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## MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN GETS STARTED IN COUNTY THIS WEEK

Coke County citizens are again being asked to support the annual March of Dimes to raise funds to carry on the fight against Infantile Paralysis.

This county experienced two fatalities the past year and several other cases. Texas was again hit hard, while polio was striking 55,000 Americans, making 1952 the worst year of all time.

The Texas-Louisiana area felt the first thrust of the outbreak in early June. Even as the disease increased its attack in that area, it spread northward up the Mississippi Valley to the Great Lakes, fanning out to envelope most of the Central States. By mid-summer it had jumped to both coasts, and the entire nation was aflame.

During the week ended August 16 polio cases passed 3,000 per week. That number was to be exceeded for eight consecutive weeks. By the second week in September the toll topped 4,000 a week. And in the seven days from Sept. 14 through 20, the U. S. Public Health Service reported the fantastic total of 4,191 new cases of polio in the United States.

That single week had more than twice as many cases as the entire year 1938, when the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis made its first effort to assist polio victims.

An estimated \$28,000,000 in March of Dimes funds was used during the year to provide care for the stricken, an increase of 7 million dollars over 1951 for similar purposes.

The worst epidemic of all time was met and contained because of the National Foundation. Victims found help close at hand, in their own communities. The March of Dimes paid bills, provided emergency services, financed treatment and rehabilitation, and brought to the epidemic scene knowledge, personnel, equipment and enough funds to carry out an intelligent polio fighting program. Catastrophe was averted.

### CHAIRMAN NAMED

W. H. (Bud) Maxwell of Bronte is chairman of the March of Dimes Campaign for Coke County, and A. J. Kirkpatrick is in charge of the organization for the west half of the county. Some who previously helped will do so again and new workers are also being lined up.

Mrs. J. S. Ferrell will head the committee for Robert Lee and is expecting to have help from the various organizations that were active in the movement last year.

At Edith Lewis Heuvel is the committee chairman, and Mrs. Ira M. (Helen Ann) Bird has been appointed to head up the campaign at Sanco.

Silver folks are making plans for their drive and a committee meeting will be held later this week. H. P. Pew will be chairman.

Coke County contributed over \$2,600 last year. Every community made a proud record. No quotas are being set. More funds are needed than ever before, so everyone is asked to help as much as he can.

### PECAN CHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Clyde Coleman will preach at the Pecan Baptist church next Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11, at 2:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sunday night guests in the home of Postmaster and Mrs. H. S. Lewis Jr. were the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin of Crane. They had taken their younger daughter, Sylvia, to Abilene where she is a student at McMurry College.



## Coke County Hospital News

Dec. 31—Mrs. T. B. Adkins, Mrs. L. M. Kitchen, Hubert Buchanan, Gwen Fuller, admitted. Mrs. M. M. Sparks, H. L. McMinn, Ronny Snoddy, dismissed.

Jan. 1—Mrs. P. E. Mize admitted. Susan Shipman, Mrs. L. M. Kitchen, Gwen Fuller, dismissed.

Jan. 2—Gordon Thompson admitted. Mrs. W. B. Clark, Mrs. Freeman Clark, Mrs. Curtis A. Dukes, dismissed.

Jan. 3—Mrs. J. M. Sims, Mrs. T. C. Coffey, Jack Brock, admitted. Hubert Buchanan, Mrs. J. A. Childress, dismissed.

Jan. 4—Francis Dawn Gaines, Billie Dove Allen, Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Billie Joyce Patterson, John Allen admitted. Mrs. E. P. Mize, Mrs. Max Wristen and infant daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Fuentz, dismissed.

Jan. 5—Mrs. T. B. Adkins dismissed.

Jan. 6—Mrs. W. T. Roach admitted and gave birth to daughter at 3:50 a. m. Mrs. W. E. Stone, Frank Smith, Sherron Doggett, Mrs. Lem Cowley, admitted. Jack Brock, Billie Joyce Patterson, Mrs. J. M. Sims dismissed. Mrs. H. F. Boyd, Mrs. W. E. Stone, Gordon Thompson transferred to a San Angelo hospital.

Jan. 7—Mrs. Myrtle Bagwell, Mrs. Teddy Pitcock, Mrs. J. D. Simpson admitted. Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick dismissed.

