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ILLNESS CLAIMS MRS. PERCIFULL OF ROBERT LEE

Death came Saturday, Feb. 21, to Mrs. Frank Percifull, 51, well known and greatly admired Robert Lee woman. She was the the widow of the late Frank Percifull, Coke county sheriff for 14 years.

Her passing occurred at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo where she had been a patient since Dec. 28. Her ailment dated back two years but her condition was not considered critical until late last autumn.

The body was taken to the home of her mother, Mrs. Dave McCrohan, 402 E. Harris Ave., in San Angelo where Rosary was said at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sacred Heart Church, with the Rev. Fidelis Albrecht officiating.

near her husband's grave. Pallbearers were Leon Buttle, John AGAIN HANDLE Tassler, Pat Bunnell, A. J. Wilke, all of San Angelo, Jack Price of Bronte and Frank Dickey of Rob-

ert Lee. Emma McCrohan was born June the Paint Creek ranch west of Robert Lee which they purchased from the late W. P. Walling. She attended school in San Angelo and in 1928 married Frank Percifull. They resided on the Roe place and south of Bronte before moving to Robert Lee. Mr. Percifull was elected sheriff in 1932 and his wife helped with office work during his tenure of 14 years. Her husband died May 15, 1948.

Mrs. Percifull was a good friend and a charitable and helpful neighbor. She was an active member of the Ark and Dove Study Club, the Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church and the Third Order of St. Francis.

Mrs. Percifull is survived by two sons, Will E. Percifull and Frank Percifull, Jr., both of Robert Lee; the mother, Mrs. McCrohan; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Roe, Mrs. Ed W. Pratt, both of San Angelo, and Mrs. R. A. Stroud of Robert Lee; a brother, Dave McCrohan Jr., of Alice; and four grandchildren.

BACK FROM CONVENTION

Supt. B. C. Goodwin returned Saturday from Atlantic City where he attended the national convontion of School Superintendents. He was sent by the Robert Lee school district. Mr. Goodwin went from Dallas on a special train made up entirely of Texans. The convention was attended by more than 15,000 school administrators.

Mrs. Hershell Hall and her mother-in-law, Mrs. G. E. Hall, returned last Thursday from Galveston with the former's 2-months old son, Rodney Terrell, who underwent a successful operation for blood and circular ailments at John Seeley hospital.

Coke County Hospital News

Feb. 18-Paul Rogers dismissed. Feb. 19-Jack Cowley admitted. Feb. 20-Mrs. Alfred Lofton ad mitted. Mrs. Ben Tubb dismissed. Feb. 22-Mrs. Zelma Milam dis-

missed. Feb. 23-Mrs. Mike Casey admitted. Jack Cowley dismissed.

Feb. 24-Mrs. Floyd Bagwell admitted. Mrs. Mike Casey, Mrs. Alfrel Lofton dismissed.



MISS KAY REEDER is the new registered nurse who joined the Coke County Memorial Hospital staff last week. She received her BS degree in nursing at Wheaton (Ill.) College.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery BRONTE BANK TO

The First National Bank of Bronte has been designated as Coke County's depository bank for the coming years later her parents moved to years. Action was taken at a spe- feet in red beds. cial meeting of the Commissioners Court last Friday.

> At the court's regular meeting Both the Bronte and Robert Lee Harris is the contractor. banks had made application. When under consideration.

A previously mentioned possible between the two banks failed to materialize at the special session commissioners voted not to split the ed with each bank getting two | tion 224. votes. Judge Dean settled the matter by voting for the Bronte bank.

The Bronte bank has served as county depository for many years. Officials of the Robert Lee bank say they submitted the best bid and day night of this week. Eddie Garwere thus entitled to have the funds.

Roy Tinkler returned the first Everybody is invited to attend. of the week from a stay of several months at Blythe, Calif., where he was doing ranch work.

SUN 11 WALKER FINALED FOR 178 BARRELS

Sun 11 John Walker, in the Jameson field south of the river at Silver, has been finaled for a 24-hour flow of 178 barrels of 48.2 gravity oil, no water. Gauge was through a 1/4-inch tubing choke with pressures of 225 pounds on the tubing and 500 pounds on the casing. Gasoil ratio was 1,088-1. Production is from the sand.

Sun 21 Brannan drilled to total depth of 6,072 feet and was running 5½-inch casing.

Sun 39 Mathers was drilling Wednesday at 5,280 feet in shale. Sun 30 Mathers was in shale at

Sun D-3 Tubb was at 5,023 feet

Sun Central Nat'l Bank-State Unit A-1 was drilling at 1,955 feet in shale and lime after cementing surface casing at 507 feet. Baker & Taylor is the contractor, having moved rotary from Walker 11.

