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RITE HELD FOR MRS. S. CONNER, COKE PIONEER

Death came at 5:10 a.m. Wednesday to Mrs. S. M. Conner, 85, long time Robert Lee resident and a pioneer of northwestern Coke county. She had been in failing health for some time, and her condition was critical the past 12 days.

Funeral services were held on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. from the Silver Church of Christ, with Bro. Harrison Matthews of San Angelo and Owen Cosgrove of San Angelo officiating. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial was in the family plot at McKenzieville cemetery.

Ursula B. Norfleet was born in Williamson county in 1867 and came to San Angelo in 1882 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Norfleet.

She married Silas M. Conner Nov. 25, 1885, in the Norfleet home northeast of Silver in Grape Creek community. They resided for some time in the San Angelo and Colorado City localities while Mr. Conner was employed as a ranch foreman.

In October, 1889, they pre-empted land southwest of Silver in Coke county and lived for a time in a dugout. Mr. Conner was engaged in extensive ranch operations and raised cattle, race horses and did considerable farming.

After disposing of their holdings at Silver they spent some time in South Texas and San Angelo before coming to Robert Lee. Mr. Conner died here in May, 1945. The family played an active part in upbuilding the county. She was a faithful member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Bessie Mathers, San Angelo, Mrs. Eva Gray and Mrs. Ethel Green, Robert Lee, Mrs. Pauline Garrett, Carlsbad, N. Mex., and Mrs. Verna Davis, Bakersfield, Calif.; and three sons, Roy Conner of Sanderson, Tex., Harney of Glenrock, Wyo., and Latham of Bakersfield, Calif.

She also leaves three brothers, J. Frank Norfleet of Hale Center, W. R. Norfleet of Cress, Tex., and Tom Norfleet of San Diego, Calif.; also one sister, Mrs. Betty Jameson of Fritch, Tex. There are 28 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

A son, Herbert, died in 1948 in Colorado City and two small children preceded their mother in death.

Mrs. Sybil Burch of Monahan visited here the first of the week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Simpson.

Coke County Hospital News

Feb. 11—Mrs. Elton Donelson, Jo Alice McDonald admitted. Mrs. Frank D. Bryan dismissed.

Feb. 12—Mrs. B. A. Austin, Mrs. Zelma Milam admitted. Jo Alice McDonald dismissed.

Feb. 13—Mrs. Clarence Doggett gave birth to a daughter at 5:50 a. m. Mrs. Frank Wojtek, Jr. admitted. Mrs. E. G. Harvey, Mrs. E. E. Donelson, Mrs. Melvin Krall dismissed.

Feb. 14—Mrs. C. S. Doggett and infant daughter and Mrs. Frank Wojtek dismissed.

Feb. 15—Paul Rogers, Lenn Roberts, Mrs. Elzie Wright admitted.

Feb. 16—John Allen, Eckert Kiser admitted. Mrs. Lowell Roane dismissed.

Feb. 17—Mrs. Ben Tubb admitted. Eckert Kiser, Mrs. Elzie Wright, Mrs. B. A. Austin, Lenn Roberts dismissed.

Feb. 18—Mrs. Harry Finck dismissed.

AMATEUR PROGRAM

The Senior Class of Robert Lee high school will sponsor an Amateur Night program at the school auditorium, Friday night, Feb. 27. Everyone is invited to take part and entries must be filed by the end of this week. See any member of the class or Miss Darter. Watch for more details next week.

MEXICAN SUPPER

The Methodist women will have a Mexican Supper Saturday, February 28, at the School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$1.00 per plate for adults and 50 cents for children under 12, and are being sold by the women. If you do not buy a ticket you can pay at the door. Hours 6 to 9 p.m.

Sun Compressor Operator Injured

Paul Rogers, 30, night operator at Sun's compressor plant in the Millican field, received serious burns at the plant early Sunday morning.