## '53 CHEVROLET WILL BE SHOWN FRIDAY, JAN. 9

Wide interest is being directed to the new 1953 Chevrolets which are scheduled for initial showing Friday, Jan. 9.

Robert Vaughan, local dealer says he will have two of the new models on exhibition. His showrooms have been attractively decorated for the big premier showing and there will be favors for everyone who attends.

Chevrolet is said to have made stunning changes in their 1953 line. New body designs are featured as well as new engines developing and 108 and 115 horse power.

Gas economy, greater ease and safety, heavier, more rigid and stronger construction are among the added Chevrolet improvements.

S. B. Plumlee was called to Eastland the first of the week by the illness of his sister.



Mrs. GERTRUDE GRAY  
County Treasurer

## \$10,000 ADDED TO CAPITAL OF ROBT LEE BANK

The Robert Lee State Bank has increased its capital stock to \$35,000 according to the condensed statement appearing elsewhere in this newspaper.

G. C. Allen, executive vice president, states the addition to the capital was affected by payment of a stock dividend from profits. Previous capital was listed at \$25,000. It will mean that stockholders will receive one new share of stock for each 2½ shares they owned.

Action to increase the capital was taken at a special meeting of stockholders last month. At that time it was voted to pay a semi-annual cash dividend of 5 percent and pay a bonus to employees.

By increasing the capital, the local bank retains its surplus fund of \$35,000, giving it a capital structure of \$70,000. Profits remaining on hand exceed \$10,000 according to the Dec. 31 statement.

Mr. Allen says officers and directors of the Robert Lee Bank are well satisfied with the year's business. The Institution has held its own in the face of the severe drought, with the oil activity making up for the loss from farming and ranch operations.

The bank is in good condition. Deposits have dropped slightly and loans are up about \$30,000 over a year ago.

Annual meeting of the stockholders will be January 13.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Dell City, New Mex., were New Years guests of the former's sister, Mrs. R. L. Read and husband.

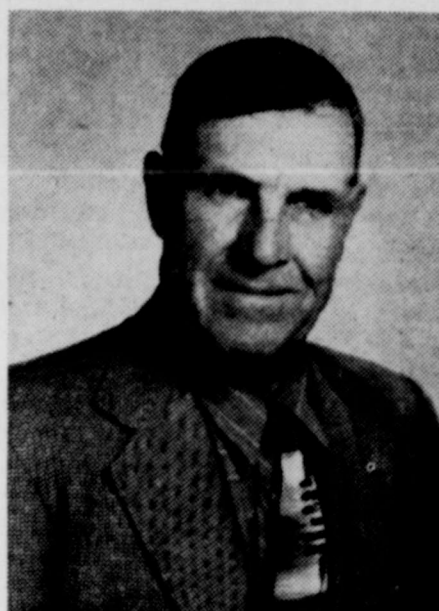
Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley were hosts to a happy family reunion on New Years. All their children were present except a daughter, Mrs. Bib Fields, who had given birth to a son at a San Angelo hospital.

## BCD Luncheon Next Monday

First meeting of the new year of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development is scheduled for next Monday noon at Mrs. Day's dining room. A good crowd is expected to be on hand to greet the new officers including Bob Vaughan, president; Commissioner J. W. Service, vice president; and Melvin Moody, secretary.

Mr. Vaughan has been lining up his committee appointments, but his selections may not be ready to report Monday.

There will be important discussions concerning membership, projects and proposed committee work.



ED HICKMAN  
Commissioner Prec. 3



HOWARD BROCK  
Commissioner Precinct 2

## BIRTHS

PITCOCK — A daughter was born Jan. 7 at Coke County Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Teddy E. Pitcock (Winifred Gartman), well known Sanco young couple. Sherri Jerene arrived at 3:10 p. m. and weighed 7 pounds, ¾ ounces. She has two brothers, Gaylon 5, and Darrel, 2 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pitcock and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman of Sanco.

ROACH — A daughter was born Jan. 6 at Coke County Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach of Robert Lee. Arriving at 4:30 a. m. the little lady weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces. She has two brothers, Billy Rankin 6, and Glenn, 4 years old. Mrs. H. L. Scott is the grand mother and great grandmothers are Mrs. W. J. Cumbie of Robert Lee and Mrs. D. K. Glenn of Odessa.

