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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL OPEN HERE TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

The Robert Lee School will open September 1, 1953. There will be a faculty meeting Monday, August 31, at 9 a. m.

Buses will run at regular time Tuesday morning September 1. Buses will not carry children back until approximately eleven o'clock that day. All children are urged to enroll the first day of school.

The public is invited to attend assembly at 8:45 A. M. Tuesday morning of opening day. Many announcements of interest to parents will be made.

The lunchroom will be open for service Wednesday, September 2. The price of meals for children from grades 1-6 will be 25 cents. Those in grades 7-12 will be 30 cents.

Teachers will be assigned to the following grades or subjects:

Mrs. Naomi Lee Powell, 1st grade.  
Mrs. C. G. Walker, 2nd grade.  
Mrs. Viola Gramling, 3rd grade.  
Mrs. Melrose Russell, 4th grade.  
Mrs. Evva Faye Hicks, 5th grade.  
Mrs. Eunice Posey, 6th grade.  
There will be some departmental work in grades 4-6.

Mrs. B. C. Goddwin, Junior High English and High School History.  
Miss LaVerne Darter, Commercial subjects, Driver Training.

Mrs. Lillian Eastland, Home Economics.

Mrs. Murl Webb, Junior High math and reading, home room 7th grade.

Mr. P. E. Webb, Elementary Principal and social science.

Mrs. Jeff Dean, Public School Music.

Mr. Jack Brock, High School English.

Mr. H. H. Harris, Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. James Mancill, Coach and Biology.

Mr. Hollis Llyod, High School Principal and Math.

B. C. Goodwin, Superintendent.

The Robert Lee Independent School has received a four-door Ford station wagon through the courtesy of Ivey Motor Co. The car will be an all purpose car for the superintendent, but one specific use will be to carry football players home who do not ride the bus at 3:45.

### FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

All high school boys interested in football, their parents and football boosters are invited to a Boosters meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting will be to get better acquainted with our new coach.

The meeting will be held on the football field. Watermelon will be served.

### KINGS AT REUNION

All of the King family, sons and daughters of the late Sam King, were in attendance at the Edith Homecoming, except Frank of Socorro, New Mex. Tom drove down from Petersburg alone, since his wife is not in good health. He was accompanied home Tuesday by his sister, Mrs. R. Gaines. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. King and five children were here from El Paso on the first leg of a summer vacation. Their 8 year old son, Lester, received a broken arm when he tried to ride a calf at the home of his uncle, J. W. B. Robertson. He was released from the hospital Wednesday morning and joined his family on a trip into New Mexico.

### TO GET H-SU DEGREES

Graduate students will be in the majority when 190 Hardin-Simmons University students receive degrees in the summer commencement Monday, Aug. 24 at 8 p. m. Two Robert Lee teachers will be honored in the group. Miss LaVerne Darter will receive a Master in Education Degree and Jack Brock will get a Bachelor of Science Degree.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends who remembered me with beautiful get well cards with inspired reading and to the many that visited me. I am now at home again and doing very well. Thanks to all. — D. W. Neel.

## HOMECOMING AT EDITH AGAIN IS GREAT SUCCESS

The annual Edith Homecoming last Sunday was a grand affair, and many say this year's was the best they ever attended. The crowd was estimated at 800.

Weather wasn't so terribly hot, the barbecued dinner was delicious as usual and the program an entertainment features seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Frank Coalson of Abilene served as mistress of ceremonies. She is the former Pauline Reed. Jack Brock welcomed the homecomers and Mrs. Loujen's Sheppard King of Abilene responded. There was group singing, with Mrs. King at the piano and her son, Holman, playing the violin. The short forenoon program was closed by a prayer by Beale Ditmore.

Sen. Dorsey Hardeman gave an interesting address in the afternoon and another feature was Juanita Barger's talk on the old days at Edith.

Making a decided "hit" with the crowd were the musical selections by Chester Derrick, Home and Bert Cornelius of Tennyson and Eddie Garvin of Edith. They were followed by impersonations of "Minnie Pearl" by Mrs. Marvin Corley of Tennyson.

Mrs. C. D. Stewart of Robert Lee was given a prize for being the oldest person present. She is 87. A prize for coming the greatest distance went to Mrs. Kelly Gaston of California. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. S. Blair. Rev. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver gave the afternoon benediction.

Officers re-elected for another year were Delmir Sheppard, president; and Waymond Robertson, secretary - treasurer. Mrs. Crowley Harmon and Mrs. Elbert Davidson were asked to again serve as the program committee.