He was working on some compressor valves when flames burst out into his face, causing second degree burns about his head and neck.

He ran to the nearby home of the resident operator, N. K. Cheatham, who brought him to the Coke County Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The man is making a good recovery and was released from the hospital Wednesday. Rogers was transferred here from Delhi, La., Dec. 1. He and his family reside in Tubb Camp at Silver.



Notes From The Oil Field

Laan-Ter Oil Co. of Dallas will drill its No. 1 Paille Phelan in the Jameson field west of Silver. Location is 1,787 feet from the southeast and 2,600 feet from the southwest lines of Section 6, D. H. & J. W. Von Rosenberg Survey 7. Laan-Ter will drill six locations on the Phelan lease in a farmout agreement with S. E. (Skinny) Adams and Lloyyd Davidson. Lawless Drilling Co. is the contractor, moving rotary this week from he Reid failure 8 miles north of Robert Lee.

Humble No. 1 Helen Harris Weaver, near the south side of the Weaver ranch 11 miles south of Robert Lee, developed interesting shows of oil and gas on a drillstem test from 5,275-5,300 feet in lime. Tool was open one hour. Recovery was 1,170 feet of free gas in drillpipe and 150 feet of heavily oil and gas cut mud. A later test from 5,300 to 5,330 feet recovered 300 feet of salt water, 180 feet of oil and gas cut mud, and 240 feet of free gas above that recovery. Another drillstem test to 5,352 feet was taken Wednesday.

Seaboard 1 Lucille March Stone, 8 miles southwest of Robert Lee, lost circulation at 6,502 feet and was preparing to run electrical survey Thursday. No oil shows reported.

Operator was pulling tubing and preparing to plug and abandon Allen Guiberson 1 Feldman, wildcat in the southeast corner of Section 301, four miles northwest of Sanco. There was a report of 2,500 feet of fluid in the hole Monday noon, 10 per cent of which was oil and the rest water. Earlier the project had swabbed Caddo perforations between 6,641-47 feet for a recovery of acid water, oil and gas, swabbing dry.

MATHERS WELL FINALED FOR 290 BARRELS

Sun 45 C. E. Mathers in the Jameson field at Silver has been completed for a 24-hour potential of 290 barrels of 45.8 gravity oil, no water. Gauge was through a 1/4 inch tubing choke with pressures of 900 pounds on the tubing and 700 pounds on the casing. Gas-oil ratio 1,400-1. Production is from the Strawn sand.

Empire Drilling Co. moved its rotary rig from Mathers 45 to Mathers 30 and spudded Monday night.

Sun 11 John Walker, south of the river at Silver, flowed 127 barrels of oil, no water, during a 13 1/2 hour test from sand sections 4 and 5. Tubing pressure was 750 pounds and casing pressure 1,400 pounds. Gas-oil ratio 1,510-1. A third sand section was being fractured in preparation for completion.

Sun 44 Mathers flowed 225 barrels of oil, no water, from sand section S6 during a 15-hour test. Tubing, 650 pounds on the casing. Pressures were 770 pounds on the Gas-oil ratio 1,235-1.

Sun Mathers 39 was drilling at 3,505 feet in shale.

Carl Short Drilling Co. is rigging up on Sun 1 Mattie Jacobs in the northeast corner of Section 325, a mile east of production in the Jameson field.

Sun 21 Brannan was drilling Tuesday in shale at 5,230 feet.

Sun D-3 Tubb was waiting on cement after setting surface casing at 525 feet. Ray-Harris has the contract, moving from Mathers 44.

Sun Central Nat'l Bank-State Unit A-1 was drilling at 480 feet. After surface pipe is cemented Baker-Taylor will take over the contract, moving their rotary equipment from John Walker No. 11.

Two miles north of Silver Sun No. 1 Victor McCabe was drilling Tuesday in shale at 6,805 feet. Operators failed to pick up reef lime but expected to hit the Caddo momentarily. It had good sand shows.

