat. Also served free to make up a tasty noon meal were beans, pickles, bread, coffee and barrels of ice water. There was lots of food left over, and some of it was distributed to persons who had been unable to attend.

Frank Dickey was master of ceremonies and singing sessions were led by Mrs. Loujean Sheppard King and Mrs. W. J. Powers of Paducah, the former Esther Reed. Many former residents made short talks and a fine day of visiting was enjoyed.

Waymond Robertson, secretary-treasurer, estimates that \$125 will be left over in the treasury after all bills are paid. Delmir Sheppard is president of the association.

Mrs. A. J. Bilbo returned Sunday from northeastern Oklahoma where she spent some time in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield, and helped care for the new grandson. The Littlefields brought her home and are spending a week with Robert Lee and Bronte relatives and friends.

CONCHO LEAGUE STANDING

	W	L	PCT
Bryan Electric	8	3	.727
Miles	7	4	.636
Robert Lee	6	5	.545
Big Lake-Texon	5	6	.455
Ballinger-Winters	5	6	.455
Sonora	5	7	.417
Forsan	3	8	.273

Last Week's Results

Ballinger 15, Bryan Elec. 5
Miles 11, Forsan 6
Big Lake 2, Sonora 0.

Next Sunday's Schedule

Forsan in Robert Lee
Ballinger in Big Lake
Bryan Electric in Miles

FORSAN COMING SUNDAY; LAST REGULAR GAME

The Concho Basin Base Ball League will wind up its regular season next Sunday. Then will follow a Shaughnessy playoff with the top four clubs taking part.

The playoff alignment will not be determined until after next Sunday's games. Miles has a good chance to defeat Bryan Electric and earn a tie for first place.

Robert Lee is assured of getting into the playoff even if the Twisters are defeated by Forsan here Sunday. The fourth member of the playoff quartet will be the winner of the Ballinger-Texon contest.

If Robert Lee wins from Forsan it will mean undisputed possession of third place in the loop standing.

In case Miles and Bryan Electric wind up in a tie, and Robert Lee is forced to finish in a tie with the winner of the Ballinger-Big Lake scrap, the places will be decided by a drawing, so that the actual playoffs can get started the following Sunday.

Managers of the four clubs will meet with Blondy Cross at the Standard-Times next Monday night to decide the playoff schedule.

SPOONTS TO PITCH

Bon Spoonts of Bronte is slated to hurl for the Rabbit Twisters against Forsan, and he will have good backing. The starting lineup will be: Joe Geraci, catcher; Barnell Malish, 1st; Lew Heuvel, 2nd; R. W. Bowman, ss; Freddie Hickman, 3rd; Tommy Gray, lf; Judge Sandusky, cf; and Delbert Coalson, rf.

There's a fine ball club, so you fans who like baseball, better be on hand Sunday to see the best club Robert Lee has fielded all year.

Forsan, too, has a good team. It's hard to believe they are in the league cellar.

The Observer looks for Miles to defeat Bryan Electric, and also for Big Lake to take the measure of Ballinger.

KIDS LOOKED GOOD

The exhibition game here Sunday didn't turn out as well as expected. Several of the Twisters failed to show up but Norman Roberts had a promising crew of Robert Lee and Bronte high schoolers.

Chilly Tinkler and Heuvel hurled for the regulars, while Ronnie Baker and Marlon McCutchen pitched for the Roberts youngsters.

Rev. J. H. Estes Dies At Menard

The Rev. John Howard Estes, 70, retired Methodist minister, died last Thursday at his home in Menard after an illness of some time.

Funeral rites and burial occurred Saturday at 10 a. m. at Columbus, Tex.

The Rev. Mr. Estes was in the ministry for 40 years, 13 of which were spent as a missionary in Mexico. He served as pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist Church two years, following the Rev. John Campbell. He was succeeded here by Ross Welch.

Survivors include his wife, five daughters, Mrs. Nannie E. Rogers of El Paso, Mrs. Dorothy Wimberly of Arlington, Va., Mrs. Lucy E. Wright of Tucumcari, N. M., Mrs. Virginia Mattern of Columbus and Mrs. Martha Comer of Abilene; one son, John Howard, Jr. of El Paso; one brother, one sister and six grandchildren.