Officers report that the affair came out all right financially, and they wish to thank members of the various committees for doing an excellent job. Special thanks are due Bruce Clift for furnishing the public address system and fans, while Ivey Motor Co. also furnished fans to keep the tabernacle comfortable.

Mr. Sheppard was named as a trustee of the Tabernacle to succeed the late J. J. S. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Varnadore and daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Kay, are here for a vacation visit with relatives, making their headquarters with Mrs. Varnadore's sister, Eula McCutchen. They reside in Texon where Jess is employed by Plymouth Oil Co., his wife manages the telephone exchange and Elizabeth Ann has a position in the Haliburton office at Big Lake.

## TWISTERS WIN PLAYOFF FINAL FROM BRYANS

Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters won their way into the finals of the Concho Basin base ball league playoff by defeating Bryan Electric 3 to 1 here last Sunday. It gave Robert Lee a clean sweep over the Bryan whiz kids, who won first place in the regular league race, while the Twisters finished fourth and barely got into the playoff.

Texon and Goodfellow AFB Skyhawks started their first round playoff last Sunday, with the Skyhawks winning 14 to 9. It's a best two out of three series, so it may be two or three weeks before the final games can be played.

Robert Lee would like very much to have a game next Sunday, but Manager Chilly Tinkler says he has not been able to book anyone so far. Why not get Bryan Electric back here again? It would be a game worth seeing.

A million is a thousand thousand.



## Notes From The Oil Field

Midwest 1 Forehand, bottomed at 6,955 feet in shale. Operator was taking drillstem test in a lime section which had good shows of oil between 6,928-50 feet.

Superior 1-161 Price drilling Wednesday at 2,948 feet in sandy shale.

Surface pipe was cemented at 285 feet on F. Kirk Johnson No. 1 Percifull Bros., wildcat six miles southeast of Robert Lee. A spudder was used to drill the surface hole. Delaware Drillers will move in rotary when they finish the Wendland well on down the river.

Union Oil Company of California has completed its deep core test on the Edward Rawlings ranch, five miles of Bronte, and rotary has moved to the Burt Smalley ranch, three miles northeast of Robert Lee. Location of the test is a half mile northeast of the Smalley ranch house. This is the second of five deep core tests which Union will make in the Robert Lee area. No reports have been given out on the Rawlings venture.

## BIRTHS

HOOD — Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hood of Robert Lee are parents of a son, born Aug. 13 in a San Angelo Hospital. James Keith arrived at 7:10 a. m. and weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. Lucy Hood of Ft. Stockton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parry of Rhode Island. Mr. Hood is an oilfield worker.

McCABE — Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCabe, Jr. of Robert Lee are parents of their first child, a son born Aug. 18 at Clinic Hospital in San Angelo. Roy Doyle arrived at 4:20 a. m. and weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces. The father is engaged in ranching on the Divide southwest of Robert Lee.

HOOD — Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Hood (Joyce McCutchen) of Robert Lee are parents of a daughter born at 4:15 p. m. Aug. 15 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. This is their first child. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen and Mr. and Mrs. Jett Hood. The father is employed by Ard Drilling Co.

## Coke Gets Best Rain In Years; Flood at Bronte

Coke County was drenched with water this week. It was by far the largest amount of moisture to fall in many years and brought wonderful crop and pasture relief, while causing extensive flood damage in some areas.

The rains descended during the early hours of Wednesday, starting soon after midnight and continuing until 7 a. m. Robert Lee gauged more than 3 inches, while 5 and 6 inches were reported to the west and north. Bronte was hard hit by a 10-inch deluge which flooded the town.

Robert Lee's new Mountain Creek

## SUN DEDICATES LIGHTED FIELD FOR EMPLOYEES

The new athletic field at Silver constructed by Sun Oil Company will be dedicated Friday night of this week. It is to be known as "Gladney Field" in honor of S. M. Gladney, general superintendent and manager of Sun's Southwestern Division office in Dallas.

Mr. Gladney is expected to come out from Dallas for the dedication and will be accompanied by Jack Manes, Sun Public Relations Manager, and possibly other Sun officials.

Sun employees and their families will get together for a basket dinner at the Recreation Hall at 6 p. m. Mr. Gladney is expected to speak briefly at the lighted field prior to a soft ball game between the Sun team of Silver and the Humble Oilers of Snyder.