Sun 1 Mattie Jacobs, a mile east of production in the Jameson field, cemented surface pipe at 515 feet and was drilling Wednesday at 715

Sun 4 Parramore in southwestern Nolan county was at 197 feet Wednesday after losing circulation re-Feb. 9 the matter was not settled. peatedly the last two days. Ray-

for the First National of Bronte. 10 percent salt water. Tubing pres-Judge Jeff Dean chose not to cast sure 300 pounds, casing pressure the deciding vote at that time, say- zero. Gas-oil ratio 1,300-1. Operat- Jett Hood, David Key, Lowell ing he wished to take the matter ors will try to squeeze off water coming from a lower section.

Sun has staked A-1 Anderson, a method of splitting the county funds south offset to 1 McCabe, located 660 feet from the north and east lines of Section 230. Sun 2 McCabe Friday. After a discussion the four has been spotted as a northeast offset, 650 feet from west and 1,980 deposits. Another deadlock follow- feet from the south lines of Sec-

GREEN MOUNTAIN PARTY

The monthly community gathering and musical at Green Mountain school house is scheduled for Fria. . there will be free refrsehments.

S. B. Plumlee is recovering from a few days illness of the flu.



GOOD NEIGHBORS AT WORK-Pictured above is the group of tractors which helped plow 95 acres of farm land for Mrs. Howard Eaton two weeks ago. In the lower photo, standing left to righ are Ben Alfred Boykin, Weldon Fikes, Oscar Kresta, Tom Wiginton, Lee Roberts, Sam McGallian, Delmir Sheppard, Weldon Johnson, Joe Dodson, Frank Bryan, J. W. Service and Ben Tubb. Out in front of the group are Ell Hatley and David Key, who bought dinners for the entire crew.

FRED CAMPBELL, ROBERT LEE MAN, CRITICALLY INJURED IN CAR WRECK



Judge Joe L. Mays

JUDGE MAYS TO HOLD DISTRICT COURT SESSION

Judge Joe L. Mayes will preside over the March term of district court which convenes in Coke County next Monday, March 2. It will of the pavement and back again to be the first time for him to hold the other side before it rolled over. court here.

last fall and took over his duties Jan. 1, succeeding John L. Sutton, who held the important office many years. Previously Judge Mays served as county judge in Tom Green county.

A light docket is in prospect, ac-Sun 1 Victor McCabe, two miles cording to District Clerk Weldon it came to a vote, Commissioners north of production at Silver, dur- Fikes. However, a grand jury has Service and Hickman supported the ing a 24-hour test flowed 105 bar- been called to appear at 10 a.m. Robert Lee State Bank, while Com- rels of oil and 81 barrels of basis Monday. It is probable that a petit worker who had been injured at Silmissioners Brock and Ditmore voted sediment and water. It was about jury will be called for the follow- ver. ing week.

> Members of the grand jury are Roane, Artell Roberts, Lenn Roberts, Steve Badley, Matthew Caperton, D. K. Glenn.

> Also Warnock Hipp, O. R. Mc Queen, R. C. Lasswell, Preston Davis, Marvin Corley, Otto Finck, B. D. Gartman and Finnell Smith.

COKE RED CROSS **QUOTA IS \$1341**

paign opens next Monday and continues through the month of March. Coke County's quota is \$1,341. It's vin says a good program is assured an increase over last year, according to County Chairman H. A. Springer, who stated the Red Cross blood donors campaign will require additional funds.

M. W. (Buster) Farris has been appointed chairman of the drive for Robert Lee and the west half of the county. His assistants already named include Mrs. Sid Rerrell, Mrs. O. B. Jacobs, Mrs. Raymond McCultchen and Mrs. Bob Stephenson.

Other helpers will be appointed immediately and their names will be announced next week. Mrs. A. S. Whatley of Bronte is countywide chaiman of this year's cam-

BIG AMATEUR SHOW

A fine program of amateur talent will be seen and heard at the Robert Lee school auditorium Friday night of this week. A varied assortment of entertainment has been booked. Popular admission prices will be charged at the door. The event is sponsored by the Senior Class to raise funds for the annual senior trip. The class will go to Colorado Springs during the Easter vacation.

Nelan Bahlman of Winters has taken a steady position here in the by his brothr, Melvin Bahlman.

Fred Campbell, 40, well known Robert Lee resident, remains in a very critical condition at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. He received grave injuries Saturday night when his 1951 Ford Sedan ran off the road and turned over 7 miles south of Robert Lee.