BIRTHS

STEPHENS—Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Eugene Stephens (Tommy Grace Boykin) are parents of a son born Aug. 13 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 12:25 p. m. Ben Michael weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces. Grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boykin of Robert Lee.

GAINES—Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gaines (Billie Frances Ray) are parents of a daughter, Frances Dawn, born Aug. 13 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. The infant arrived at 5:25 p. m. and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaines of Robert Lee.

ROBERTSON—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ray Robertson (Betty Jo Thornton) are parents of a daughter, Debra Lynn, born Aug. 3 at Odessa. The father is a former well known Robert Lee resident, and a son of the late J. B. Robertson.



Army Promotion For Vaughn S. Davis

Camp Rucker, Ala. — Sergeant Vaughn S. Davis, of Robert Lee, Texas, serving with the 47th "Viking" Infantry Division here, recently received a promotion to Sergeant First Class.

Sfc. Davis is currently serving as Tank Commander, Company "B", of the 194th Tank Battalion.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis of Robert Lee, he is a graduate of Robert Lee High School. He was in charge of the meat department at the Earl Roberts Store when inducted into service nearly two years ago.

He is continuing training with the Viking Division which was called into active service in January, 1951. The 47th, a Minnesota-North National Guard Division, now is composed of men from all 48 states and three territories.

Barbara Harwell returned the first of last week after spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. Robert Harwell, at Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Havins and son of Corona, Calif., visited here recently with the former's grandmother, Mrs. M. H. Havins, and other relatives.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular monthly session of the Coke County Commissioners Court was held here Aug. 11. The Court ended its session as a Board of Equalization and the tax assessor-collector will proceed with making up the 1952 tax rolls. County levies will remain the same as last year, except a 10 cent road bond levy in both Precincts 1 and 3 will be done away.

The commissioners approved an order to issue and sell \$175,000 in bonds for the Silver Common School District to Columbian Securities Co. Interest rate is set at 2 percent on the first \$35,000 and 2 1/4 percent on the remainder. They will run not to exceed 10 years with a 5 year option. The bonds can be paid off with a 38c levy on each \$100 valuation.

Personals

Fern Havins has received word that his son, T/Sgt. Otto Havins, is now in Tokyo, Japan, where he is assigned to the 35th Fighter Interceptor Wing of the U. S. Air Force. Otto was called to active duty last fall and was stationed at San Antonio before being sent overseas a few weeks ago.

P. E. Reeves recently moved his family to Robert Lee from Sterling City. He is employed at the Pan American Pipeline pumping station near the Sterling-Coke county line. Main reason for making the move to Robert Lee was because of the plentiful supply of excellent water. Mr. Reeves told The Observer. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves have a son, Gerald Lynn, 10, and a daughter, Paula Carol, 7 years old. They reside in the Vic Simpson residence.

Mrs. Beulah Owen, former Robert Lee resident, has ordered The Observer for herself and Mrs. A. P. Woerner of Fredricksburg.

Joyce King has been spending some time at Odessa in the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Anderson, where she is making the acquaintance of her new nephew, Jerry David Anderson.



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Umpire Moriarty, one of the toughest and oldest in the game, was refereeing a pre-exhibition contest at one of the Southern training camps, when the Sox's new rookie came to bat. The pitcher warmed up, heaved the ball and the rookie stood still as it whistled in, high and on the outside.

"Strike one!" bellowed Moriarty. The rookie gave him a look but made no protest. He let the next pitch, high enough to make the catcher reach over his head, go by. Moriarty called it a strike and the rookie kept mum. The third pitch bounced off the plate, but Moriarty labeled that one a strike, too.

The rookie tossed his bat aside, and before returning to the dugout, turned to the ump and inquired politely, "I beg your pardon, Mr. Moriarty, but would you tell me how you spell your name?"

Moriarty, surprised, obliged and then asked belligerently, "What's it to you?"

"Well, it's just as I thought, sir," responded the rookie, "... only one 'I'!"

NEUTRALITY

"Everyone in town is talking," remarked the wife, "about the Jones's quarrel. Some are taking her part and some his."