Lewis Heuvel is captain of the Silver club which finished second in the summer soft ball league in Colorado City.

The new field was constructed at a cost of more than \$3,000 and will provide Sun folks a fine recreation ground in future years. It is located on the north side of Tubb Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson and daughter, Martha Sue, accompanied by Mrs. Richardson's brother, M. H. Harris and wife of Tyler, left Thursday morning on a vacation trip to Colorado. They will make their headquarters at Denver, but plan to visit numerous points of interest in that locality.

Mrs. Ellis Eubanks is recovering nicely at Coke County Memorial Hospital. She suffered several fractured ribs and other injuries in a highway accident more than a week ago.

## Coke County Hospital News

Aug. 12 — Mrs. R. E. Hornbeck dismissed.

Aug. 13 — Jimmie Shaw, Otis Morris dismissed.

Aug. 14 — Thomas Lee admitted. Mrs. Fred Campbell dismissed.

Aug. 15 — Susan Shipman admitted. Mrs. Sam Jay, Mrs. James Forsan, Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick dismissed.

Aug. 16 — Alta Fay Eubanks, Thomas Lee dismissed.

Aug. 17 — Mrs. J. E. Self admitted. Susan Shipman dismissed.

Aug. 18 — Mrs. J. M. Gartman, Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Lester King, Mrs. Gertrude Gray admitted. Mrs. J. E. Self dismissed.

Aug. 19 — Lester King dismissed.

Reservoir overflowed so rapidly that the 8-inch water main leading from the pumping station was broken and the city was without drinking water during the day. Enormous quantities of swirling water also damaged the spillway at the lake, indicating that extensive repairs will have to be made immediately.

San Angelo's City Water Department gave wonderful assistance in helping make a temporary connection in the water main so that pumping was resumed at 7 o'clock Wednesday night. The water tower with a capacity of 50,000 gallons was full Thursday morning.

City Secretary Mrs. Sam Jay says City Water Supt. J. E. Williams of San Angelo, his assistant, J. C. Deal and Distributor Foreman Eddie Young came over immediately upon learning of Robert Lee's distress. They also brought a crew of work men and remained on the job until it was completed. Two smaller pipes were used in making a 13-foot splice in the big main.

Robert Lee Water Supt. Sam Jay discovered the break in the main when he went to the filtering plant at 7 a. m. By that time most of the water in the big tank had been lost.

The city lake lacked only one foot of being full when the heavy rains came Wednesday morning.

Territory to the north and west of Bronte received rains from 8 to 11 inches. The water overflowed both the East and West Kickapoo Creeks and literally flooded the entire town. Water up to 3 feet deep ran in some of the city streets and considerable damage resulted to homes and business houses.

All people of that area will be treated with typhoid serum if they will report at the Bronte Hospital. No charge will be made for the shots.

Enormous damage resulted to roads and bridges, too. Commissioner Howard Brock of Precinct 2 estimates the cost will be at least \$75,000 in his district. Damage is also heavy in other precincts.

However, the moisture is of enormous value and may be a permanent breaking of the longest and most disastrous drouth in history. Cotton and feed crops will be benefitted at once, as well as pastures. A big acreage of late feed will be planted.

The Colorado River overflowed its banks here early Wednesday and spread over the lowlands. It was the biggest rise since 1948. Since the heavy rains did not extend beyond Silver, the water rapidly receded in the afternoon.

All parts of the county got big rains except to the south and east where lesser amounts were reported. Over the weekend scattering showers had brought rain to a number of localities to the northwest and west of Robert Lee.

Raymond Schooler, west of Edith, got 5 inches Wednesday and Wilbern Millican reported a similar amount at the Collier place north of Edith. Ern Mathers west of Silver gauged over 5 inches. John Gunnells, north of Robert Lee, had 6 inches. The Mountain Creek watershed moisture was heavy. G. C. Allen at his ranch near Hayrick, reported 6.2 inches. Pete McDonald at Ft. Chadbourne said he had 10 inches of rain. The heavy downpour continued on down to Bronte.



## DEMOCRATS TO HOLD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

By VERN SANFORD  
Texas Press Association

Austin — Texas politics appear calm on top.

Only an occasional ripple indicates the seething turmoil under the surface.

Such a ripple is the announcement by George W. Sandlin of Austin, secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee, that the group will meet September 11 in Mineral Wells.

Small space was occupied in the newspapers by the announcement, which was casual in tone.

Sandlin said the purpose of the gathering was mainly "finding out what the members might have on their minds."