He has not regained consciousness and full extent of his injuries have not been determined. He has a severe cut on the back of the head and another across the forehead. Both legs were fractured, one having multiple breaks, and he has a broken wrist.

Mr. Campbell was returning home from San Angelo when the accident occurred at 7:30 p. m. He was driving at high speed and had passed. the Bruce Clift ambulance and another auto occupied by Billie Roberts and Glo Caraway.

He apparently lost control of his car on a straight stretch of highway. The machine crossed to the left side The vehicle came to a stop on its Mays was elected district judge four wheels and Fred was thrown about 35 feet ahead.

> Miss Roberts was first to reach the scene of the wreck and Mr. Clift drove up immediately. He brought the injured man to the Robert Lee hospital. His injuries were o severe that he was then taken to Shannon. The ambulance was returning from San Angelo where it had been used to carry an oil field

> Mrs. Campbell was reached at Tucson, Ariz., where she was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dealie Jameson. She had gone there earlier in the week, accompanied by her niece, Fredda McCabe, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCabe.

Mrs. Campbell took a plane out of Tucson soon after midnight and arrived in San Angelo at 10 a. m. Sunday. Relatives have been at his bedside constantly. They include his brother, Otis of Robert Lee, and his sisters, Mrs. Laverda Lassiter, Th annual Red Cross fund cam- Ft. Worth and Mrs. Leona Yarbro of Abilene. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs., Henry Briscoe. Also kinfolks of Mrs. Campbell have joined her in the bedside vigil. She is the former Billie Jameson.

> Fred operates a big business which includes earth moving, oil field construction work and water well drilling. He had been putting in long hours recently and friends say he appeared to be tired out the end of the week.

McDaniel's Brother Pictured In Life

Local readers of Life magazine last week were interested in a picture of Dr. Edwin McDaniel shown at work in a Presbyterian hospital in northern Siam. He is a brother of Dr. J. D. McDaniel of Robert Lee. The picture was used in an article, "America and Asia," written by Life's editor in chief, Henry R. Luce, who recently made a tour of the Asiatic countries.

The McDaniel brothers are sons of medical missionaries, who spent a great portion of their lives in Siam. The Robert Lee doctor was also stationed there after the war. but returned to the States because of his wife's health.

Dr. Edwin McDaniel, a younger brother, for the past 41/2 years has dry cleaning establishment operated been in charge of a Presbyterian hospital in northern Siam.

County Ag Agents News Column

TRAVIS HICKS, Co. Agent

Norman Roberts Gets Calf at Houston

It took Norman Roberts only about sixty seconds at the Houston Fat Stock Show calf scramble ti show that he knaw how to catch a calf, put a halter on it and start it toward the finish line. Norman was an alternate in 1952, but did not get a chance to compete in the calf scramble.

Sunday night at the last performance of the 1953 Houston Stock Show and Rodeo, Norman was one of 22 boys in the scramble to catch eleven calves. This meant that eleven boys were left without calves.

According to the rules Norman will receive a purchase order for \$125 with which to buy a calf to feed out and take back to the Houston Fat Sock Show in 1954. His sponsor is Mr. Ben Coren, Mgr. Rice Hotel, Houston.

Other 4-H boys who have caught and fed scramble calves from Houston are Weldon Schooler, Wayne Arrott and Milburn Wink. There are many scholarships and other extra awards that go with the calf scramble program.

WHAT CAN WE SEE IN 53

Some think farm prices will go up, some think they will go down, we do too. The Agricultural outlook for 1953 may be summarized in a few statements gathered from the most reliable sources:

1. The farmer will still be caught between high prices he pays and lower prices he receives. To make profits this year farmers must aim for greater volume and more efficient production.

2. If it rains, fertilizer will pay big dividends. Make plans now to try

 Sheep numbers are far below the average. Wool and mutton will be profitable so far as demand is concerned.

4. Poultry will be more profitable in 53. Egg and turkey production will be down. Better get some pullets ready to start laying early.

5. Hogs are way down in production. Prices should gain through the summer months. When feed becomes plentiful, there will not be enought pigs to go around.

Cattle prices should strengthen by late summer, but common grades should not be kept too long.

7. Milk production is still far below demand. Every farmer should at least produce enough dairy products for home use and some to spare.

8. Price supports are guaranteed for these items in 1953. wheat \$2.21, Oats, \$.80, barley \$1.24, Grain sorghums, \$2.43. Push for big production, but hold your costs down.

FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

The Friendship HD Club met in the home of Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr., Thursday, Feb. 5.