TO DRILL ON PARRAMORE

Ray-Harris is moving in rotary on Sun No. 4 Parramore in southwestern Nolan county. It is projected to 7,400 feet. Location on a 10,326 acre tract is 713.5 feet from the south and east lines of Section 45-1A-H&TC. E. B. Creech will handle tools for Ray-Harris.

It is two miles southeast of the opener of the Parramore field, Sun 1 Parramore, completed Jan. 16 1951, from the Strawn for a daily pumping potential of 36 barrels of oil. It is also 1 1/4 miles west of Sun and Seaboard 1 J. P. Maddoux, abandoned Ellenburger strike completed Sept. 28, 1950, for a daily potential of 16 barrels of oil. It was plugged Jan. 30, 1951.

YOUTH RALLY

A district Youth Rally will be held Friday night, February 20, at the Emmanuel Pentecostal church. Services starting at 7:30. The rally was to have been in January but due to bad weather was postponed. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay have received word that their son, Robert Lewis, made the all-state high school band at the contest in Galveston Feb. 11. He plays 3rd Trombone and is prominent in band and orchestra circles at Lake View high school where he is a junior.

The condition of Mrs. Frank Percifull remains very critical at a San Angelo hospital. She underwent major surgery there ten days ago.

COUNTY TAXING VALUATION IS DUE FOR A BIG INCREASE COMING YEAR

HAVE YOU VOTED?

City officials are watching with interest results of a poll of water users, who are being asked to support a proposal of adding 75 cents per month to water bills in order to provide funds for a city-wide program of sanitation, health and safety.

Ballots tabulated early this week showed 67 in favor of the proposal and 50 against.

The plan has been endorsed by the Board of Community Development and Lions Club.

POLIO CAMPAIGN NETS \$3,515 IN COKE COUNTY

Coke County's contributions to the March of Dimes has reached the grand total of \$3,515.67, according to the latest reports by the drive chairmen, W. H. Maxwell of Bronte and A. J. Kirkpatrick of Robert Lee.

EDITH GIVES \$225

The west side of the county finished its campaign the last of the week when Lewis Heuvel turned in \$225 from Edith. Lew did a fine job and canvassed the entire community. He was given some fine support from folks on the Divide and over toward Water Valley.

Robert Lee's total reached \$652.88 and Sanco \$21.65. Of course, Silver really put things over in a big way with their whopping \$1,215.

The donations amounted to \$2,117.03 for the west side of the county, and \$1,398.64 from the east side. Total for the county is \$1,000 more than last year.

One-half the funds collected will be forwarded to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The other half will be retained for use in the county as needed.

Lenn Roberts, well known rancher south of town, received a dislocated shoulder Sunday when he was thrown from a riding horse. He was treated at the hospital here for two days.

John Allen submitted to a major operation Monday at Coke County Memorial Hospital. His condition is reported as good.

BIRTHS

DOGGETT—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Doggett (Rena Faye Walker) of Bronte are parents of a daughter born at 5:50 a.m. Feb. 13 at Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee. Mary Emma weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. The couple has two other children. Mr. Doggett is a pipefitter engaged in oil field construction work.

CLAWSON—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clawson, Jr., of Oklahoma City, Okla., are parents of a daughter born Feb. 13, according to information reaching Robert Lee relatives. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and has been named Patricia Anna. She has a brother, Kenneth, 3 1/2 years old, and a sister, 1 1/2. The father, former Robert Lee resident, is a foundry foreman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clawson, Sr., of Robert Lee.

DAY—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Day of Robert Lee are parents of their first child, a son born at 4:40 a.m. Feb. 14, in a San Angelo hospital. Mrs. Hattie Day of Robert Lee is the grandmother. Mr. Day is a foreman for Younger Construction Co. in oil field work.