"And," replied her husband, "I suppose a few eccentric individuals are minding their own business."

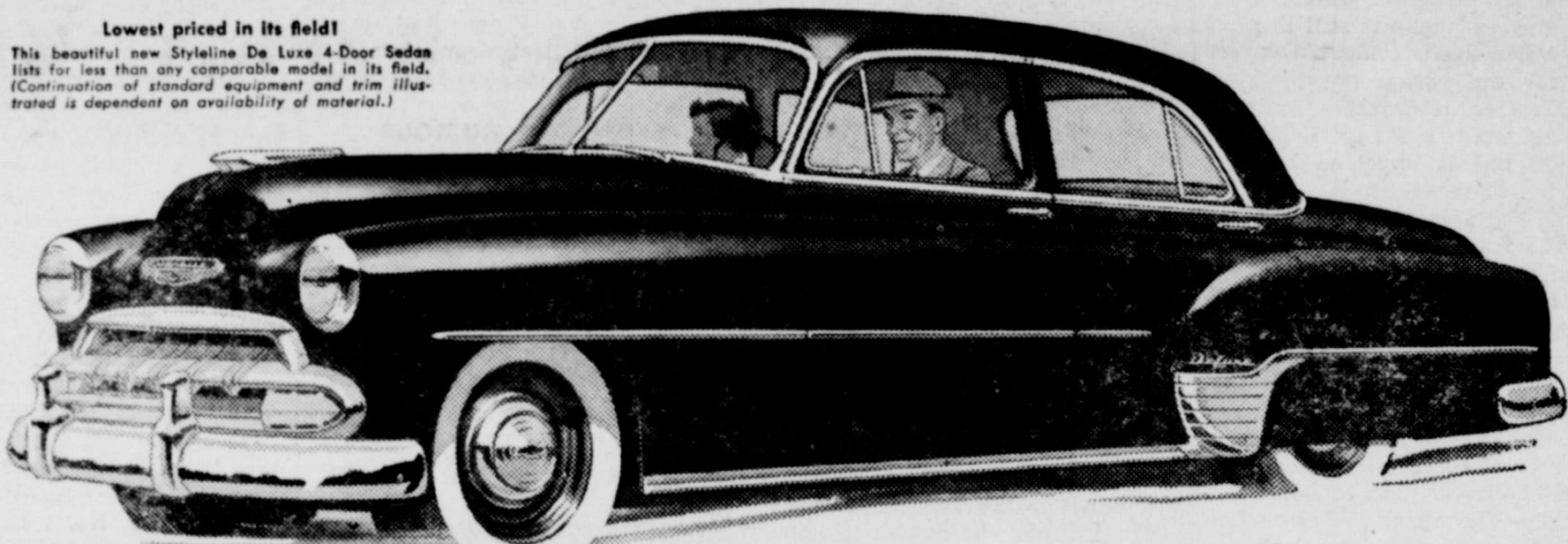
Good Reason

The defendant acknowledged that he hadn't spoken to his wife in five years and the judge put in a question.

"What reason have you?" he asked severely.

Replied the husband, "I didn't want to interrupt her."

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DROUTH LOANS FOR LIVESTOCK FEED AND SEED

Members of the Coke County Mobilization Committee attended a meeting in Abilene Monday, August 18. Those attending were: Oscar E. Kresta, Chairman of the PMA Committee, Clarence Arrott, Vice-Chairman, PMA Committee, A. V. Sheppard, Work Unit Conservationist, SCS, George Thomas, Member of FHA Committee and J. E. Quisenberry, Jr., Secretary, Coke County PMA.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the drought disaster loan program. Under Secretary of Agriculture C. J. McCormic from Washington told of the help that the Department of Agriculture could give. B. F. Vance, Chairman of the State PMA Committee, had charge of the meeting.

Farmers and ranchers of Coke County can now obtain loans to buy feed for their livestock. There are loans available to farmers to buy feed and seed to produce another crop.

These loans are available only to those farmers and ranchers that can not obtain operating loans from banks or private lending agencies.