What they might have on their minds might be plenty. It would involve whether the Shivers "conservative" people would retain control of the Democratic Party in Texas, or whether the "liberal-loyalist" faction would regain control.

Hopefuls in the political races of next year were concerned—especially prospective candidates for state and national offices.

Politically and otherwise, a great deal depended on the governor's decision as to whether he will run for another term, seek some other office, or retire from the public service.

Several potential candidates are waiting for the governor's announcement before completing their own plans.

Some of the "experts" here said Shivers will try for a third elective term as governor, because in that position he could exert his influence most effectively in keeping Texas on the "conservative" side with respect to national politics.

A meeting of the executive committee at this time indicates strongly that the political forces are beginning to prepare for next year's three-sided campaigns, with competition from both Democratic factions and from the Republicans.

Otherwise, there was the business of replacing two members of the executive committee.

Mrs. L. E. Tennyson of Clifton resigned because of illness in her family. Peyton McKnight of Quitman left the committee to take a position with Jack Porter of Houston, oil man and national GOP committeeman.

Sandlin's announcement of the Mineral Wells meeting came while Shivers was attending the national governors' conference at Seattle, where President Eisenhower expressed his views on states rights.

The federal government, said the president, should never undertake to do for the state anything that the states can do for themselves.

This was what most of the governors wanted to hear. Shivers, chairman of the conference, had said that the problem of "bringing the government closer to the people" was considered by most of the delegates as the most important question before the meeting.

Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado agreed that there should be decentralization of government, and that the nation is still in danger of "drifting into socialism."

From Seattle came an indication on the part of some for Shivers to enter the presidential race in 1956. Louisiana's Governor R. F. Ken-

non made the suggestion to reporters there—a thought that has been expressed in Texas and elsewhere before.

## CENSUS REPORT ON COKE COUNTY

A "statistical picture" of Coke County's population, homes, business and agriculture is presented in the recently published 1952 edition of the COUNTY AND CITY DATA BOOK, according to Supervisor James M. Hamilton of the Census Bureau's district office at Ft. Worth.

The frame of the picture consists of the basic data which show that Coke County has 4,045 inhabitants (1950) 1,362 dwelling units (1950), 494 farms (1950), 63 retail stores (1948) and one manufacturing establishment (1947). In the frame are some detailed figures concerning each of these items, such as:

**POPULATION:** The median age of the county's 4,045 inhabitants was 28.8 years; citizens 21 years old and over numbered 2,448; families totalled 1,170; the median family income (1949) was \$2,875; the median school years completed of persons 25 years old and over was 9.8.

**HOUSING:** 1,198 of the county's 1,362 dwelling units were occupied in 1950; 2.4 percent of the occupied dwelling units were equipped with central heating; 76.1 per cent had mechanical refrigerators, and 90.6 percent had radios. The median value of one-dwelling unit non-farm structures occupied by owners was \$3,989.

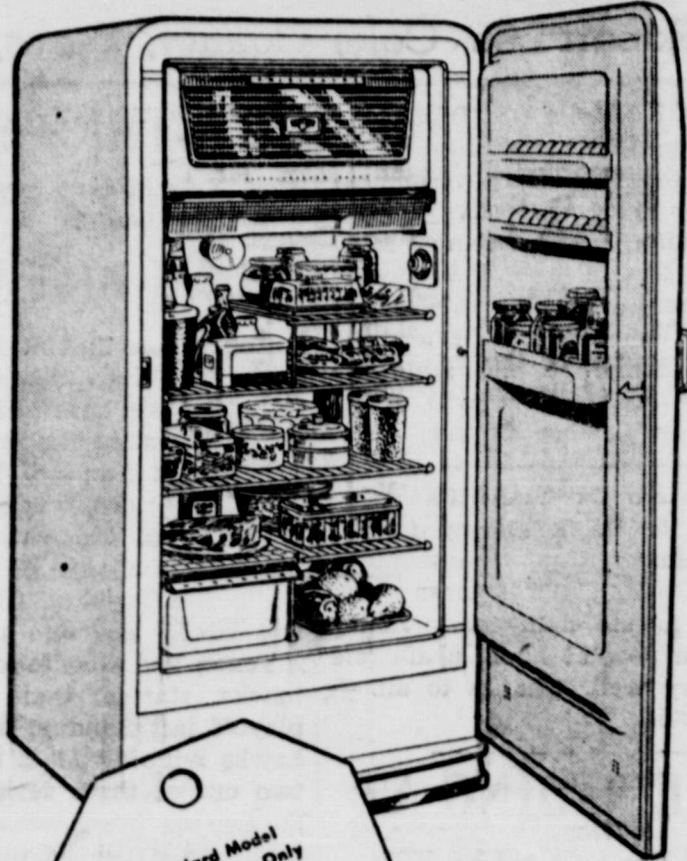
**AGRICULTURE:** The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$36,434; 347 of the county's 494 farms were electrified; total value of farm products sold in 1949 was \$2,274,000.