Coke County's taxing valuation for this year stands to increase several million dollars because of the continued oil development. This information was presented to the Commissioners Court last week by Harry Pickett, member of the firm of Thos. Y. Pickett & Co. of Dallas. The Pickett Company handles all oil and utility assessments for the county on a percentage basis.

Mr. Pickett's figures showed Coke county had 359 producing oil wells on Jan. 1, 1953, compared with 248 a year ago. The increase in daily allowable production climbed from 19,855 barrels to 34,623 barrels in the same period.

Hence the county gained 111 wells and daily allowable production was up 14,786 barrels, or about 70 per cent.

FIX TAX RATE

The county's tax rate for the coming year was set as follows:

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| State funds | 72 |
| County funds | 95 |
| Road Bonds, Prec. 1 | 10 |
| Road Bonds, Prec. 3 | 10 |

Taxpayers will wonder why the 10c road bond levy in Precincts 1 and 3 is being continued, since both funds have large balances. Most of the road bonds are being retired by the state.

Livestock assessments were fixed as follows:

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| Horses and mules | \$20.00 |
| Cattle | 30.00 |
| Sheep | 2.00 |
| Goats | 2.00 |

COUNTY DEPOSITORY

The commissioners failed to decide upon a county depository bank for the ensuing two years. Both the First National of Bronte and the Robert Lee State Bank were applicants, with the latter submitting the best bid for time deposits.

When the matter came up for a vote, Commissioners J. W. Service and Ed Hickman favored the Robert Lee bank, and Commissioners Howard Brock and Claude Ditmore voted for the Bronte bank. It was up to County Judge Jeff Dean to break the deadlock, but he preferred to withhold his decision for the present. It is understood the commissioners have been notified to meet again Friday of this week to discuss the bank depository question further. There have been suggestions that the county funds may be split among the two banking institutions.

For a number of years the Bronte bank has been designated as the county depository, and until after the recent oil development Coke county didn't carry much of a bank balance.

However, it's a different picture now. On Jan. 1, 1953, county funds on deposit in the Bronte bank totaled \$207,977.52.

In addition the Silver Peak School District had a balance of nearly \$200,000. Being a common school district, its funds go with the county depository. Silver has a building project underway and last fall sold \$125,000 in bonds. The bond account still has \$118,583. The school also has a sinking fund of \$21,514 and \$56,797 in its local fund.

Mrs. Olene Snoddy attended a new hair style demonstration in San Angelo Thursday night of last week.

Mrs. Zelma Milam is making a good recovery at Coke County Memorial Hospital where she underwent major surgery last Friday. During her illness Mrs. Frank Smith is in charge of office work at McDonald Lumber Co.

Personals

(Intended for Last Week)

Mrs. Claud Dean came out from Weatherford for a weekend visit with relatives and old friends. Her daughter, Mrs. Bobby Baker, brought her to Robert Lee and her son, Judge Jeff Dean, took her home Monday night.

Horton Devoll visited relatives and friends in Robert Lee Monday. He was enroute to his home at Burnet from California where he was called last week by the death of his sister, Mrs. Francis Adams. Mr. Adams, who had been in Texas for medical treatment, made the trip to Los Angeles with Horton and returned to Colorado City for additional treatment. Horton says he and his family like their new home at Burnet. They have a small place leased where they are running some cattle and sheep.

Mrs. Paul Daffern returned the first of the week to her home in Ft. Worth. She spent a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon, while Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn made a trip to Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon (Jiggs) Lofton left Tuesday for Houston where the former expects to find employment. His brother, Norris, is a petroleum engineer there with the Standard Oil Co.

Mrs. Homer Maner of Blanket visited kinfolks here over the weekend. She is a daughter of the late Sid Williams.

Mrs. Howard Eaton was in Brownwood over the weekend where she attended the funeral of a nephew, Ray Lee Cox, 12 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Copeland motored to Bridgeport Saturday where they visited the former's uncle, A. E. Moore. They went on to Dallas Sunday and were guests of Mrs. Copeland's kinfolks, the Johnny Boyds.