The loans will be made through the Farm Home Administration of the County.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

The pastor was present for the first time in nearly a month. Various preachers have filled the regular Monday evening preaching engagements, while she was busy with a great Revival at Winters. A great number of people were saved, healed and filled with the Holy Ghost at the Wilmeth and Winters Revivals.

A number of people requested prayer for salvation in the Monday evening service, when Bro. Farris brought the message. We hope that many souls will call upon the Lord in Robert Lee, that they may be ready when Jesus comes soon. We invite you to come and be saved at the next Monday evening service.

You won't have to join our church unless you want to.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tubb and son, Mack, returned last week from an interesting vacation trip. They visited overnight with the B. H. Jolleys at Kermit and then continued into New Mexico, spending a night at Ruídosos. The Robert Lee family motored to northwestern New Mexico where they visited the Jack Duncans at Flora Vista and then traveled over into Colorado. Coming back into New Mexico they visited the Hal Andersons at Miami.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDonald have moved into the new rent house recently completed by Millard Meek. Mr. McDonald also operates the suburban store on the Meek property.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn had the following kinfolks as guests during the past week: Mrs. Paul Daffern and Milburn of Ft. Worth, Mrs. R. B. Thompson and Georgia Sue and Mrs. G. W. Williams and Sharon of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wray and daughter of Loraine, Mrs. Perry McDonald of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Nail of Vernon, Mrs. D. C. Harmon and Doug of Hobbs, N. Mex., Mrs. Charles Tracey of Roswell, N. Mex., and Mr. and Mrs. Lyles of Lockney, Texas.

Memory Gramling To Receive Degree

DENTON, Tex., (SPL) Aug. 20— Benjamin M. Gramling of Robert Lee has made application for a degree from North Texas State College at the summer commencement exercises on August 22.

Five hundred and seventy-two bachelor's and master's degree candidates have made application, according to President J. C. Matthews.

Gramling has applied for the bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He is a member of the Future Teachers of America and the Concert Band.

He is the son of Mrs. Viola Gramling of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McCutchen of San Antonio were weekend guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen, north of town. Their nephew, Mac Kirchman, who spent a week in San Antonio, returned with them to his home in San Angelo. Mr. McCutchen, recent graduate and journalism instructor at Trinity University is now part owner of a suburban weekly at San

Antonio. A printing plant has been purchased and the owners now print their own newspaper and do commercial printing.

Bob Goodwin and family returned last week from a two weeks vacation on the Gulf. They did considerable deep sea fishing at Port Aransas. Mr. Goodwin is a Sun Oil Co. employee stationed in the Millican Field west of Edith.

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VOTE FOR CLYDE VINSON FOR JUDGE OF THE 51ST DISTRICT COURT

Clyde Vinson challenged the present District Judge to run for re-election.

Clyde Vinson challenges the right of the present District Judge to choose his successor.

Clyde Vinson seeks no promotion, but the opportunity to use his 27 years experience as a trial lawyer to improve the administration of justice in the 51st District Court.

SUCCESSFUL — EXPERIENCED DISTRICT COURT TRIAL LAWYER. Clyde Vinson cites the following recent cases which he appealed from decisions of the district court against his clients, and the COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS and the SUPREME COURT reversed the trial court and rendered judgments in favor of his clients: 248 SW 2d 520, decided April 16, 1952; 247 SW 2d 574, decided March 19, 1952; 239 SW 2d 379, decided April 25, 1951; and Harrison vs Tinney, decided June 25, 1952, not yet included in the Advance Reports, won by Vinson.

Clyde Vinson's opponent does not claim any district court trial experience. The qualifications for a county judge and district judge differ so profoundly that under our Constitution a county judge does not have to be a lawyer.

WILL YOU VOTES FOR THE MAN WITH QUALIFICATIONS OR FOR THE MAN ON THE POLITICAL MERRY-GO-ROUND?