FIELDS—A son was born Jan 1 at a San Angelo hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields (Dale Cowley of Robert Lee). Arriving at 4:00 a. m. James Cowley weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces. He has a brother, Albert Dale 2½ years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley of Robert Lee and Mrs. Hubert Fields of Midland.

WRISTEN — Mr. and Mrs. Max Wristen of Sterling City are parents of a daughter born Dec. 31 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 6:10 p. m. Pennie Carol weighed 4 pounds, 7½ ounces. This is their first child. The father is a water truck driver.

BRICE — Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brice (Anna Betty King) are parents of their first child, a daughter, born at 7:42 a. m. Jan 3 at a Sweetwater hospital. Linda Rae weighed 5 pounds, five ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brice of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. George King of Stanley, New Mex., former Coke County residents.

## NEW OFFICIALS TAKE UP DUTIES IN COKE COUNTY

Coke County Commissioners Court held its first session of the year Friday, Jan. 2, when two new commissioners and a new county treasurer took their oaths of office.

New commissioners are Ed Hickman in Precinct 3 and Howard Brock from Precinct 2 (Bronte.) Mrs. Gertrude Gray, former Bronte resident, is the new county treasurer.

During the day's session Frank C. Dickey, Jr. was appointed county attorney. A vacancy in the office occurred when E. B. Fuller failed to qualify after being elected last November. Dickey served with the Marines during World War II and graduated last spring from Baylor University law school. He has been practicing in Robert Lee with his father, who was county attorney the past four years.

Various matters of county business were discussed last Friday. Anticipating additional tax revenue, the allotment for county road work was increased by the sum of \$800 per month. This makes \$4,500 that will be available each month, and by agreement it is allocated to the four precincts in the following ratio: Precinct 1, 32 percent; Precinct 2, 26 percent; Precinct 3, 22 percent; Precinct 4, 20 percent.

R. S. Crum notified county officials that due to his health he could not serve any longer as justice of the peace in Precinct 1. Commissioners are looking for someone to appoint. It pays \$300 per year.

Mrs. Ruby Pettit, who finished out her term as county treasurer last week, filed her final quarterly report before leaving for the West Coast in company with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lassiter.

Regular monthly session of the Commissioners Court is scheduled for next Monday. An important matter to be discussed is fixing salaries and wages of county officials and employees. It is general sentiment that an adjustment in the wage scale should be made.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor included their son-in-law and daughter, S/-Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Martin and Kathy of Ft. Worth and Patsy and Dixie Taylor, students at the University of Texas.



## Notes From The Oil Field

Oil shows are reported at Guiberson No. 1 Feldman on the Price Ranch, 4 miles northwest of Sanco. It was circulating Wednesday night at 6,635 feet.

Frankel No. 1 Methodist Orphans Home, wildcat on the former Aunt Lizzie Davis place 2 miles west and south of Robert Lee, was abandoned in Goens sand at 5,820 feet. It was plugged with 25 sacks.

Empire No. 1 Sam Powell, wildcat 4 miles south of Robert Lee, was drilling ahead Wednesday evening at 5,760 feet.

Rhoades Drilling Co. is rigging up on Magnolia No. 4 R. B. Allen west of Silver. Chester Hunter is completing his No. 3 E. E. Stagner and Baker & Taylor skidded rotary to Hunter No. 4 Stagner.



## TEXAS NEEDS HUGE SUM TO KEEP UP ITS VAST HIGHWAY SYSTEM

(This is the first of a series of articles that will present facts and figures about Texas roads and highways. The information was compiled by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce highway policy committee. These facts are being disseminated solely for the information of the public, without comment or interpretation.)

Texas needs more than one and one-half billion dollars to construct highways it needs now, according to estimates given the West Texas Chamber of Commerce highway policy committee by the highway department.

This is the need, according to the department, in spite of the fact that maintained miles of highways in the state system has doubled since 1940. Most of the additional mileages has been added since 1945.

Miles maintained have increased from 23,400 in 1950 to 46,000 this year.

The farm-to-market road system of 20,691 miles has developed almost entirely since World War II, accounting for almost all the additions to the state system since 1940.

Here are some facts affecting the highway problem contained in the Texas Highway department's planning survey of December 1951:

Texas embraces an area of 263,644 miles, or approximately one-twelfth of the total land area of the United States. Population of the state increased 20 percent from 1940 to 1950.