CARD OF THANKS

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heart felt thanks. We especially want to thank the doctor and nurses at the Coke County Memorial Hospital.—Mrs. J. J. S. Smith and Family.

SILVER 4-H GIRLS

Silver 4-H girls began the study of garment making at a meeting Feb. 3, when Miss Jonell Black, home demonstration agent, was present. We learned how to lay out a pattern, cut the material and what we will need to sew with. We elected a new reporter, Linda Dean, and a new delegate, Jeanne Fuller.—Linda Dean, Reporter.

Copper and tin, properly combined, make bronze.

SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snyder and daughter, Mary Ann, returned last Thursday from Texas City where they were called by the death of Mr. Snyder's nephew, Billy Ray Snyder, 24. He had recently enrolled as a student at the University of Houston and died suddenly of a heart attack.

At a school board meeting last week the trustees adopted a sick leave policy, providing 10 days for the first year and 20 days accumulative leave. The board received reports from the contractor that work on the new school house addition and auditorium is progressing on schedule.

The Cub and Boy Scouts of Silver journeyed to Big Spring Wednesday to tour the Jet Air Base. They made the trip on the school bus driven by H. R. Gassiot.

Mr. Paul Rogers, Sun Gas Employee, at Millican, was painfully burned about the hands and face Saturday night. He is in the Robert Lee Hospital in Room 6.

Moving to Silver from Colorado City are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Farr and Judy. Mr. Farr is employed by the Sun Pipe Line Co.

J. B. Walker, Jr. has gone to take treatments for a few days at Truth or Consequences, N. Mex.

Mrs. Jack Mowbray and Mrs. Earl Boggus have enrolled in an art class at San Angelo College.

Bill Gassiot and wife of San Angelo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot, over the weekend.

J. B. Walker, Sr. visited in Silver Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dean and family had an enjoyable weekend visiting her sister in Dublin.

Visiting in the J. B. Walker, Jr. home was his sister and son, Mrs. Jack Wimberly and Billy Jack and a friend, Jimmy Jones, all of San Angelo.

The Square dance club has decided to hold their meetings each Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. At the last meeting were more than two squares so those interested in getting in come on and finish out that other square.

The Cubs have found some new leaders and den mothers in the persons of Mrs. Ollie Newell, Miss Loretta Gullette, Mrs. W. D. Davis and Mrs. J. T. Stewart.

Two new dwelling houses are under construction in Tubb Camp here. They will be occupied by Sun Pipeline employees. McMillan Lumber Co. of Robert Lee is the contractor.

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Bill Carwile Wins Soil Essay Contest

Winners have been announced for the "Save the Soil, Save Texas" Essay contest sponsored by Coke County Soil Conservation District.

First place award went to Bill Carwile. Second place winner was Milburn Wink and Bill Aavins was third. The winners received cash prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2.

The contest was open to senior students of the Robert Lee and Bronte high schools. Fifteen essays were sent in by Robert Lee students, but Bronte was unable to compete because of the recent flu epidemic. All essays will be entered in the state contest.

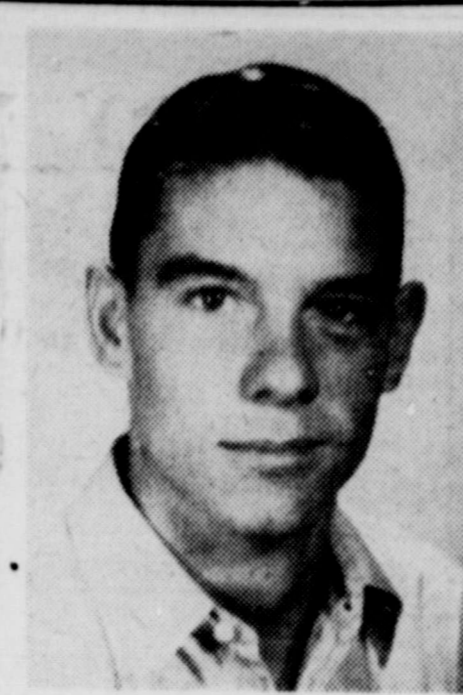
The winning essay follows:
SAVE THE SOIL, SAVE TEXAS
By Bill Carwile

"Soil is the product of disintegrated rock compounded with the organic remains of all previous life. Once wasted, it can never be re-formed nor replaced by man. It is the source of all food, the beginning of all wealth, and the basis of all civilization." There is nothing more priceless than soil.

