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## FORMER COKE FOLKS ESCAPE TORNADO FURY

A number of former Coke County people were in the wake of the disastrous tornado which Monday afternoon wrecked destruction over a 20 square block area of Lake View in the north part of San Angelo.

None of them were seriously injured but many suffered property losses. It is hard to believe that only ten lives were lost, especially at the Lake View school where there were more than 1,000 pupils.

Teachers played a heroic part in herding children into hallways and having them lay flat on the floor. Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough of Robert Lee, teacher of the 3rd grade at Lake View, is reported to have led her children in singing when the lights went out, and later had them lie down.

A house trailer owned by R. T. Smith parked near the fair grounds was demolished. Mrs. Smith was hospitalized with injuries and their baby received a broken leg. The Smiths moved back to San Angelo recently after having lived in Robert Lee for several months.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli W. Smith, had their home destroyed but they escaped injury in a storm cellar at the Pressley Smith home.

Mrs. Sam Walker's home on 42nd street was wrecked by the storm, but she was safe in the nearby home of a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Palmer. Mrs. Lee Ferguson, another daughter, and some neighbors also obtained refuge in the Palmer home. The Ferguson house was destroyed.

Miss Laura Martin's home was badly damaged. She is a Lake View teacher.

Joe Weddle, who runs a roustabout crew for the Sun Gas Dept. at Silver, owned a nice rock home in the tornado path which was destroyed. No one was at home at the time. His wife is a teacher and his daughter and her children were down town.

The Raymond Jays owned two rent houses near the school which were practically destroyed. They reside in another property on 29th street, just south of the stricken area.

The James Gilmore home was blown away. She is a niece of Mrs. A. E. Latham.

Mrs. Bronk Sparks was safe in the home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Walker, on 26th street, while her home was being destroyed.

Homes owned by the H. L. Brods (Mary Jacobs) and Belva McCutchen were badly damaged.

## Coke County Hospital News

May 6 Mrs. Finnell Smith admitted. Her daughter, Charlotte, was dismissed.

May 7 — Daughter born to Mrs. J. D. McEntire. H. C. McMinn, Mrs. J. H. Lloyd dismissed.

May 8 — Joe Milam, Dawn Gaines admitted. Mrs. Melvin Childress dismissed.

May 9 — Mrs. Billie C. Green, Mrs. Curtis A. Dukes admitted. E. C. McArthur, Joe Milam dismissed.

May 10 — Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Loyd Phelan admitted. Mrs. Billie Green dismissed.

May 11 — Mrs. Finnell Smith, Robert Lewis Jay dismissed. Dawn Gaines passed away at 6 p. m.

May 12 — Mrs. C. A. Dukes, Mrs. J. D. McEntire and baby dismissed.

## DEATH OF GAINES BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gaines mourn the passing of their baby daughter, Dawn, who died at 6 p. m. Monday at Coke County Memorial Hospital. She was nine months of age and was afflicted with a frail heart and lungs.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church and burial was in Robert Lee cemetery.

## TWO NEGROES HELD

Sheriff Paul Good this week had a part in the arrest of two Sweetwater Negroes, who have been turned over to Sterling City authorities for thefts there.

They are Robert William Moore, 16, and Johnny Robertson, 20.

Sheriff Good will make further investigation of the pair to learn if they might have been involved in recent robberies at Bronte.

## Sweetwater Youths Charged Here With Hardware Break-In

A pair of Sweetwater youths have been apprehended for breaking into the Curtis Walker hardware store here last Thursday night. They were frightened away by Constable Vic Simpson before getting away with any property.

The officer saw someone around the rear of the store as he was making his rounds after midnight. When he went to investigate he discovered a broken window. Two rifles and a 4.10 shotgun had been brought outside and 1,725 shells had been carried to the rear of the store to be loaded up.

The constable saw the car in which the burglars escaped, but he got only a part of the license number. Sheriff Paul Good was called and during the next few days he worked with the highway patrol in checking numbers in seven surrounding counties.

Suspicion pointed to Kenneth R. Smith, 18, at Sweetwater and his auto was identified as a 1950 Mercury which Simpson had seen here. After his arrest he admitted his guilt and Benny Utley, 19, of Eskota was also implicated and arrested.

Sheriff Good brought the pair to Robert Lee and they were bound over to the June grand jury by Justice of the Peace Emory Davis. Bonds were set at \$500 and each was expected to make bond yesterday.

## Robert Lee Helps Disaster Relief

Robert Lee is doing some good work in contributing aid to the tornado victims at San Angelo.

Tuesday citizens here sent \$124 and an automobile loaded with clothing and bedding. Wednesday the Robert Lee public school sent in an additional \$241.