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

Pork & Beans Diamond 2 cans 19¢

American Sardines 3 Flat Cans 29¢

Crisco 3 lbs 79c

FLOUR Light Crust 25 lbs 1.79

Grapefruit Juice No. 2 cans 2 for 19c

Sun-Spun CATSUP Large Bottle 17c

Macaroni or Spaghetti, Gold Medal Pkg 9c

DOG FOOD Favorite 3 cans 25c

KIMBELL'S SALT 2 Boxes 21c

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Robert Lee State Bank



SAILOR AND ROBERT LEE BRIDE—Pictured above are Seaman and Mrs. Edwin Evans, young Robert Lee couple who were married July 19. The bride is the former Peggy Sparks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Coleiron. He joined the Navy in September 1951. The young couple is living in Long Beach, Calif., while his ship is undergoing repairs.

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Personals

Tommy Kirkpatrick returned to Robert Lee Tuesday evening after accompanying his mother to northern Iowa. They left by plane from San Angelo Friday at 7 p.m. and boarded a Rock Island fast train at Ft. Worth. Tommy said his mother stood the trip well and they were glad to find cool weather up north. Mrs. Kirkpatrick will spend a month visiting and recuperating with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Owen, at Allison, Iowa, and with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Shafer.

Three sons of the late Sam King were on hand to join kinfolks and old time friends at the Edith homecoming. They included R. B. King of El Paso, George of Stanley, N. Mex., and Tom of Petersburg. They were accompanied by at least part of their families. Tom King arrived in advance of his wife, their son, W. B., and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brooks and two children. Also here for the reunion for the first time since leaving Coke County in 1917 were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Tucker of Lubbock. Mrs. Tucker is the former Josie Breedlove and is a sister of Mrs. Tom King.

Mrs. Keith Tomes and son, Kenneth, of Amherst have been guests the past week in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. J. B. Robertson.

Dee Henson, who has been visiting the past five weeks in the home of her cousin, Mrs. Artell Roberts, has returned to attend school at her home in Orange, Texas. Dee is planning to spend the Christmas holidays in Robert Lee and is looking forward to seeing everyone again.

H. C. McMinn left Friday for a two weeks vacation and rest at Corpus Christi. He accompanied his daughters, Mrs. R. B. Thompson and Mrs. G. W. Williams, who had been here on a visit.

Billy Gene Bell and his family have moved to Amarillo where the former will be employed in a body shop. For more than three years he worked here with his brother, Elmo Bell, in the body repair shop at Ivey Motor Co.

Genie Baker is remodeling and building a two-room addition to his rent house, with E. C. Davis in charge of the contract. While the improvement is under way Bobby Baker and his family are living with the Jeff Deans.

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24—British burn White House, 1814.

25—Paris liberated, 1944.

26—Philippines revolt against Spain, 1896.

27—U.S. third fleet enters Japanese waters, 1945.

28—Occupation troops land in Japan, 1945.

29—Oliver Wendell Holmes born, 1809.

30—First Negroes brought to Jamestown, 1819.

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THE OBSERVER

Important To Know Poisonous Snakes

COLLEGE STATION, Aug. 6—Someday your life may depend upon it in wildlife conservation for the identify a snake. Only four of the 102 species of snakes known in Texas are considered dangerously poisonous, says R. E. Callender, specialist how quickly and accurately you can Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He urges Texans to become familiar with these poisonous snakes so that positive identification can be made quickly in case a member of the family is bitten.

The four species of snakes that are poisonous are the rattlesnakes, copperheads, cottonmouth moccasin and the deadly little coral snake. Rattlesnakes are easily identified by their rattles; the copperhead by its chestnut-brown hour glass markings over light brown or brownish gray background color; the cottonmouth moccasin is a dirty brown in color and is usually found around water—on old logs or driftwood and they can bite under water.

The coral snake is the beauty of the group, but adds Callender, it's also the most deadly. Don't, says the specialist, confuse it with the more commonly found king snake because the mistake could be fatal. The color rings of the coral snake are red, yellow and black and completely circle the body and if the red ring touches the yellow, you've found a coral snake. Treat him with care.

Fangs for ejecting the poison are common to all poisonous snakes. The

marks left by the fangs are a sure identification sign. The venom injected by the rattlers, copperheads and water moccasins is known as hemotoxic venom because it effects the blood cells. The coral snake, on the other hand, injects a neurotoxic venom and it effects the nervous system. Anti-venoms which are available at drug stores, are ineffective for treating the bite of the coral snake.