Those present were Mrs. A. D. Fields, Mrs. Weldon Fikes, Mrs. John Petty, Mrs. Leon Nixon, Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr, members, and visitors were Mrs. J. W. Labenske, Mrs. J. A. Waldrop and Gladys Waldrop.

This meeting was the fourth in a series to be held on tailoring.

Six women from the club are making coats and suits.

The club will meet Thursday, Feb. 12, with Mrs. Fikes.



Personals

(Intended for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe, Jr. and children returned last week to their farm home near Honeygrove, Tex., after spending the winter in Robert Lee while Snooks was employed on a drilling rig.

Robert Lee was represented at the District Bankers Convention in San Anglo Friday by T. A. Richardson, Willis Wayne Smith, Zelda and Wilfred Caraway, Ernest Bloodworth and Dora Arbuckle.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay have redecorated their modern 4-room residence which was leased to Quincy Fontenot, and the Jays are now occupying the place.

Mrs. Palmer Leeper last week accompanied er sister Mrs. Calla Mae Cargile, to Sweetwater. Mrs. Cargile recently underwent major surgery at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas. She will have to spend three weeks in a Sweetwater hospital before being released from the doctor's care.

Quincy Fontenot has moved his family back to their former home at Basil, La. Mr. Fontenot lost a leg in a drilling rig accident at Silver last summer and is getting around pretty well now with an artificial limb.

Marvin Jones and family have moved back to Robert Lee from Valentine where they resided several months while Marvin was employed in a cotton gin.

APPLIANCES

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FRALEY & WARD, Inc. Butane Distributors

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INSTALLATIONS

San Angelo Fat Stock Show and RODEO

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March 5-6-7-8

RESERVED SEATS
Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
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(Including admission to grounds)

FRIDAY—SCHOOL DAY

Free Gate for all school age Boys and Girls

Don Franklin Shows

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

ANGELO STOCK **SHOW & RODEO OPENS MARCH 5**

February 24-Over 1400 entries have been received for the 20th annual Fat Stock Show in San Angelo. A new record has been set in the Junior Breeding Sheep Show with 188 entries. The class promises to be on of the highlights of this year's show.

Once again Everett Colborn has been awarded the contract for the Rodeo. His Madison Square Garden promotions have made him famous. Rodeo stock will be furnished by Mr. Colborn's Lightning C ranch of Dublin. Show time will be 2:00 p.m. daily.

day, March 6. School children will be admitted free to the fairgrounds on "School Day." Rodeo prices will be reduced for school children on this day.

Other attractions appearing this year will be the Clydesdale 8-horse hitch, trade-mark of the Budweiser Beer Company, Lazy N Liberty Act of Shetland Ponies, Jay Sisler's Australian Dog Act and Don Franklin Shows for the Midway.

A big parade will open the activities of the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo at 10:00 a.m. March 5. Prizes are being offered again this year for the best floats. The parade will also feature the world's largest loaf of bread and the nationally famous Lee Riders cowboy pants. Miss Wool will also be in the days festivities.

Friday night, the 6th, a Fashion Show will be offered for Stock Show "goers" at the City Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights the Civic Theater will present "Lo and Behold" at San Angelo College Auditorium.

FROM MRS. THOMAS

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Enclosed is a check for another year's subscription to The Observer. I derive much pleasure from its weekly contents, and look forward to each issue. - Yours truly, Mrs. W. S. Thomas (formerly Oneta Preslar), 2505 N. Roger Ave., Odessa.

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M. WYLIE, JR., W. M. MELVIN CHILDRESS, Secretary

BAPTIST NOTES

Members of the Baptist W. M. S. held an all day meeting at the Church Monday. They enjoyed a book review, "The West Is Big," by Albert McClellan, given in a pleasing and interesting manner by Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Jr.

Next week beginning Monday at 2 p.m. the ladies of the Church will sponsor a Week of Prayer on Home Missions, including the West. All are urged to attend.

FROM JOHN W. BYRD

Dear Mr. Kirk:

You will find enclosed check for The Observer. The oil business in Coke County is interesting, and we often see names of old friends mentioned in the pages. I look forward to the arrival of he old home town School day has been set for Fri- | paper each week. - Sincerely, John W. Byrd, Happy, Tex.

In Stock-New patterns of Pab-Co Rugs.—Leeper Supply Co.

NOTICE

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

FOR SALE - Good frame building occupied by our cleaning plant, and ice lot with 25-ft. front. Priced worth the money. We have another location in view. BAHLMAN CLEANERS. 37w2

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Announcement

We are proud to announce that

Mrs. S. C. Blackburn Of Brownwood, Texas

will join our staff as a beauty operator beginning Monday, March 2. She comes here highly recommended and we are sure you will like Mrs. Blackburn and her work.