Other persons who wish to contribute may do so at the City Hall where Mrs. Sam Jay will see that the money is forwarded to the Disaster Relief Fund in San Angelo.

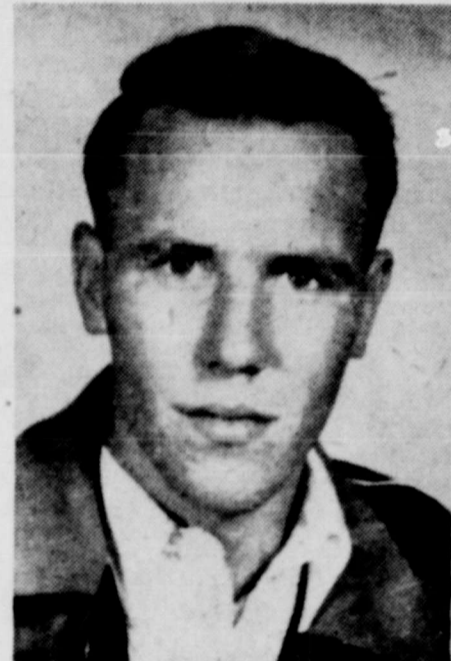
Mrs. Jay reports that seven high school girls assisted with the clothing collection Tuesday and took up donations from a few business firms and individuals. The Firemen's Auxiliary ladies headed the list with \$25.00.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin reports that every room helped make up the school fund. The Junior class gave its entire balance of \$51. Twenty dollars in the girls basket ball fund and \$30 from the Band Parents club were donated.

## Top Ranking Seniors



JOHNIBETH SNEAD



MILBURN WINK

## 8TH GRADE GRADUATION

Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises of the Robert Lee School District will be held Thursday night of next week, May 21. The main address is to be given by Mrs. Dean Chenoweth of San Angelo. A list of the 8th graders will be published in next week's Observer.

Grave concern exists over the condition of G. A. Harmon, well known Robert Lee resident. For some time he has been cared for by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn. His other children, a son and three daughters, were called to his bedside last week. The son, Delbert of Hobbs, New Mex., will remain indefinitely, as well as a daughter, Mrs. Paul Daffern of Fort Worth. The other daughters, Mrs. A. J. Carriger of Midland and Mrs. Owen Epperson of Coleman, have returned to their homes. Mr. Harmon is 88 years of age and was an early resident of the Edith community before moving to Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore, former Robert Lee residents, arrived last week for a visit with kin-folks and friends. They came especially at this time to attend the wedding of their son, J. Que Varnadore, whose marriage took place Sunday at Bronte.

Mike Adams, 3 years old of Odessa, visited here last week in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton.

## Commissioners Hold Monthly Meeting

The Coke County Commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday purchased a new motor grader, voted to retire all outstanding bonds of an old 1935 funding issue, organized as a Board of Equalization and transacted usual routine matters and paid monthly bills.

The new Caterpillar grader for use in Precinct 2 cost \$14,900. Time warrants were issued for the purchase price. They will be retired over a period of four years.

By paying off a bond of \$3,000 now held by a Mexia bank, the county will clear up the old County General Funding Bond issue of 1935. There will also be a balance in the fund which will be transferred to the County General Fund. For many years 8 cents of the General County levy of 25 cents has been allocated to retire the funding bonds.

Members of the Commissioners Court will serve as a County Board of Equalization. They adjourned until May 25 when hearings have been set for oil properties and utilities. Hearings on real estate assessments will be set later, County Judge Jeff Dean announced.

## 17 SENIORS TO GET DIPLOMAS HERE MAY 20TH

Commencement Exercises for Robert Lee High School have been set for Wednesday, May 20, at 8 p. m. at the school auditorium, when diplomas will be awarded to 17 Seniors.

The graduation program will feature pupil participation, and there will not be an outside speaker as in other years.

Five members of the class with the highest scholastic ratings will speak.

Johnibeth Snead is the valedictorian having earned the honor by achieving a two-year average grade of 95.34. The salutatorian, Milburn Wink, had a grade of 93.67. Both are the highest grades made in the Robert Lee schools for several years. Others near the top are Marvin Simpson, Eileen Vaughan, Garland Davis and Annette Simpson.

## BACCALAUREATE MAY 17

Baccalaureate services are scheduled for Sunday night, May 17, also at the school auditorium. The Rev. Fred Blake of Brownwood, former Robert Lee Baptist minister, will give the sermon.

## CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Bill Havins  
Vice President .....

..... Billy Glenn Carwile  
Secretary ..... Marvin Simpson

Treasurer ..... Johnibeth Snead  
The Observer is proud to have photos of all members of the Senior Class in this issue. A former member of the class, Billie Allen, transferred to Midland a few weeks ago and will receive a Robert Lee diploma.