It is the duty of every individual to save our soil in order that Texas might be saved.

It is commonly said, "We now have seven inches to starvation." When this seven inches is gone, we will be like China. Soil is the most important natural resource known.

Today, there are different types of erosion that is receiving the soil of Texas and the entire nation. It seems like in Coke County, the wind erosion is the worst type. Our land is being blown around something awful. Gully erosion in some places is very serious. Every farm owner and ranchman should take every



BILL CARWILE

precaution possible to limit erosion. Soil erosion control embraces every phase of farm management which has a bearing on the preservation of the soil.

A terrace is a ridge of earth constructed on the level or nearly on the level across a slope. More terraces should be used to prevent water from washing all our soil away. Something similar to a terrace is a contour ridge. They both serve their purpose very good.

The United States is young compared with other Nations. If we will take care of our soil, we will remain the strongest nation in the world. However, if we let our soil continue as it is now in places, our nation will be North-western China.

"When the soil grows thin the mightiest empires decline, and when it is gone men lay down their emaciated bodies and die."

HD Council Holds Monthly Meeting

Coke County HD Council met February 10 with three clubs represented and the agent, Miss Black.

The 4-H chairman reported that Bronte has an adult leader, Mrs. R. L. Bennett, for which they are thankful as they have been working without one since October.

Mrs. Arrott reported that we still have a few Blue Bonnet plates for sale.

The Home Demonstration women who are members of soil conservation group will enter the soil conservation contest.

Miss Gladys Waldrop reported that our HD District Meeting will be April 23 at Menard.

Our council is invited to Ballinger for their council meeting Feb. 13 to meet their visiting girl from Bolivia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jackson were over from San Angelo Friday visiting Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. R. C. Roberts, and other relatives and friends. While here they stopped to renew their Observer subscription.

Mrs. Viola Crume, Bronte Woman, Dies

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 5, at 2:30 p. m., at the Bronte Church of Christ for Mrs. Viola Crume, 79. She died at her home there Feb. 4 at 2 a. m. Mrs. Crume had been in failing health for some time and her condition had remained serious since last Thanksgiving Day when she suffered a stroke.

She was born Viola Larrenmore and was married Sept. 31, 1887, to C. R. Bruton, who died in May, 1910. In 1912 she married the late G. W. Crume.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Carl Miller of Burkburnett and Mrs. Hattie Day of Robert Lee, and a son, C. E. Bruton of Bronte. She is also survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Beatrice Campbell, who was reared in her home. There are 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Burial was in Fairview cemetery at Bronte under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