Motor vehicles registered rose from 1.8 million in 1940 to 3.4 million in 1951, or virtually 100 percent. There is now one motor vehicle for every two Texas people.

Today, 81 million miles are traveled daily on the state's highways.

Texas now leads all other states in number of registered trucks. It passed California last year. Only New York has more buses on its roads than does Texas.

The 16,000-mile primary or main highway system represents only 33 percent of the entire system, but it carries 73 percent of the load.

Eighty-three per cent of the system is inadequate for present-day traffic.

The primary system has 1,800 miles of paving that is more than 20 years old. Approximately 56 per cent of the primary system and 51 per cent of the entire system, omitting farm-to-market roads, is older than 10 years.

Nearly half of the 12,000 bridges are inadequate for today's needs. Of the 6,365 bridges on the primary system, more than half are now inadequate as to load capacity, width and/or height.

There are only 600 miles of four-lane highways built or planned for construction, according to the December 1952 survey.

Principal reasons for unsatisfactory condition of the highway system today are the following:

More people, more cars and more travel per car.

Inflation. Forty-six cents purchased as much highway maintenance and construction in 1940 as a dollar buys today.

Forced suspension of work on highways during the war resulted ways under heavy wartime traffic in rapid deterioration of main highways under heavy wartime traffic.

Long continued under-financing of all phases of highway development.

Gradual raising of load limits.

The roads now maintained by the state include 15,894 miles in the federal aid primary system, 10,325 miles of state highways other than federal aid routes, and 20,601 miles of farm-to-market roads.

### Personals

(Intended for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Farris were Christmas dinner guests of relatives in Brownwood.

Mrs. Lillian Caraway and children were Christmas dinner guests at Big Spring in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. V. L. Perkins. They were joined there by relatives from Spur.

Mrs. Jim Mauldin returned Saturday from a visit over Christmas with relatives at Belton.

Twenty-three guests were entertained at Christmas dinner in the Sam Fowler home. They included Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Haggerton and daughter, Mrs. Curtis Perry, of Colorado City, Barbara and Linda Gartman of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler and son, Dellwyn and Larry, and Elgene Wyatt of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt and Bennie Helen and W. H. Jr., of Robert Lee and Cpl. Roy Fowler and wife of Albuquerque, New Mex. Other guests during the day included Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gartman of Grand Prairie and Beulah McCutchen and David and Glyniece of San Angelo.

Bayonets were named for Bayonne, France where they were first made.

### STATEMENT OF CONDITION

## Robert Lee State Bank

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

DECEMBER 31, 1952

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 313,970.40	Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Overdrafts	830.57	Surplus	35,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	1,780.52	Undivided Profits	10,815.60
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	1,800.00	Deposits	1,187,804.48
U. S. Treasury Bonds	444,231.83		
State and County Bonds and Warrants	116,704.85		
Cash and Exchange	389,301.91		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,268,620.08</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,268,620.08</b>

### DIRECTORS

R. C. Russell

T. A. Richardson

G. C. Allen

Victor Wojtek

Henry Briscoe

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T. A. Richardson, Cashier

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## SUN OIL NEWS

Sun No. 43 C. E. Mathers is still testing. During a recent 24-hour period it flowed 13.55 barrels of oil. Production is from the reef.

Sun D-2 Tubb was drilling Tuesday at 3,385 feet in shale and lime.

Sun J. B. Walker A-5 found water in the reef after drilling to a total depth of 6,417 feet. It cemented 5½ inch casing at 6,072 feet and will try for production in the sand.

Sun 37 C. E. Mathers was drilling at 5,853 feet in shale and sand.

Sun J. B. Walker-State Unit B-1 drilled to a depth of 6,100 feet and casing was seated at 6,094 feet. It was treated with 2,000 gallons of sand oil and flowed 27 barrels of oil and no water during 5 3/4th hours. Pressure was 325 pounds on the tubing and 300 pounds on the casing.

Sun E-2 Tubb is to be finished in the sand with casing seated at 6,093 feet. During a 6-hour test 19.9 barrels of oil and no water were swabbed. More of the pay section is to be perforated.

Sun No. 1 Victor McCabe, two miles north and east of Silver, was drilling Tuesday at 800 feet in sand redbeds. Surface casing was cemented at 5166 feet.