Buy your Graduation Gift here and leave on the pickup table. Roach's Dept. Store.

## Wendland May Have Discovery

An indicated Coke County discovery strike is Kirk F. Johnson No. 1 Wendland, which flowed at the rate of 30 barrels per hour on a drillstem test at 3,677-95 feet. No water developed from the zone making the oil.

Location is 330 feet from north-east and southeast lines of J. D. O'Daniel Survey No. 8. It is on the south side of the Colorado River, three miles south and one mile east of production in the McCutchen field.

Casing was cemented and storage tanks erected. Result of a potential test to be taken this week have not been announced.

## BIG RAINS MAKE CROP PROSPECT MUCH BRIGHTER

Heavy rains early this week accounted from 2 to 4 inches of moisture in most of Coke County. Robert Lee gauged 2.10 inches from the early morning rains on Monday and Tuesday, while most sections to the west, north and east report three inches or more.

Less moisture fell in the south-eastern part of the county and the extreme northwest corner.

Damaging hail fell early Monday at Bronte. Many roofs were ruined, windows broken and auto tops dented.

Robert Lee's new Mountain Creek Reservoir was filled to overflowing by mid-morning Monday, and a heavy runoff went over the spillway following the early Tuesday rain.

Bronte's acute water shortage has been ended. A good sized amount of water was caught in the old city lake for immediate use. However, the new Oak Creek Lake now has water over the intake valves and Bronte will receive its water from that source. It may be a couple of weeks before Bronte's new filtering plant and pipeline can be tested and put into operation.

Farmers and ranchers consider the outlook the most promising for several years, and are hopeful now that the longest drought in history has been definitely broken.

Early feed crops and pastures will be benefitted, and a big cotton acreage is expected to be planted as soon as farmers can get into the fields. Most cotton planted earlier will have to be replanted. Much of it had already been destroyed by the sandstorms of two weeks ago.

Light rain fell throughout the day here Wednesday. The Colorado River lacked a few feet of being bank full Tuesday, but it receded rapidly since there was no runoff to the northwest beyond the Coke County line.

A/2C Foy DeL. Smith recently received his discharge and enjoyed a visit here with his father, Fred Smith, and other relatives and friends. He was stationed the past year with the Air Force in the Japan-Korea area. He has gone to Pasadena, Calif., where he has a position.

Mrs. J. M. Sparks writes that she plans to spend a few months in Dallas and requested The Observer sent to her at 8906 Santa Clara Drive in that city.

Robert Walker and his son-in-law, Jack Looney, enjoyed a few days fishing last week at Sugar Lake in Old Mexico. Their catch wasn't big.

## BIRTHS

McENTIRE — Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle McEntire (Avilda Faustine Thompson) are parents of a daughter born May 8 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 1:58 p. m. Judy Faustine weighed 5 pounds, 7½ ounces. She has a brother eight years old. The father operates a welding service at Bronte.

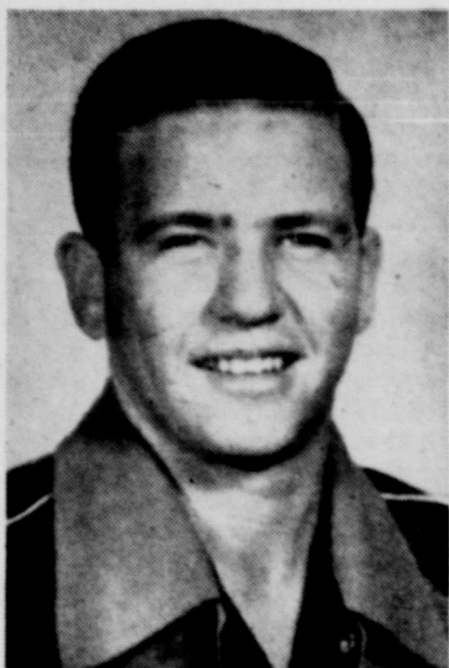
GADDY—Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gaddy (Louise Hamilton) are parents of a daughter born April 22. She has been named Peggy Ann and weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces. She has a brother, Gregory Earl, 3 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. John Gaddy Sr., of Roswell.



## SENIORS



ANNIE LOU BOONE



ADDISON DAVIS

## SILVER NEWS

By Mrs. John T. Stewart

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Whittington of Port Arthur are visiting in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Keith and girls are on vacation.

Mrs. Rocky Ford is visiting with her parents in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Holleyman transferred here from Premont. He is a pumper with Sun Oil Co.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snyder and Peggy visited over the weekend in Eastland with Mr. Snyder's mother, brother and sister.

Jackie Sue Lowe won 5th place at the State Interscholastic League Journalism meet in Austin May 7-9.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pace and sons spent the weekend in Waco as the guests of Mr. Pace's parents.