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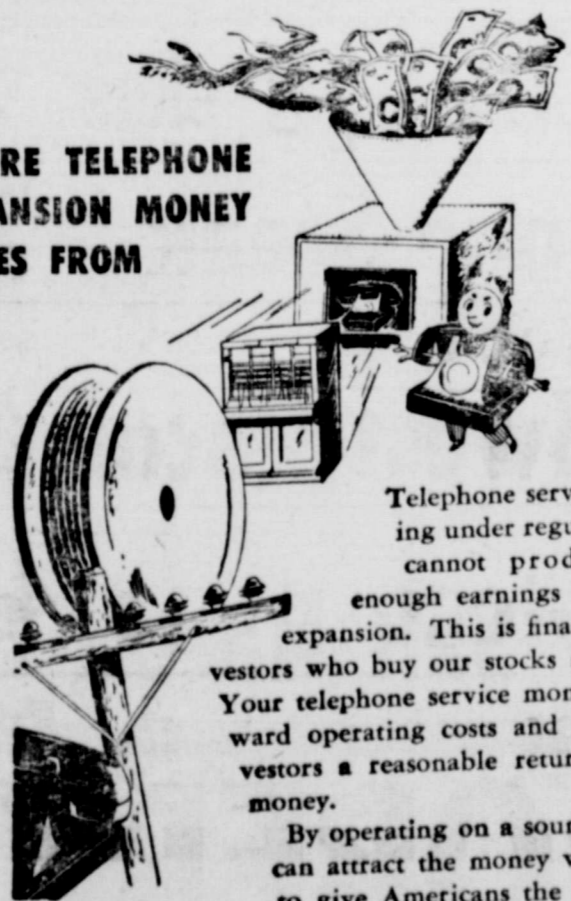
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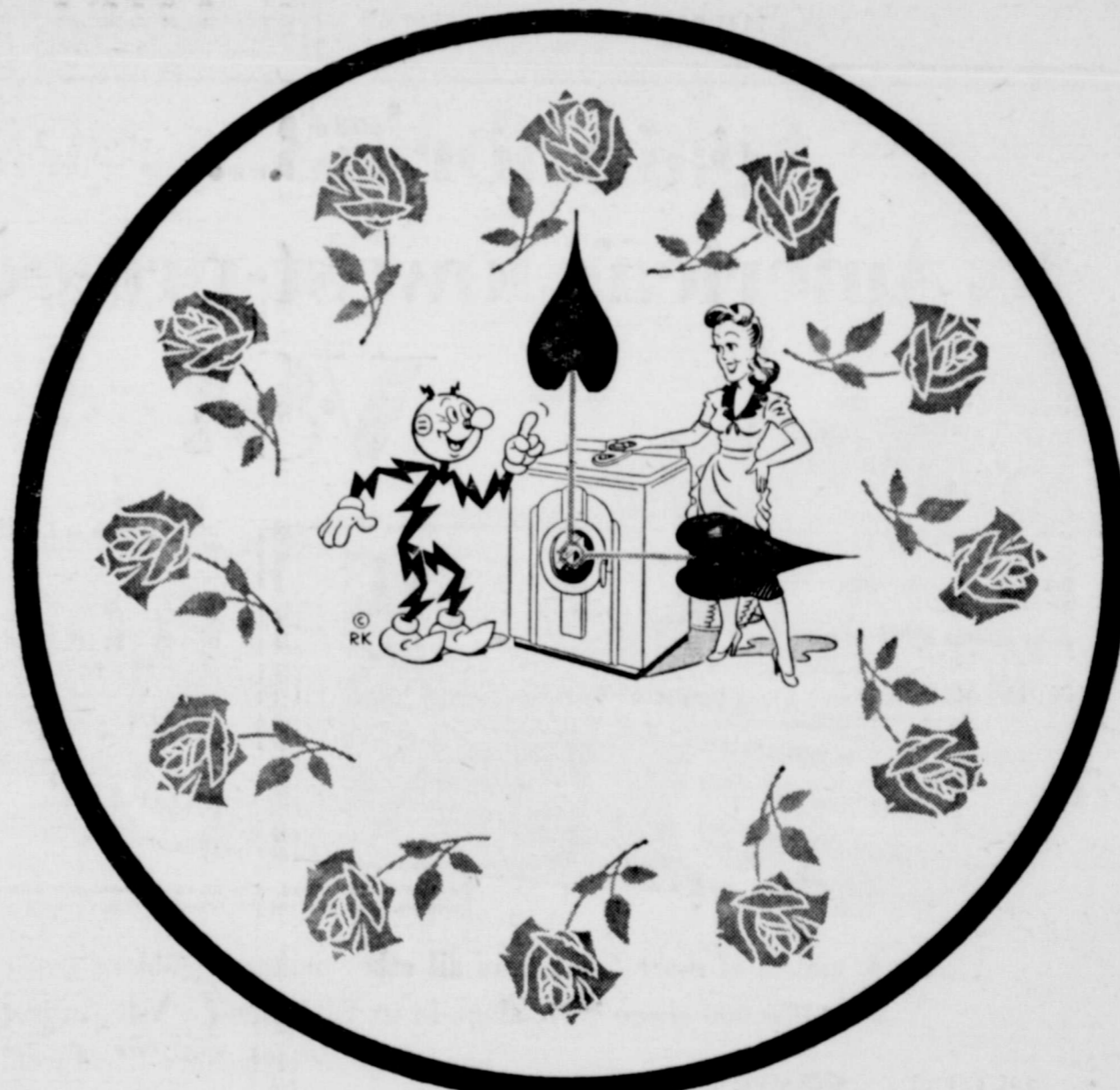
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Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Brown of Amberley, Ontario, arrived last week for a visit with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe, and with the Otis and Fred Campbell. The visitors from Canada are greatly impressed with the mild Texas winters.