> **OLENE'S** Beauty Snop

Personals

Miss Eloise Warner of Abilene was a guest here this week of Miss Jonell Black, county home demonstration agent. The young ladies were acquaintances at Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. Jim Clift of San Angelo is back in a San Angelo hospital for the second time, being treated for illness following the flu. Her brother, F. C. Clark, and wife have visited her several times recently.

H. C. McMinn returned last Fri-H. C. McMinn returned last Friday from a two weeks stay at Corpus Christi.

A/2c Wm. L. Coffey came in for a weekend visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coffey. He is stationed at Sacramento Park near Cloudcroft, New Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fields returned Tuesday to their Missouri home after a few days visit with kinfolks at Snyder and Robert Lee. For the past year they have been at Monett, Mo., where Carlton held a ranch foreman's job. This week they are moving to Mt. Vernon, Mo. where he will be employed on the J. W. Bryant cattle ranch. Bryant who also operates a ranch at Hartley, Texas, has a spread of 2,800 acres and 600 head of Herefords. Carlton says they have had a mild winter in southwestern Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker and Sandra to Clyde Sunday where they visited Mr. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker Sr. The elder Mrs. Baker is a sister of Mr. Hamilton.

Mrs. J. F. Hamilton recently returned from Corpus Christi where she spent two weeks at the bedside of her brother, Leo Wilson. A for-FOR SALE - 34 ft. Detroiter mer resident of Winters, Mr. Wiltrailer house, priced worth the mo- | son has been operating a washateria at Corpus. He has been critically ill with a kidney ailment and Mrs. Hamilton had word that he was to have undergone surgery.

Come One, Come All!

Amateur Program

At Robert Lee High School Gym

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FRIDAY, FEB. 27,

7:30 P. M.

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Adults 35c

FUN FOR ALL Be Sure To Attend!

SUNSET BUS STATION

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Here's the schedule of Sunset buses which stop here:

Abilene to San Angelo-Leave Robert Lee 1:20 P. M. Arrive San Angelo 2:00 P.M.

San Angelo to Abilene—Leave San Angelo 6:00 P. M. Leave Robert Lee 7:00 P. M.

MAC'S CAFE

Robert Lee, Texas

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

rresn Strawberries

CABBAGE Nice, firm heads

2c

Turnips & Tops Large bunches Swift PEANUT BUTTER

Lge 20 oz jar 53c

39c

Charmin TOILET TISSUE

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53c 19c lge pkg

55c

Bacon Squares

Sugar Cured-

33c

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FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK TO **OBSERVE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

February 26, is the 50th Anniversary of farm demonstration work, the nucleus of present day Cooperative Agricultural Extension Work. The first organized "teaching by doing" was agreed upon by the businessmen of Terrell, the Walter C. Porter family and Dr. Seaman A. Knapp of the United States Department of Agriculture-the Porter Farm Demonstration. Dr. Seaman A. Knapp who guided the demonstration on the Porter farm,

"What a man hears, he may doubt What he sees, he may possibly Lee. doubt.

What he does himself, he cannot." The Extension Service for 50 years has carried to the people of Texas the latest research information from the experiment stations and others and through the demonstrations have shown the practical application of the findings on the farms, ranches and in the home.

4-H club work has grown. More than 117,000 members in Texas conduct demonstrations that gave them re-married last year, is engaged in training in agriculture, homemaking, leadership and citizenship and incomes that run high into the millions of dollars.

The first appropriation for a Home Demonstration Agent in Coke County was made on October 1, 1944. Soon after this date, Mrs. Fred Roe (Fave Croslin) assumed her duties as the County Home Demonstration Agent organizing the Women's Demonstration Clubs and Girls 4-H Clubs.

During the eight years and five months of home demonstration brarian, secretarial work, and for work in Coke County the women students with top grades acting as have had demonstrations on children's clothing, work simplification, landscaping and women's clothing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. The 4-H Clubs have been given Harry Porter. demonstrations on clothing and gar-

The present demonstrations being carried on in Coke County are Tailoring, and Cereal Foods for the Women's Home Demonstration Clubs and Clothing and Cereal Foods for the Girls 4-H Clubs.

Coke County now has four active Home Demonstration clubs with its No. 1 J. S. (Jack) Walker, a a membership of 65 ladies and a membership of 106 in the 4-H Clubs. Victor McCabe sand strike. Empire

COKE YOUTH INDUCTED

Raymond McGallian, son of Mr. Lee, was among the 16 men sent a total depth of 6,503 feet. from Draft Board 118 comprising Coke, Irion and Tom Green counties. Taking their pre-induction physicals at Abilene Tuesday were Monte E. Wilkes of Silver and Lowell T. Caston of Robert Lee.