### WCS STUDY SERIES

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of the teacher, Mrs. R. L. Read on Monday morning.

The first chapter from the text, "Toward Understanding The Bible", by Georgia Harkness, was given.

A very interesting round-table discussion of the many versions of the Bible proved to be the high point of the session.

Coffee was served to sixteen members and Mrs. H. C. Allen, a visitor.

Mrs. O. B. Jacobs presided at a brief business meeting at the close.

Chapter Two "The World Of The Bible" of this interesting book will be given in the Read home on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The women of the Church are cordially invited to attend.

### P. T. A. MEETING

The Robert Lee Parent Teacher Association will meet at 3 o'clock next Thursday, Jan. 15, in the school auditorium. The fourth grade will present a program and Mrs. Marvin Simpson will speak on "My Home Town." For its project this year, the local association has purchased a new spinet piano for use in the school. It made its debut at the Christmas program the night of Dec. 19 when Mrs. Jeff Dean and Mr. Jack Gray presented their music and band pupils in an evening's entertainment.

### FROM EDWIN JAMESON

Dear Editor:

We want to renew our subscription to the Coke County paper. We have been away from Coke for many years, but still love to hear from all our friends and kin there. Have been without the paper several months now, but miss it too much. Enclosed find check for a 3-year subscription. Wishing all a Happy New Year. — N. E. Jameson, Box 25, Fritch, Texas.

Visiting during the New Year's holidays in the home of Gladys Waldrop were Rev. and Mrs. Jack Whyburn of Riesel, Texas. Mrs. Whyburn is the former Minnie Mae Sharp, Home Demonstration Agent of Coke County. She is teaching home making at Riesel.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Millican left yesterday for a two weeks' visit with their son, Talmon Millican, and wife at Hico.

## Want Ads

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## Personals

Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman were happy to have their children and their families home for Christmas. They included Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sandusky and sons, Gerald and Judge (the latter is now an Air Force lieutenant stationed at Albuquerque), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turner, Artesia, New Mex., Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Hickman and Bonnie of Killeen, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hickman and Jerry of Lufkin, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Hickman of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Richards and Frankie and Dean Perci-full of Robert Lee. Five of the Hickman's grandchildren were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Modgling and children of Weatherford visited here recently with Mrs. Modgling's brother, R. L. Page, and wife.

Mrs. Callamae Cargile of Sweetwater was removed to Dallas by ambulance Monday and was scheduled to undergo major surgery at Baylor University Hospital. Mrs. Palmer Leeper is with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hobbs of Cassville, Mo., were guests here last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams. The families were former neighbors when they lived in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Byrd were Christmas guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mignon McClure, in Coleman. Another daughter of San Angelo and her family were also present for the holiday family gathering.

Mrs. Fred Campbell and Mrs. Wayne McCabe and children returned the last of the week from a visit over the holidays with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jameson, who are spending the winter at Tuscon, Ariz. Fred and Wayne were also at Tuscon for Christmas, but returned to Texas ahead of their wives.

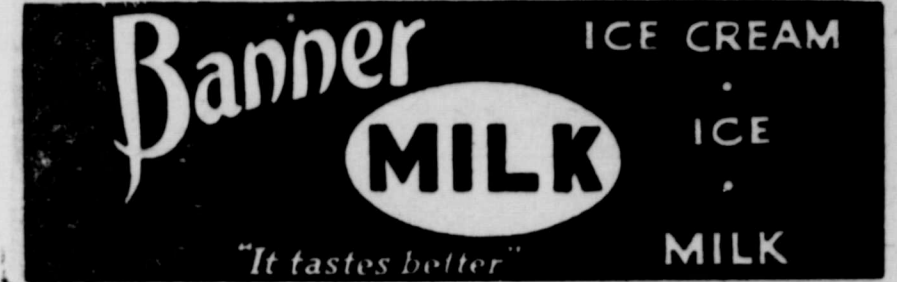
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### Silver Troup Girl Scouts Given Awards

Troup 2 of the Girl Scouts of Silver held their Investiture Ceremony combined with the presentation of 2nd Class Awards on Dec. 10. The above photo of the group and their sponsors was taken by Paul Gilbert chief clerk in Sun production department at Silver.

Girl Scout pins went to Bonnie Butcher, Sandra Clifton, Patty Sue Gallier, Yvonne Higginbotham, and JoAnn Millican.