Mrs. O. W. Newell and daughter, Susan spent a week in Dallas as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Shimer. Mr. Newell, Bill and Beth, went to Dallas and spent a few days and Mrs. Newell and Susan returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville White and children have moved to Silver from Delhi, La. Mr. White is to be a relief operator at the Millican station.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Baker of Colorado City visited with his brother, Hank, and his mother over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay M. Grimes of Midland visited with the Joe Warren's Sunday.

A new employee of the Sun Gas department is Richard Parrish, who is a graduate of Texas University. Spending the weekend in Longview were the W. W. Deans.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Caldwell and daughter are visiting in Greenville. Mrs. Lee Weigel and son, Tommy, are visiting with her parents in Uvalde.

Mrs. C. A. Dukes, wife of Sun Gauger at Millican, is in the Robert Lee hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson returned Monday from a weekend visit at Big Lake with their son, G. A. Jameson and family. They were accompanied home by their little grandsons, Allen Elliott and Cecil Wayne Jameson, who will spend a week here.

Dr. O. H. Majors Dr. M. L. Majors

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## BCD LUNCHEON MEETING

Discussion of civic affairs in a round table manner took place at the Board of Community Development meeting Monday at Mrs. Day's dining room. Since the proposal to levy an assessment on water meters to provide funds for a city program of cleanliness and sanitation was defeated, it was the prevalent opinion that city taxes will have to be raised the coming year. The recent Clean Up Week occurred while sand storms were prevalent and did not prove too successful. A date for another trash haul off will be announced later. Paul Burns and B. C. Goodwin were named as a committee to solicit funds to pay the Volunteer Firemen's insurance premiums, and it was suggested that the county and school officials and Masonic Lodge be contacted.

Attending the meeting were Bob Vaughan, Fern Havins, W. D. McAdams, T. W. Farris, Melvin Bahlman, A. V. Sheppard, B. C. Goodwin, Paul Burns, J. S. Ferrell, Gen-

ie Baker, J. E. Quisenberry, T. B. Hicks and A. J. Kirkpatrick.

## SCHOOL NOTES

At its regular meeting last week the Robert Lee School Board named Bryan Yarbrough, Elbert Davidson and Delmir Sheppard to serve as a Board of Equalization to go over the 1953 tax assessments.

The school district has purchased three 100-foot lots just east of the school grounds from Jack Lassiter. Cost of the property was \$1,200 plus a \$90 abstract fee. School trustees plan to erect several dwellings to be rented to teachers at a reasonable rate. Some of the houses may be constructed this year.

Mrs. R. B. Thompson and Mrs. David McMinn returned Friday to their home at Corpus Christi after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. W. McMinn, the former Mary Coffey.



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## SENIORS



BILLY GLENN CARWILE



BILL HAVINS

Mrs. Stewart Evans has been employed in the office of County Clerk We'don Fikes, succeeding Mrs. Booby Hood, who resigned. Mrs. Evans is the former Janet Bilbo. Her husband is in the service.

Mrs. J. F. Hamilton returned last week from Roswell, New Mex., where she spent some time making the acquaintance of a new granddaughter. The baby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gaddy.

## F. F. A. NOTES

Bill Casey, Norman Roberts and Milburn Wink accompanied their teacher, Carter M. Dibrell, to Roscoe on May 8. The group attended the District Meet of the Future Farmers of America.

Project Record Books were checked for Lone Star and American Farmer Degrees. Candidates were elected for district, area and state offices. Milburn Wink will compete with other boys from other districts for state president at Alpine, May 28-30.

May 5, the District Future Farmers of America Banquet was held in Rotan. Mr. J. Hollis Lloyd, Area President, Billy Glenn Carwile, Milburn Wink and Norman Roberts accompanied Carter M. Dibrell, Mrs. Simpson, local Future Farmer Sweetheart, competed for district sweetheart. The Sweetwater FFA Chapter won the contest.

The Area Future Farmers of America Convention will be held May 28-30 in Alpine. Milburn Wink, candidate for State Officer, Bill Casey, delegate, Bobby Lee, alternate and Carter M. Dibrell will attend the 3-day meeting. Swimming, picnics, dances and other recreation will be enjoyed by the members and teachers, after the business sessions. Candidates for Lone Star and American Farmer Degrees will be checked.

Carter Dibrell, Jr. and Jack Dibrell spent this past weekend in Coleman with Mrs. Carter Dibrell, Sr.

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### CHURCH OF CHRIST In Robert Lee

SUNDAY SERVICES—Bible Study 10:15 to 10:55 a. m. Worship at 11:00 A. M. Young Peoples Class at 6:30 P. M. Evening Worship at 7:30.