J. S. Ross received word Tuesday of the death of his son-in-law, M. W. Sheppard, at Pueblo, Colo. Mr. Ross left Tuesday evening to attend the funeral. Mr. Sheppard, 55, had been ill the past year. His wife is the former Ruth Ross of Robert Lee. They have three grown children.

FOR FREE—Two pups. Situation desperate. Arnold Samuelson.

FOR SALE—25 gal. butane tank. See J. D. Boykin.

Mrs. Frank D. Bryan is recovering from injuries received Feb. 10 when she was in a collision at the Baker grocery store corner. Coming from the east Mrs. Bryan attempted to make a left turn at the intersection when she was hit by James W. Cox of Odessa, who was traveling eastward. Mrs. Bryan was thrown against the steering wheel of her auto and received head and limb injuries which required hospitalization. Cox was not injured. The autos, both 1950 Chevrolet passenger cars, were damaged about \$500 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives spent the weekend in Odessa helping care for their little granddaughter, Barbara Jo, following a minor operation. She is doing fine.

RITEs HELD FOR W. F. DENMAN, 83

William Foster Denman, 83, a resident of the Robert Lee community for 37 years, died Saturday in a Cleburne hospital. He had been in fair health until about five weeks ago.

The body was brought to Robert Lee and funeral services took place at 2 p. m. Sunday from the Baptist church. Burial was in the family plot in the Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Mr. Denman was born June 1, 1869, in Calhoun County, Ga. He moved to Terrell, Texas, at an early age and on Nov. 7, 1895, married Harriett Brantley. The couple moved Miles Dec. 3, 1903, and came to Robert Lee Aug. 18, 1905, after purchasing a section of land five miles north of town.

In 1942, they sold the place to the Frank Wojtek, John Gunnels and L. W. Service families and the Denmans moved to Richland Spring where they purchased land. Mrs. Denman died 8½ years ago after which Mr. Denman went to Cleburne to make his home with a daughter, Mrs. Berta Bennett.

Survivors include two sons, William Rial Denman of Tyler, and Roy Gene Denman of Brady; four daughters, Mrs. Tyson Payne and Mrs. Berta Bennett, both of Cleburne; Mrs. Albert E. Baze of San Angelo, and Mrs. Emory Yarber of Yelm, Wash.

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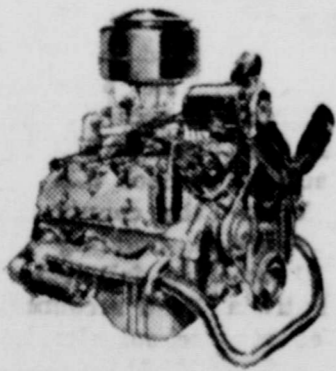
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