**RETAIL TRADE:** The 63 retail stores had 105 paid employees and reported sales totalling \$2,280,000 in 1948.

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## 4 PRODUCERS INDICATED FOR SUN AT SILVER

Six indictments were returned by a Coke County Grand Jury in District Court here Monday. Four of those accused had not been apprehended Tuesday and their names were not made public.

Bonds of \$1,500 have been posted by Everett Jimerson, charged with theft of oil field property near Silver, and Albert Edward Poe, 21 years of age, charged with rape of a young Water Valley girl.

Judge Joe L. Mays is presiding over the new term which opened this week. During the Monday session he granted divorces to Mary E. Roberts from Roy F. Roberts and Tressie Mable Wrinkle from Wylie Elbert Wrinkle.

Justice A. Keever, district attorney, was in charge of the grand jury investigations. Those indicted will be brought into court for trial on Monday, Aug. 31.

Civil suits will follow disposition of the criminal cases.

## Porters To Teach Coming Year In Barnhart School

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter will leave their Robert Lee Variety Store in other hands this year to accept teaching positions in the public school at Barnhart. Miss Gladys Waldrop will manage the store during their absence.

The Porter family will move to Barnhart next week where they will occupy a residence owned by the school district. They have five children. The oldest daughter, Harriett, will be in the store until the middle of September when she enrolls in Abilene Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter are both graduates of ACC and had a few years of teaching experience. At Barnhart Mr. Porter will teach general science and mathematics, while his wife will have the 3rd and 4th grades and teach art in the elementary grades.

During the year Mr. Porter expects to return to Robert Lee on weekends to look after his business.

He opened the Robert Lee Store three years ago and later put in a similar business at Bronte. Continued drought has hurt the business the past couple of years, he says, and Mr. Porter also experienced a long spell of illness last year. He disposed of the Bronte store a few months ago.

Recent visitors of Mr. Alf Key, who is making his home here with a son, D. P. Key, were Curtis Roy Burson and Marvin and Ray Stewart. In their boyhood days all were neighbors of the Key family in the Edjth community. Ray Stewart, who lives in Arizona, has been in Robert Lee to visit his mother and other relatives and attending the Edith Homecoming last Sunday.

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## Personals

Wayne, Charles and Jerry Caulder returned home Monday from a visit in Kerrville with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shellburne and family. While there the Robert Lee boys attended the summer session of the Bible Training Work at the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek and their son, Doyle and family of Dallas, returned Sunday from a 10 days trip to Florida where they visited their son and brother, Victor Wojtek, who is stationed in the Air Force at Cocoa. V. V. says they saw lots of water and good crops.

Waymond Davis is home on a ten days' army leave visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Davis. "Copey" recently completed a cooks and bakers school at Ft. Sam Houston and has reported back to his station at Fort Hood.

Lieut. and Mrs. Wallace Murdock were weekend guests at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen and Mrs. Bill Allen. Lieut. Murdock recently returned from Korea

he served some time with Lieut. Bill Allen and he brought first hand information in regard to conditions there. Murdock had high praise for the fine work Bill has been doing. A native of Idaho, Lieut. Murdock has been sent to Fort Sam Houston as an instructor. Lieut. Bill Allen will have completed a required 16 months of overseas service next February.

### FAVOR WHEAT QUOTAS

Coke County farmers voted 10 to 2 to continue control of wheat acreage and a government price support at the referendum held last Friday. The referendum was held throughout the United States and strong support in favor of the control was expressed in every state. Thirty-five farmers were eligible to vote in Coke County. The small number casting votes was due to the fact that most local farmers plant wheat for grazing purposes and do not expect to market any grain. Fifteen acres of wheat may be planted without government restrictions.

## Want Ads

FISHING Tackle Headquarters, Lone Star Aluminum Boats and everything needed by fishermen and campers. LEEPER Supply Co.