Snakes can be discouraged from moving in on the home lot, says Callender, by keeping it clean. Rubbish should not be allowed to accumulate and trash should be removed for such debris about the place is usually inhabited by rats and mice. These rodents are favorite food for snakes and unless kept under control, snakes will move in to clean them up.

Here's a word of advice from Callender on what to do in case a person is bitten by a poisonous snake.

Keep the victim quiet; don't let them walk, become over-heated or take alcoholic stimulants. Don't cauterize the wound with strong acids nor inject potassium permanganate. Get the victim to a doctor as soon as possible but first aid measures will help. Apply a tourniquet above the bite and make cross cut incisions at bite and on to the advancing edges of the swelling. Apply suction with the mouth or a suction cup but release the tourniquet every 15 minutes to keep up circulation. Inject antivenin, if

available as soon as possible. In the meantime, have the patient on the way to a doctor or the doctor on the way to the patient.

Callender warns that hunters and campers should never go to the woods without a snake bite kit. He urges all home owners to keep their premises clean and to be on the look out at all times for the poisonous snakes. All except the rattler strike without warning—and the rattler sometimes does his biting before sounding off—so the safe thing to do is stay out of the way of all snakes and discourage them to stay out of your way.

FROM MRS. VOWELL

To The Observer:

Enclosed is \$2.00 for renewing my subscription. It's my old home town paper and I surely do enjoy getting it each week, so I can read about my old friends and relatives. It is hot and dry here, too.—Sincerely, Mrs. J. H. Vowell, Box 77, Stafford, Okla.



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proposing an Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 61 to authorize cities, towns, and villages of this State to provide insurance for employees; providing for the submission of the proposed Amendment to the qualified electorate; and providing for proclamation and publication by the Governor.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 61 to read as follows:

"Sec. 61. The Legislature shall have the power to enact laws to enable cities, towns, and villages of this State to provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance, including the right to provide their own insurance risk for all employees; and the Legislature shall provide suitable laws for the administration of such insurance in the said municipalities and for payment of the costs, charges, and premiums on policies of insurance and the benefits to be paid thereunder."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the State at the General Election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1952, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon (or in counties using voting machines the said machines shall provide for) the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for Workmen's Compensation Insurance for employees of cities, towns and villages"; and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for Workmen's Compensation Insurance for employees of cities, towns and villages."

Each voter shall mark out one (1) of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one (1) expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment; and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.



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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek have enjoyed visits recently from their children and other relatives. They included Mr. and Mrs. John Toplak and Sandra and Junior of Richmond, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Luther Meek and Shirley and Mickie of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Meek and Roger Wayne of Peawell, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gene Webb and Cicci Jean of Sheffield, Mrs. Joe Harnes and Sandra Ann of Odessa, Ernest Meek of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Weathers of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Duncan of Big Lake. Some of the visitors remained for the Edith Homecoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Field returned the last of the week to their home in Wichita Falls after a visit with Coke county relatives.

Mrs. L. E. Higgins in company with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kuhn and children, Patricia and J. Lin, of Colorado City, returned Saturday night from a week's trip to New Mexico and Colorado. They attended the Mathers family reunion at Roswell, and then up to Colorado Springs. The ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers, were with them, but went on to Wyoming.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek were Mrs. W. R. Green and her aunt, Mrs. J. N. McElhannon of Solomon, Ariz. Mrs. Green was the former Lula Puett, a daughter of the late A. W. Puett, who published The Observer.

Robert Vaughan and family returned Sunday after a few days' visit with the former's parents in Victoria, Tex. Bob's mother is improving from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leech of Lubbock were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris. The ladies are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phelan recently attended the annual reunion of the Phelan family at Lampasas. The affair was attended by 175 persons.

CONDITION STILL SERIOUS

Jack Trimble was removed to Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee Wednesday morning from Shannon hospital where he had been treated the past five weeks. Last week physicians probed into his head and learned that his brain was in bad condition, although there were no blood clots. Trimble was hurt in a highway crash five miles south of town on July 16. His badly cut and bruised face has entirely healed as have his chest injuries. He received a long deep cut through the top and back of his skull and a severe bump on the left side of his head seems to have damaged the brain. Jack has not regained consciousness.