Mid-Week Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 7:30

OWEN COSGROVE, Minister

## SENIORS



PATSY HENNINGTON



MARJORIE (Calvert) ALLISON

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Looney and their children departed Tuesday for their home at Park Hill, Okla., after a visit here with the former's mother, Mrs. O. V. Looney, and of her relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. C. Slaughter arrived the last of the week for a visit with Robert Lee kinfolks and friends. She is making her headquarters in the home of her niece, Mrs. J. F. Hamilton. Mrs. Slaughter has been in Abilene with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Percifull. She reports the Percifulls recently bought a new home in a west end addition. Also

that Noel is happy with his position as a highway patrolman and that Maxine is working in an Abilene bank.

A party composed of Jack Capps, Harve Wallace and Martin Casey and son, Frankie, spent a few days fishing last week on the Colorado River below San Saba. They had only fair success.

## For Graduation

We have a very fine selection of Gifts for both Girl and Boy Graduates

### For BOYS

Shick and Remington Electric Razors, Shaving Sets by Shulton, Uenel, Langlois, Stag and Woodbury; also Socks, Ties and fine 17 jewel Watches.

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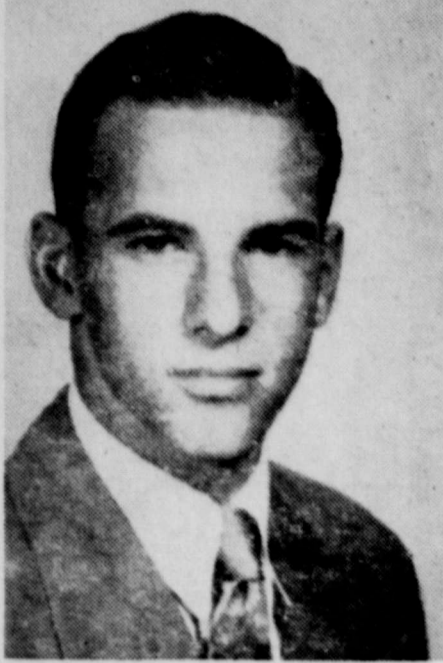
## THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

BANANAS	Large Golden Fruit	lb	10c
CABBAGE	Large Firm Heads	lb	3½c
CUCUMBERS		lb	15c
Pork & Beans	Jack Sprat	2 cans	19c
Tomato Juice		46 oz	33c
SPAM		12 oz can	43c
CRACKERS		lb box	23c
Kimbell CHILI		No. 2 can	59c
PEACHES	Red & White	lge 2¼ can	29c
Ballard Biscuits		2 cans	25c
Sun Spun OLEO		lb	21c
Pork Chops	Lean and Tender	lb	63c

## BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.



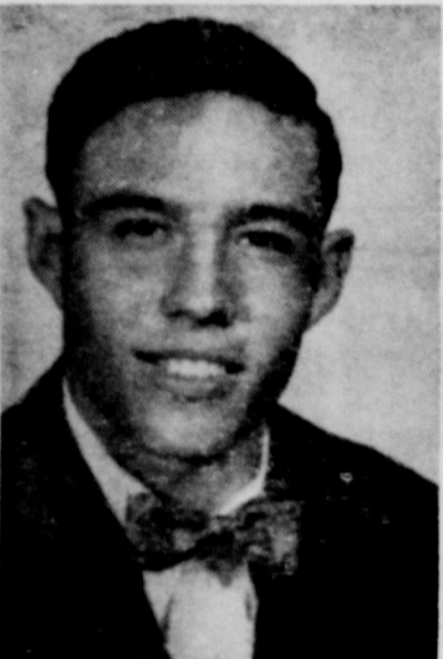
## SENIORS



GARLAND DAVIS



DONNY DUNCAN



BOBBY ROBERTS



JOYCE KING



MARVIN SIMPSON, JR.

Vellum originally was made from the skin of calves, lambs and kids.

The Erie Canal connects the Hudson River and Lake Erie.

## Dibrells Attend Open House And A & M Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Carter M. Dibrell and son, Jimmy, attended the special Open House and Parents' Day Programs at Texas A. and M. College May 9 and 10. More than 5,000 visitors were present for these activities honoring Aggie mothers and visitors.

Open House Day programs began Saturday morning at 8 and ended at midnight. A military affiliated radio system was set up for the Aggies to send personal messages to servicemen anywhere in the world. All phases of the college's activities were open for inspection with individual exhibits and displays being offered.

The School of Agriculture presented thirteen departments with special exhibits. Agricultural Engineering Dept. displayed farm machinery, irrigation systems and equipment for the farm home. The Animal Husbandry Dept. showed wool, meat and livestock displays. Dairy Husbandry exhibited dairy cattle and displays of creamery, laboratory and dairy equipment.