Receiving their 2nd Class Badges were Patricia Conner, Carolyn Holt, Hattie Kay McKennon, Jo Nan Price and Anne Reed. Other members of the group are working on 1st Class.

Following the ceremony the girls served cookies they had made and punche to their families and friends who attended.

Pictured above are Front Row, left to right), Bonnie Butcher, Sandra Clifton, Anne Reed, Peggy Jo Snyder, Patty Sue Gallier.

Second Row — Patricia Conner, Jo Ann Millican, Hattie McKennon, Ealine Higginbotham, Jo Nan Price, Yvonne Higginbotham, Mary Ann Caldwell, Carolyn Holt.

Back Row — Mrs. Wayne Reed, Mrs. Johnnie Clifton, Mrs. C. E. Butcher, leaders.

In renewing her subscription Mrs. W. Welch writes from Delaware, Ark., as follows: 'I look forward for a home town paper each week. Mrs. Welch is the former Ruby Bessert.

Ralph Duncan of Abilene, community service director for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, visited Robert Lee friends on Monday. He was enroute to McCamey on official business.

### Brief Illness Claims

#### Robert Lowery, 56

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark were advised Tuesday morning of the death of their brother-in-law, Robert M. Lowery, 56, at Lubbock. He suffered a heart attack last Friday and passed away Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Clark went to Lubbock Wednesday morning to attend the funeral.

A former resident of Ballinger, Mr. Lowery was a well known cotton buyer in West Texas. His wife is the former Jodie Bell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell.

They have a son, Captain Robert M. Lowery, Jr., graduate of West Point, who is an Air Force pilot and is now stationed at an eastern base.

#### Traffic Deaths

American war casualties during the first 18 months of fighting in Korea averaged 33 deaths per day, the same toll that prevailed in the first year of the war to last June 25. On U.S. highways the automobile fatality toll for the identical 18 months since the start of the Korean war has been computed at 103 deaths per day, four higher than the daily average for traffic deaths during the first year of the war.

#### Glass Blowers

Glassblowers have plied their trade for 6,000 years at least, according to pictographs and artifacts from ancient Egyptian tombs. Transparent glass, however, seems to have been known for less than half that time.

#### Lime Plant

A lime plant at Bellefonte, Pa. has the world's largest rotary kilns and consumes 60,000 tons of coal annually.

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At Robert Lee State Bank

### Personals

The Mary Martha Class of the Baptist church met in the home of their teacher, Mrs. We'don Fikes, Tuesday morning for a monthly business session.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie I. Williams are back on their farm southwest of town after a stay of several months at Hobbs, N. Mex., where Johnnie worked in the oil field. Before returning here they visited a niece, Mrs. Bob Vinson, at El Paso, Leroy Nutt at Van Horn and called on Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. L. A. Hulster, at Ba'morhea. Mr. and Mrs. Williams also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Roberts at Schulenburg.

Mrs. Lewis Williams, formerly of Lorenzo, writes that she has moved and her new address is Box 341, Happy, Tex.

It's like a long letter from home. G. E. Davis left Tuesday for Houston to be with his wife who will undergo treatment there for three weeks.

U. S. Marshal Gene Williams of Abilene visited here Monday with his sister, Mrs. R. L. Read. He was enroute to Sterling County on official business.

### Storybook Ending for Poster Girls



March of Dimes Poster Girls—five-year-old Pam O'Neill (left) and sister Pat, six—listen intently as their ten-year-old brother, Francis, reads them a story at home in Raleigh, N. C. The girls, whose pictures are on millions of 1953 March of Dimes posters, were hit by polio in 1948. Pat so severely that she required hospital treatment for a year. Now both are fine, thanks to the March of Dimes. Give generously today!