TEA FOR JANIE HIGGINS

Mrs. Sam Powell has issued 100 invitations for a Gift Tea at her ranch home Saturday from 4 to 6 honoring Miss Janie Higgins. Youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Higgins, Janie is engaged to marry John L. Bruton in the near future. The bridegroom-elect, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin, is expected home on leave from the Navy within the coming week. The wedding will take place soon after his arrival. He has been serving on the USS Carson at Okinawa and other waters in the Pacific.

KILLS LARGE RATTLER

John Lara, well known Latin-American citizen, killed a big rattle snake recently while digging prickly pear on the Ira Bird ranch. John says the rattler showed some fight when molested, but it was promptly dispatched with a sick. Lara brought a string of 11 rattles to The Observer to prove his story.

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LAD SMASHES FINGERS

A. J., 10-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. Aaron Summers, received a badly smashed hand last Friday. While playing at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Plumlee, his hand was caught under several concrete blocks of a porch pillar which toppled over. Three fingers of his left hand were badly crushed and the middle finger had to be amputated at the first joint.

THETFORDS TO LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thetford and son, Jack, plan to move to McCamey in the near future. Mr. Thetford went there the first of the week to begin work in the office of the Kennedy Trucking Co., oil field haulers. Mrs. Thetford is detained at Edith where she is serving as postmaster, but hopes to be relieved soon. The Thetfords want to sell their Edith store, and as an inducement the new owner would probably get the postmaster's job which pays \$106 per month.

SHOWER FOR MISS KING

A bridal tea honoring Miss Zona Mae King was scheduled for Thursday from 4 to 6 in the home of Mrs. Waymond Robertson, with Gladys Waldrop and Anelle Simpson assisting hostesses. Miss King's marriage to T/Sgt. Dan Hall will take place Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Page in Odessa.

SILVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen left Wednesday for a few days' visit with the Rev. Wm. Gaston and family at Clyde. The Rev. Gaston, a Methodist minister, is a brother of Mrs. Allen. They expected to make some plans for the annual Gaston family reunion at Buffalo Gap over the Labor Day weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston returned Saturday from a three weeks' vacation trip. They visited Toledo, Ohio, Detroit and points in Canada. Mr. Preston is a pump-er for Sun.

Roy Overturf, clerk in the Sun gas department office, is batching these days at his home in Colorado City. His wife has gone to Greenville and Dallas for a two weeks' stay with kinfolks. Her father, A. W. Bell of Greenville, was here over the weekend and she accompanied him home.

Kenneth Preston writes home folks that he has been in the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Va., for minor surgery. He is a gunners mate on the USS Alshain which recently returned to port from an extended cruise in the Mediterranean.

Bob Odom returned Friday from a two weeks trip through northern states and into Canada. He was accompanied by his brothers-in-law, R. D. Allen of Vancourt and Bill Archer of San Angelo, and a friend, Finis White. The group went as far west and north as Calgary, Alberta, and also visited Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Bob Edwards and family are enjoying a week's vacation with kinfolks in Oklahoma. Bob is chief clerk in Sun's gas department office. George Conner, another Sun employee, is vacationing with his family in Colorado and Wyoming.

James Holt, who has been here as a Sun summer roustabout with the gas division, left this week for his home in Henderson. He will enroll at Kilgore Junior College Sept. 8. While here James made his home with an uncle, A. T. Holt, long time Sun worker.

Jerrold Sanders and family are visiting in the parental R. B. Allen home. He was recently discharged from the Air Force. Jerrold will report next Monday at Big Lake for Pan American, with which company he was employed before he was called back to service last year. Mrs. H. R. Gassiot has returned to her home here after undergoing surgery two weeks ago in San Angelo.

Jake Higginbotham, new area superintendent for Sun's production department, moved his wife and three daughters from Hebronville Tuesday. They will occupy a house in Jameson camp.

Supt. H. R. Gassiot states that Silver public schools will open Sept. 8. Buildings are being extensively repaired and redecorated by a crew under John H. Brown. The opening date was delayed a week so that the work could be completed.

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