The Genetics Dept. presented displays illustrating principles of inheritance and of human inherited characteristics in the Animal Industries Bldg. The Horticulture Dept. had exhibits of budding, grafting and plant propagation in the hort. green-houses. The sixth annual Chick, Poultry and Egg Show was held on May 9 at the Poultry Center. Many other interesting agricultural exhibits were presented.

The Memorial Student Center held Open House in the ballroom Saturday afternoon. Reunions of old friends were enjoyed here while viewing arts, handicrafts, bowling, music, fencing, radio, photography, etc. exhibits. This modern hotel covers an area of several blocks and contains all forms of amusement, a coffee shop, and houses the Former Students Association.

"Harvey" was given in Guion Hall on Saturday afternoon while the Aggie Follies were presented that night. Of special interest was the faculty swing band dressed in their caps and gowns. This group rendered numerous popular encores.

An All College Dance honoring the Aggie parents was enjoyed at The Grove following the Follies. The music was furnished by Bill Turner and the Aggeland Orchestra. Sunday morning was highlighted by the Annual colorful flower pinning ceremony and presentation of awards. The crack Fish Drill Team put on a most unusual exhibition.

Bob Holland, Jr. of Childress, a friend of the Dibrell's, was a member of the company winning the Moore Trophy for the third consecutive time. This is the first time this has happened in the history of the College.

President M. T. Harrington gave a reception for the Aggies and their guests on Sunday afternoon at his home. An hour-long concert by the Aggie and Freshman Bands was conducted on the lawn of the President's home. Reunion with many friends made the visit perfect.

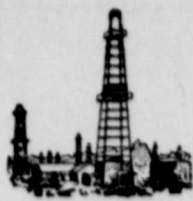
Don Fields and Tommy Kirkpatrick of Robert Lee will take part in the San Angelo College stage play to be presented Friday and Saturday nights. They are members of the Little Theatre group sponsoring the production.

Wilton Scott and his family have moved to San Angelo. They purchased a new residence out in the east side and Wilton is employed in the tire department of the Montgomery Ward store.

### SIMPSON SELLS 11 BULLS

Marvin B. Simpson of Robert Lee recently sold 11 purebred Aberdeen Angus bulls to other Texas cattlemen. Buyers were: E. H. Chandler, Ozona, five bulls; Walter King, Blackwell, two; and one each went to Will Durham, Sterling City; D. D. Wall, San Angelo; Binie White, Vincent; and James W. Neal, Paint Rock.

Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi.



## Notes From The Oil Field

J. J. Lynn of Abilene No. 1 Oscar Kresta, wildcat 1½ miles west of Robert Lee, was drilling Wednesday night below 3,300 feet.

Sun B-1 J. B. Walker, south of the river at Silver, has been finalized for a daily flow of 97.68 barrels of 42.7 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,160-1. The sand pay was fractured with 2,000 gallons.

F. Kirk Johnson No. 2-532 W. C. Blanks (G. A. Ernest Survey 932) has been completed as a new producer. The well flowed 237.28 barrels of 46 gravity oil per day through 12/64ths inch choke. Gas-oil ratio was 1,1312-1. Production is from the Strawn sand.

A. G. Hill No. 3-A J. B. Walker, Jr. at the west side of the Jameson field at Silver has been completed for 481.90 barrels of 45.6 gravity oil per day. Production is from the Strawn sand. Gas-oil ratio 944-1.

S. E. (Skinny) Adams No. 2 Phelan has been finalized for a daily flow of 165.91 barrels of oil. Gauge was through a 9/64ths inch choke. Mr. Adams has two more locations to drill, and the remainder of his Phelan lease has been farmed out to Laan-Tex.

### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this method to thank the many friends for the cards, flowers, books and visits I received while in the hospital. Also to express my appreciation to Dr. McDaniel and all the nurses at the hospital for their excellent care and kindness. — Robert Lewis Jay.

## Cpl. J. Q. Varnadore Marries Bronte Girl

The marriage of Corporal J. Que Varnadore and Miss Rena Mae Singleton took place Sunday, May 10, at 5 p. m. in the First Baptist Church at Bronte, with the Rev. Maynard R. Rogers officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, J. V. McCormick of Lubbock. Her sister, Barbara Singleton, was maid of honor and the bridegroom's brother, W. K. Varnadore, was best man.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Singleton and is a junior at Bronte High School.

The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore of Mena, Ark., former Robert Lee residents. He attended Robert Lee High School and was a member of the football team. He is stationed at Camp Wolters near Mineral Wells with the Air Force Engineers and is due for a discharge in four months.