## Robert Lee Independent School District

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS SEPTEMBER 1, 1951 TO AUGUST 31, 1952

Fund	Balances 9-1-1951	Receipts	Disbursements	Balances 8-31-1952
State and County Available	*\$ 2,964.58	\$ 21,611.35	\$ 18,633.40	\$ 13.37
Local Maintenance	*\$10,743.99	\$109,183.62	\$ 98,289.25	\$ 150.38
Interest and Sinking	\$ 4,597.49	\$ 1,959.70	\$ 4,293.50	\$2,263.69
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>*\$ 9,111.08</b>	<b>\$132,754.67</b>	<b>\$121,216.15</b>	<b>\$2,427.44</b>

### STATEMENT OF BONDED NOTES AND WARRANTS AUGUST 31, 1952

Robert Lee Ind. School Dist. Series 1948	\$ 8,000.00
Robert Lee Ind. School Dist. Series 1933	\$ 9,900.00
Robert Lee Ind. School Dist. Series 1937	\$19,000.00
Sanco C. S. D. Series 1941	\$ 2,625.00
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$39,525.00
Robert Lee State Bank, Note for Vouchers	\$ 8,625.89
Bus Notes	\$ 8,000.00
Furnace Note	\$ 700.00
Total Notes and Warrants	\$17,325.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,850.89</b>

The foregoing Statement was compiled by C. A. Niemeir Audit Co., Lubbock, Texas



## Ray Ledbetter Weds Mo. Young Lady

Coke County friends of Ray Ledbetter, former Robert Lee resident who purchased a livestock farm in southwestern Missouri more than a year ago, will be interested to learn of his recent marriage. The following news article concerning the event is reprinted from a Cassville, Mo., newspaper:

On Wednesday evening, December 24, at 7:30, Miss Loraine Brock became the bride of Ray Ledbetter in a single ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Rogers, Ark. The ceremony was read by the Rev. Roy Galyen.

Mrs. Ledbetter, a daughter of Mrs. Ora Brock, is a native of this community and is a young woman held in high esteem by all who know her for her many fine qualities. She is assistant cashier of the Barry County Bank. Mr. Ledbetter is a son of Mrs.

J. C. Slaughter of Robert Lee, Tex., and lives in the Star City community where he has a nice farm. He has made many friends since his residence here and is a fine young man.

The many friends of these fine young people extend their most sincere best wishes. They are now at home to their friends on their farm.

### ENJOYS THE OBSERVER

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Enclosed is a check for \$3.00 to renew The Observer for the next 18 months. We really do enjoy getting our home town paper. — Yours truly, Carlton Fields, Rt. 1, care of Lazy M Ranch, Monett, Mo.

The Ibe Company and R. F. Windfohr of Breckenridge have filed application to drill their No. 4 J. A. Percifull, one location west of production on the west side of the Bronte field.

## Personals

Roland Coppin of Roswell, N. Mex., visited here Tuesday in the S. B. Plumlee home. He was enroute to Brownwood to get his mother. The Coppins have a new baby daughter born Dec. 29. Mrs. Coppin is the former Gertrude Davis, a daughter of Mrs. Plumlee and former Robert Lee resident.

Mrs. George King visited Robert Lee kinfolds the fore part of the week. She had been with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Brice, at Sweetwater, who has a new baby. Mrs. King plans to return home later this week.

Holidays guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam S. Powell were Mr. and Mrs. Noel Adams and daughter, Doris, of Amarillo and Mrs. Claude Carter and granddaughter, Juddy Allen, of Harlingen. They also visited in the homes of Mrs. J. N. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams in San Angelo.

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New 115-h.p. "Blue-Flame" engine with Powerglide.\* Advanced 108-h.p. "Thrift-King" engine in gearshift models.

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You park and steer with finger-tip ease, yet retain the feel of the road. Optional at extra cost.

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Robert Lee, Texas



## 2 NEW WILDCATS STAKED NEARBY

Oil prospecting activity in Coke County continued this week with the starting of two new wildcats. One is 8 miles north of Robert Lee on property owned by the J. L. Reid estate, and the other is 8 miles south of town on Lucille March Stone.

Laan-Tex Oil Company's No. 1 J. L. Reid is scheduled as a 6,900 Ellenburger venture. Location is 660 feet from south and east lines of Section 7, J. P. Angle Survey. It is a farmout from Shell Oil Co.

The location is about 4 miles southeast of the San Benito (Jack Lassiter) pool and three miles east and two south of the Arledge field. Adjoining property is owned by the L. S. Bird family.

Lawless Drilling Co. has the contract and started operations this week.

Seaboard's No. 1 Lucille March Stone is located on a 640-acre tract, 492 feet from south and 1,175 feet from the west lines of M. M. March (Lucille March Stone) Survey 2.

Harry F. Bass Drilling Co. has

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the contract and is moving rotary from the abandoned Frankel No. 1 Orphans Home location 2 miles west and south of Robert Lee.