Mrs. S. G. Blackburn of Brownwood has accepted a position as opsister of Mrs. Buster Farris.

NEW BCD SECRETARY

A. V. Sheppard was elected secretary of the Board of Community Development at the organization's luncheon meeting Monday at Mrs. Day's dining room. He succeeds Mel Moody, who resigned because business activities make it impossible for him to attend regularly.

Highway safety was discussed and Judge Jeff Dean was asked to again contact the Highway Department for the purpose of getting something done on the two or three dangerous intersections in Robert

President Bob Vaughan again brought up the matter of having a brochure printed for the purpose of advertising the town and community. Definite action on this project is expected in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garvin and their son, Eddie and wife, visited over the weekend with their son and brother, Homer Garvin, and family at Andrews. Homer, who carpenter work at Andrews where the big oil boom is still under way. In returning home Monday, the Garvins encountered snow, sleet and rain but it slackened as they neared Coke county.

HAS COLLEGE JOB

San Marcos, Tex.-Harriett Porter of Robert Lee is among more than 200 students working at part time campus jobs this year at Southwest State Teachers College. Campus jobs include working as lilab assistants in many courses. Miss Porter is employed in the library.



Notes From The Oil Field

Magnolia is rigging up rotary on southeast diagonal from Sun's new Drilling Co. is thec ontractor.

Seaboard 1 Lucille March Stone, wildcat 9 miles south and west of and Mrs. Sam McGallian of Robert Robert Lee, has been abandoned at

Humble 1 Weaver, 11 miles south of Robert Lee, was drilling early this week at 6,000 feet in lime and

The Jameson field has been extended on the southwest side with the completion of A. G. Hill 1-A J. B. Walker, Jr. for a daily flowing potential of 341.88 barrels of 44.9 erator in Olene's Beauty Shop and gravity oil, no water, with a gaswill start work here Monday. She oil ratio of 1,223-1. Gauge was is a graduate of the Texas School | through a 1/4-inch choke. Productof Beauty. Mrs. Blackburn is a ion is from the sand between 5,946-975 feet.

Personals

Mrs. Frank Hearrell (Jessie Buchanan) of Thermal, Calif., visited here recently with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Buchanan, and other relatives. She accompanied her son, Lt. Com. F. C. Hearrell, who went on to New Orleans to get his wife and daughter, Cindy. Hearrell, a Navy flier, has just returned from eight months of service in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Haselden and children arrived last week from Rising Sun, Md. Mr. Haselden was recently discharged after being called back to active duty more than

Fagan Parker submitted to surgery last week at a San Angelo hospital for the removal of a cist from his neck. He is recovering nicely and returned to his work Tuesday with the Butane Service Co. of Bronte and Robert Lee.

R. A. Stroud has leased his ranch southwest of town to Finis Millican and he and his family are now occupying their new home in Robert

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Read motored Sunday to Happy where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Williams. Mrs. Williams is the former Mabel Mundell of Robert Lee. The Reads stopped at Tulia and called upon Miss Isobell McCoy, nurse who was employed for a time at the Coke County Memorial Hospi-

Zippers have been in use for about 30 years.

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SAVE THE SOIL, SAVE TEXAS By Milburn Wink

Soil!! What is there about soil that is so important? I would say that the important things that we should know and do know about the soil is that we depend upon it for our lives. The soil is the very backbone of Texas and the nation. From it we get our food, clothing, and shelter. So you see we couldn't live without it.

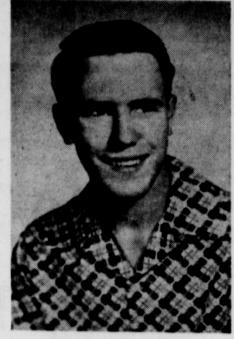
From Ltudy we have learned that we must conserve our national resources. We must all know care and find new care 'or our soil. For the soil is the most important of our natural resources. Each year much of the top soil of Texas finds its way down the rivers of Texas or it is blown away.

When we stop to think about it, we realize that there is only a few inches between us and starvation. This few inches is our top soil. So we must save this few inches or go down the way China and other nations which once were strong but are now poverty stricken, have done. We do not want this to happen. It must not happen.

There are several ways of preserving the soil. Perhaps fertilizing is one of the best known ways of conserving the soil. There are many national fertilizers but some of the best ways to rebuild the soil are by turning under crop stubble; by turning under green manure crops; by using barn lot manure; by crop rotation; by contour farming; by the correct method of grazing our grass lands; by planting legumes; by strip cropping; and by preventing water from running off.