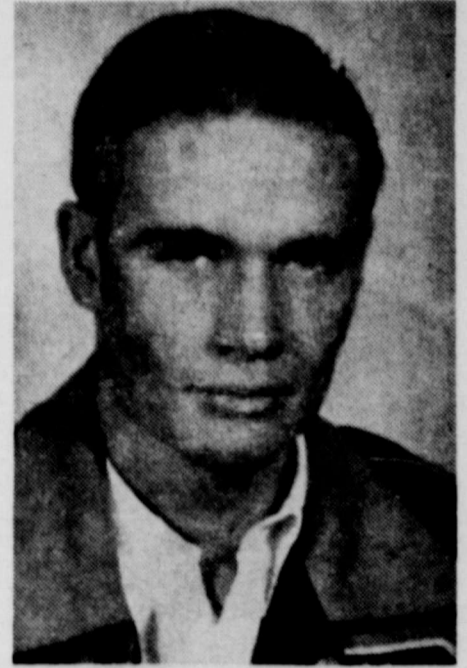
## Personals

Mrs. J. M. Sims accompanied her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr. of Silver to Monahans last week to be at the bedside of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bill (Alberta) Vanderland, who underwent surgery. They returned Monday leaving the patient doing nicely.

A. L. McArthur and family of High Point, N. C., visited the first of the week with the former's brother, E. C. McArthur and family at Edith. The North Carolinians are making a two weeks' vacation trip to Texas and also visited kin-folks at Borger.

Speeding on U. S. highway injured nearly 600,000 men, women and children.

## SENIORS



WILTON ROBERTSON



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**ATTEND CONVENTION**

Jeffie Harmon and Jackie Sparks went to the State Meeting of the Future Homemakers of America in San Antonio April 30 to May 2. After attending the programs, the theme of which was "Preserving Our American Heritage," many points of interest were seen which included the Alamo, the Museum, Joske's, La Villita, Cos House, Outdoor Theater, two old churches, Sunken Gardens, Brackenridge Park and Playland Park. They were accompanied by Mrs. Eastland, local F. H. A. sponsor.

**CARD OF THANKS**

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical way during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks. We are specially grateful to Dr. McDaniel and the staff at Coke County Memorial Hospital.—The Havins Family.

Mrs. R. Gaines was called to her home here Sunday by the critical illness of her little granddaughter Dawn Gaines. She had spent a month in the homes of her brothers, R. B. King at El Paso and Frank King at Socorro, New Mex.

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**FROM BUD AUSTIN**

Hello Mr. Kirk:  
I have been intending to write you for quite awhile but just never got around to it. I have read in the paper where there are lots of Robert Lee boys in or around Japan. I don't know their addresses, so I thought the best way would be through The Observer.

My ship ties up at Center Pier in Yokohama every month. I will be there on the following dates: May 19 to 22; June 24 to 27.

Keep up the good work, Mr. Kirk. I really enjoy reading the home town news.—Alfred J. (Bud) Austin, USS Gen. William Mitchell, TAP 114, care of Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Longfellow, the poet, was a descendant of John and Priscilla Alder.

**GOOD-BAKER REUNION**

Annual reunion of the Good and Baker families was held Saturday evening in the Lions Club House on Lake Nasworthy at San Angelo. The honored guest was Mrs. Kate Good of Bronte, 84 years old. Also her sister, Mrs. Maude Good of Clyde. The sisters married brothers. All of Mrs. Kate Good's five children were present. They include Paul Good of Robert Lee, Homer of Ozona and Walker of Weatherford, Mrs. Maude Baker of San Angelo and Mrs. Ben Meyers of Shreveport. About 100 kinfolks and friends attended the affair.

Ray Ledbetter and his wife are now living in Denver, Colo., where he is doing construction work and Mrs. Ledbetter has a position in a bank. Ray leased out his farm in Missouri.

The staff of the Robert Lee High School Annual wishes to make apology for omitting another advertisement in the yearbook. The space had been purchased by the Walker Hardware. Since the advertisement did not appear, Mr. Walker's money was refunded.

**FROM E. V. LOWRANCE**

Dear Editor:  
We are enclosing check to renew our paper. Sure do enjoy getting The Observer and hearing about all the folks of our home town.—Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lowrance, 819 N. Fairfield St., Amarillo, Tex.

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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, MAY 20-21

Willie and Joe in **BACK AT THE FRONT**  
With Tom Ewell-Harvey Lembeck Also Cartoon

### High School Annual Names Outstanding Students for 1953

The 1953 edition of The Corral, Robert Lee School Annual, was delivered recently and is considered a highly creditable publication.

Miss LaVerne Darter was its sponsor and the staff included Garland Davis, editor, Hollis Lloyd, business manager, Billy Glenn Carwile, assistant business manager, Johnibeth Snead, Eileen Vaughan, Alice Ross and Ben Bessent.