### FROM MRS. MCGUIRE

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Please find enclosed \$2.00 for the renewal of my subscription to The Observer. I look forward each week to receiving it. Thanks to my sister, Mrs. C. W. Bessent, for getting me started on it as a Christmas gift last year. — Mrs. R. L. McGuire, Rt. 3, Lubbock, Texas.

### Personals

Hubert Buchanan was a pneumonia patient several days last week at Coke County Memorial Hospital. He was back at his barber shop the middle of the week.

J. L. Carwile, Jr. and family have moved back to the Foster S. Price ranch west of Sanco. He had been employed at the Paul Burns Service Station. Floyd Harmon has given up his work at the station to operate road machinery for Commissioner Ed Hickman in Precinct 3. L. B. Martin is a new employee at the Burns station.

R. T. Smith has accepted a pumper's job with American Republics and has moved his family to Robert Lee from San Angelo. The company has two new producers west of Silver and is drilling on a third location.

## SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

All of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen's children and their families were here during the holidays. Mrs. Lonnie Evans and two sons have returned to their home in Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Charlie Allen and daughters, Charla and Jackie Jean, will return Thursday to their home at Winslow, Ariz. The Elmer Cleggs departed Saturday for their home in Cataumet, Mass., after a month's stay with the Allens. Other members of the family are Bill Allen of Dallas, Mrs. Jerry Sanders of Big Lake, R. D. Allen of Van-Court, Mrs. Bill Archer and Mrs. Walter Jones of San Angelo and Mrs. Bob Odom of Silver.

Clayton Bloodworth, Jake Walls and J. Weldon Phillipps enlisted in the Air Force last week, and Monte Wilkes has joined the Navy. All these Silver youths are students at San Angelo College. They expect to be called into service within a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gaston and son, Robert, of Aztec, N. Mex., visited here during the holidays with the former's sister, Mrs. R. B. Allen, and family. Other kinfolks of Mrs. Allen from Tennyson and Abilene were also there.

Mrs. C. E. Mathers is a flu patient at the Colorado City hospital. Pfc. Carl R. Sparks, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ray Sparks, was seen on television and heard on radio Dec. 28 at 6 p. m. in Los Angeles, Calif. The pictures of the medics were taken in Korea.

The T. E. L. Class of the Silver Baptist church had its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Claude Walker with refreshments being served to twelve members. The class would like every person in Silver to collect old but useable clothing this week and turn it in to Rev. Sparks or leave in the barrel at the store. Please search your closets for things you won't use and send it to the cold, suffering people in Korea.

Returning home after being away for several days are the T. W. Lyles, who visited in Sulphur, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Caldwell, returning from Wolf City and Mrs. E. Clendennon and boys, who are back from Amarillo. She returned her father, Mr. Arch Bryan, of Stinnett, who had spent 2 weeks visiting been able to return to school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot spent last weekend in Santa Anna visiting Mrs. Gassiot's sister.

Miss Juanita Sparks, who goes to Lake View High School in San Angelo, has been ill and has not been able to return to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boggus has been called to Luling to be at the bedside of his mother, who has suffered a heart attack.

Little Jury Kincaid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Kincaid, has been in the Colorado City hospital but is better and has returned home.

The C. R. Ramseys are in the hospital in Colorado City, suffering from food poisoning.

Employed by the Sun Pipe Line Co. and transferred here are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spivey. Mr. Spivey is in the Colorado City hospital suffering from an attack of the flu.

Mr. Bob Mickle of Snyder has been temporarily transferred here as an assistant gauger trainee.

Miss Loretta Gullette has had a pneumonia relapse and will not be able to return to her teaching for possibly another week. Mrs. Irene Newell is teaching her class.

Mr. A. T. Holt is in Henderson at the bedside of his mother who is in a very grave condition.

The Silver School has seven new pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker spent the weekend with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr.

The teen agers had a very successful New Years dance with about 60 attending. Refreshments of cold drinks and sandwiches were served by O. L. Snyder, Mrs. Irene Newell and Mrs. Gertrude Howlett.

The adults brought the New Year in with a New Years Eve dance. About 50 couples were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mitchell and children, Shirley Ann, Warren and Neil, of Lockney were holiday guests in the home of Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Miller at Silver.

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