The man of the farm or ranch is not the only one to help save the soil. You and I can help by convincing the people on farms and ranches the importance of soil conservation. Let's save Texas, America, and the world by saving the soil! It's up to us! So let's all do our share. We can and must.

(Editor's Note: the foregoing article won second place in the recent essay contest sponsored by the Coke County Soil Conservation Service on the subject, "Save the Soil, Save Texas.")



MILBURN WINK

Texas Delegation Honors Sen Johnson

The Texas Delegation Friday honored Senator Lyndon B. Johnson at a luncheon at which he was presented with an engraved plaque for his services to Texas and for a tainthe Senate Democratic Leadership at a younger ag than any other man in history.

Present at the luncheon were House Democratic Leader Sam Rayburn, Texas' Junior Senator Price Daniel, Gov. Allen Shivers, Senator Earle Clements, Senator Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Navy Robert B. Anderson, Senator Tom Connally and Members of the Texas Delegation and their guests. Congressman Paul J. Kilday, Chairman of the Texas Delegation, presided.

Governor Shivers said that he had "called upon Lyndon Johnson many times, both in an official capacity and as a friend, and he always came through." At the conclusion of his remarks, Governor Shivers turned to Senator Johnson and said, "Lyndon, I want you to know that I call you my personal friend."

Senator Daniel said that he had been one of the first, if not the first, to call and urge Senator Johnson to accept the position of Democratic Leader of the Senate. He said that "I have worked with many officials but I have never worked with anyone who cooperaed more with me than has Senator Johnson."

Mr. Rayburn said that looking back on his many years in Congress he had never known another man who had "gone so far in so short a time" in public service. He

said that "all Texans are mighty proud of him."

On behalf of the Delegation Chairman Kilday presented Senator Johnson with an engraved plaque bearing the signature of every Member of the Delegation.

CARD OF THANKS

To Friends of My Dear Mother:

We than's you for your kindness and all the wonderful things you did for her while she was ill. Especially Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Maxwell. Also for the beautiful flowers. Words cannot express how we appreciate the nice dinner which was prepard by the hands of loving friends. May God bless each one and give you such friends in time of need and sorrow. — Mrs. Hatte Day and Children.

SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Coleman of San Angelo were host and hostess to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Beggs, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mowbray, Mr. and Mrs. Hale Kincaid and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Higginbotham. The Colemans took the group to see "Oklahoma." Later they had dinner at the Colemans and then on to see the Harlem Globe Trotters.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Colville of Midland and their little daughter, Milly, were Monday afternoon visitors in the Jake Higginbotham home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paul and sons, Larry and Billy journeyed to Brady Sunday to visit his mother. Seeing the Harlem Trotters and reporting a grand time were Ewell Martin and Miss Loretta Gullette.

Little Susan Newell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Newell, has returned from the Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City after suffering from a case of scarlet fever. She returned home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards were also reported as having a good time watching the Globe Trotters play in San Angelo.

Mr. O. W. Newell, Beth and Billy, Betty Gilbert and Mrs. Russell Pace enjoyed seeing "Oklahoma."

A group of men including Bill Davis, Russell Pace, George Connor, Wayne Reid and D. H. Caldwell enjoyed seeing the Harlem Globe Trotters and having supper the Lamplighter.

Little Mike Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Connor, has been in the Colorado City Hospital where he has been suffering from a case of scarlet fever. Mike was returned home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jameson and the Turney Jamesons of Fritch, Texas, spent the weekend with the J. B. Walker, Jr.'s.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Price and son, Eddie Ray, visited in the H. L. Bloodworth home over the weekend. Mrs. Price is the daughter of the H. L. Bloodworths. They are from Sprayberry, Texas.

Waiting at port in Korea to come home is Pfc. Carl Sparks, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Sparks. The Rev. and his family are anxiously awaiting his return.

A bus load and car load of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts journeyed to Big Spring to jet air base and had a memorable time. They ate lunch at the base and toured that morning and also some in the afternoon. Mr. Gassiott drove the school bus and Mrs. Butcher, Davis, Clifton, Reid, Caldwell and Newell accompanied the Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman, Jr. departed Thursday for their new home at Premont, in South Texas, where Carl was transferred by Sun Oil Co. He has served as petroleum engineer in the area office here the past four years. Mrs. Grubenman is the former Martha Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Robert Lee. They planned to stop in Houston where their two-year-old daughter, Carla, was scheduled to have a medical checkup.

Many Silver residents were saddened by the serious accident which befell Fred Campbell, south of Robert Lee Saturday night. He is well known here and has handled considerable of field construction work. His wife is the former Billie Jameson, who was raised in this community.