Among the awards presented in the annual were the following:

Best Citizens — Patsy Hennington and Milburn Wink. Honorable mention went to Johnibeth Snead and Garland Davis, who had received the award previously and were not eligible again.

Class Favorites — Seniors, Bill Havins and Annelle Simpson; Juniors, Bill Casey and Jennie Lee Burns; Sophomores, Ben Bessent and LaRue Walker; Freshmen, Tommy Hood and Colleen Varnadore.

FFA Sweetheart — Annelle Simpson.

Football Sweetheart — Patsy Hennington.

Future Home Makers Beau — Jerrel Clint Harmon.

Best All Around Students — Patsy Hennington and Donny Duncan.

Most Handsome Boy, Billy Glenn Carwile; Prettiest Girl, Annelle Simpson.

Wittiest — Johnibeth Snead, Marvin Simpson.

Most Versatile — Johnibeth Snead, Garland Davis.

Most studious — Voleta Harwell, Milburn Wink.

Most popular — Peggy Bilbo, Bill Havins.

Most Courteous — Hollis Lloyd, Martha Sue Richardson.

Most Friendly — Garland Davis, Jennie Lee Burns.

This year's annual was dedicated to the Class of 1943 which had left them a \$25 Government Bond to be used toward the publication expense.

#### SHRINERS CEREMONIAL

Members of the Shrine from Coke County were prominent in the spring ceremonial held in San Angelo Friday and Saturday. The group from Bronte and Robert Lee had their own float in the big parade Saturday afternoon. The float carried an 8-foot jackrabbit and large patch of cactus, with an inscription "Coke County Shrine Rabbit Twisters." Many said it was one of the most unique units in the parade. Wives of the Shriners also enjoyed special entertainment. Four Coke County novices were A. E. Bell, Sr., A. E. Bell, Jr., and H. A. Springer of Bronte and Bob Vaughan of Robert Lee.

Robert Lewis Jay underwent a successful knee operation Tuesday of last week at Coke County Memorial Hospital, and was removed Monday to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay. He is a junior at Lake View high school and is keeping up his assignments at home.

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#### FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

Mrs. Pat Rives advises The Observer that a box has been placed at Roach's for the collection of articles which Coke County friends may wish to give the E. W. Smith and Bronk Sparks families. Both of their homes and effects were destroyed in the San Angelo tornado Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Smith formerly resided in the Friendship community. The Sparks family lived here, too, until a few years ago.

#### AT STATE CONTEST

Billy Glenn Carwile of Robert Lee placed 7th in Class B typing at the State Interscholastic Contest in Austin last weekend. Eighteen contestants took part. Lyndon Waldrop of Bronte tied for first in the Class B pole vault in the state meet.

Gordon McCutchen is getting around on crutches this week, having injured his right foot when a heavy piece of pipe fell on it.

#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Johnnie S. Menielle, Deceased.  
No. 658, County Court Coke County, Texas.

L. B. Menielle, Administrator thereof, filed in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, on the 13th day of May A. D. 1953, his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Johnnie S. Menielle, deceased, together with an Application to be discharged from said administration.

Said Final Account and Application will be heard and acted on by said Court on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of Posting or Publishing this citation, the same being the 1st day of June, 1953, at the Courthouse thereof in Robert Lee, Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate are required to appear by filing a written answer and contest said account and application should they choose to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this the 13th day of May, A. D. 1953.

Weldon Fikes

Clerk of the County Court,  
Coke County, Texas.

(SEAL)

#### NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse in the town of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., beginning on Monday the 25 day of May, 1953, and from day to day thereafter, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Coke County, Texas, until such values have finally been determined for taxable purposes for the year 1953, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

Weldon Fikes  
County Clerk,  
Coke County, Texas

Coke County,  
Robert Lee, Texas  
this 11 day of May, 1953.

### Long Illness Takes Mrs. E. H. Krall, Former Resident

Mrs. E. H. Krall, 27, former Robert Lee resident, died at 6 a. m. Monday in the Shannon hospital in San Angelo. She underwent surgery twice and had been in the hospital 52 days.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Thursday in the Cox Funeral chapel, with burial in Fairmont cemetery.

Mrs. Krall was a sister-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Krall of Robert Lee. She and her husband resided two years on the Freddie Lee Roe place and one year on Claude Anderson's farm southeast of town. She was employed as a nurses aid after the new County Hospital opened here a few years ago.

Survivors include her husband, her parents and two brothers and two sisters. She was Carol Schuman before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith returned Monday from a few days trip to Premont where they visited in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gruberman, and Carla. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jack Mowbray of Silver, who visited her parents, at Premont.

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—Fred McDonald, Jr.

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