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Next Week, Mar. 1-7 Is Designated As **Public School Week**

Next week, March 1-7, has been designated as Public Schools Week in Texas. A proclamation has been broadcast by Gov. Shivers and the movement has local endorsement of Mayor J. S. Ferrell, President Bob Vaughan of the Board of Community Development, the Volunteer Fire Department, American Legion and Lions Club.

B. C. Goodwin, superintendent of the Robert Lee schools, states that open house will be observed all day, Friday, March 6, when patrons are urgently requested to visit the various departments and see regular class work.

A special community-wide meeting has been scheduled at night in the auditorium when Courtesy Certificates will be presented to all present and past trustees of the Robert Lee district and all districts which have now been consolidated with Robert Lee.

The meeting will open with a band concert starting at 7:30 p. m. It will be a highly interesting occasion and the public is asked to come out and help honor the 100 or more persons who have devoted so much time and effort to our schools.

A CORRECTION

There will be no 10c levy to retire road bonds in Precincts 1 and 3 this year, as was printed in The Observer last week. The editor was called before the Commissioners Court Friday and the misinformation was deared up when it was found these levies had been includwas pointed out that the bond levy | Bob L. Davis of Vernon. in the two precincts had been dropped last year.

HEART FUND CAMPAIGN

Dr. J. D. McDaniel local chairman, announces contributions for the Heart Fund should be in by the end of this week. Friday has been set for completing the drive here. Robert Lee and the west half of the for this worthy cause.

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

TO GET AIR FORCE DISCHARGE

Frankie Percifull and his wife left Tuesday noon for Camp Stoneman, Calif., where the former expected to receive a discharge from the Air Force. He had been in the service a year when he was called home from Korea two months ago by the critical illness of his mother. He had been given a 30-day leave, then two 15-day extensions. Mrs. Ed Cole, secretary of the draft board at San Angelo, called him Tuesday to advise that a request for his discharge had been granted and that he was to report to the California base immediately to get his final papers.

86th Birthday For Mrs. M. H. Havins

The 86th birthday anniversary of Mrs. M. H. Havins was observed here Sunday with a large gathering of relatives. A resident of this community for more than sixty years, Mrs. Havins is enjoying good health. Six of her nine children were present for the anniversary festivities.

Coming from San Antonio were Mrs. Mae Winans and Mr. and Mrs. John Buckholts, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vowell of Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Havins of Midland, Mrs. Eva Vowell, Mr. and Mrs. Dee T. McClesed on the levy sheet by mistake. It key and Freddie Bilbo of Abilene,

> Guests from San Angelo included Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Havins and children, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Havins and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Havins and children, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brownfield, Gene and Travis Roberts and T/Sgt. Otto Havins.

Robert Lee guests were Nettie Bob Davis, Mrs. Artell Roberts, and county has a quota of \$100 to meet | Fern and Pat Havins and their fam-

Donald Hamilton Weds Miss Young

The marriage of Donald Hamilton of Robert Lee and Miss Shirley Young of San Angelo took place Feb. 7 in Reno, Nevada. The ceremony was performed at 9 a.m. by a justice of the peace in that city.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton of Robert Lee, Donald graduated in 1951 from the Robert Lee high school where he was an outstanding athlete. A few weeks later he enlisted in the Navy. He is serving on the USS Alstede, a refrigerator ship, and has a fireman's rating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Vesta Hatchock and is a 1952 graduate of Lake View high school.

The couple spent their honeymoon in the San Francisco area where Donald's ship was in dry dock. He has been in the far Pacific much of the time the past year, and was home on leave during December.

CARD OF THANKS

Our recent sad loss leaves us with grateful hearts toward neighbors and friends. Their comforting expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness and acts of kindness will always be remembered. We especially wish to thank Dr. McDaniel for his faithful service.--The Family of Mrs. S. M. Conner.

BOOSTING STOCK SHOW

A real old fashioned trade trip delegation from San Angelo will arrive in Robert Lee Thursday of this week at 6:15 p.m. The trip is being sponsored by the civic clubs of San Angelo in order to promote the annual Fat Stock Show and rodeo which opens Thursday, March 8. Robert Lee folks are urged to turn out for the arrival of the San Angelo delegation.

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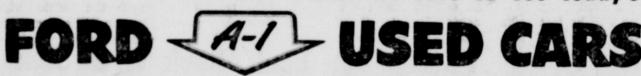
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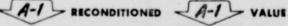
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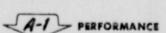
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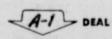
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