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Good reports come from Allen Sparks, 20 year old local youth who was seriously injured at the Big Spring rodeo two weeks ago. He suffered a crushed chest and punctured ribs when a Brahma bull fell on him in one of the rodeo events. His aunt, Mrs. DeToert Harmon, is with him this week at the Medical Arts Hospital in Big Spring.

Mrs. A. E. Latham, Mrs. W. M. Summers and Chester (Poochy) Allen have returned from a trip to Carmi, Ill. Monette, who spent several weeks here with her grandmother, returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Latham, at Carmi. The Robert Lee folks drove through the Arkansas and Missouri Ozarks on their homeward trip.



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## Personals

Mrs. Zelma Milam and little son, Joe, went to Dallas by plane Friday where they met relatives from Cad-do Mills and enjoyed a weekend visit. They returned Sunday night. This was Joe's first plane flight and he was greatly thrilled.

Bill Ratliff was over from San Angelo Monday and stopped in to renew his Observer subscription. Bill reports his wife and children are all fine.

Mrs. Dora Arbuckle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt and son of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard White and son, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Davis and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denny and children and Mrs. Rosa Lackey of Arizona spent an enjoyable weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones at their lodge on Phantom Lake near Abilene. The group were all relatives of the late Hugh Walton, a former resident of Coke County.

A/2c Wm. L. Coffey received an honorable discharge from the service Aug. 7 at Holloman AFB in New Mexico and has returned to Robert Lee to assist his father in operating the Conoco service station here. Coffey served more than two years and was trained as a baker. He will be in the reserve for eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McDonald had their four children with them here Sunday, it being the first time in seventeen years that the entire family had been together. The children are Archie McDonald and Mrs. Thelma Melugin of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Willie Faye Myer of Balingier and Lloyd McDonald of Robert Lee.

## Sonora Station Reports on Live Grass In Area

How much of our grass is still alive after three years of drouth? This question is frequently asked by farmers and ranchers in the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

The Ranch Experiment Station at Sonora has made some checks to answer that question. Conditions at that station are about average for West Texas, and the results of their study conform in general to observations which have been made in the Coke District.

They found that about 12 percent of the curly mesquite, 45 percent of Wright's needlegrass, 87 percent of silver bluestem and 97 percent of the side oats grama was still alive.

Grasses died worse on heavier stocked pastures, but the checks showed that pastures which are rested four months during each sixteen month period have more live plants than pastures with a lighter stocking rate but without rest periods.

Plots were staked off on all pastures of the station, and the plants in each plot were counted. Three inches of water were applied followed a week later by 1.5 inches more. None was allowed to run off. Plants which did not green up after two weeks were considered dead.

The short grasses have suffered a higher death rate than the tall ones.

As Soil Conservation Service technicians have observed in the Coke District, stocking with straight sheep did the most damage to short grasses. Stocking with cattle alone has done more damage to tall grasses. Mixed stocking with both cattle and sheep did the least damage.

Personnel at the station believed that there were enough live plants on their pastures to re-establish a cover following good rains, provided it is not grazed too heavily during the first several weeks after growth begins.

Cattle and sheep are pulling up a lot of live plants while grazing, because roots are so weak and shallow. Considerable damage can be done this way while the livestock are receiving little benefit from the sparse grazing.

## ENJOYED EASTERN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley and son, Bobbie, his wife and little son, Steve, returned last Thursday from a two weeks' vacation trip. They first motored to East Point, Ga., where Ell and his wife visited her brother, Emory Hughes and family, while Bobbie and his folks went up to Tellico Plains, Tenn., to visit his wife's mother, Mrs. May Irons and family. Later Bobbie drove back to Georgia to get his parents and the group returned home through Memphis, where they visited Chesley Hughes, who resided in Robert Lee for a time during his young manhood. They came on through Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, stopping for a visit with Ell's brother, Henry Hatley, at Miami, Okla. During their absence C. E. McDonald was in charge of the Robert Lee locker plant.

The Battle of New Orleans was fought after the War of 1812 had ended.

## SCHOOLER FAMILY REUNION

The annual Schooler Family Reunion was held last Saturday and Sunday at Buffalo Gap State Park near Abilene, with 89 persons attending. Honored guest was Mrs. Rosalie Schooler, who will be 92 years of age Nov. 20. She has nine children all of whom were present for the reunion except Joe, who resides in Blythe, Calif., and Loyal, who is in Missouri at present. Mrs. Schooler makes her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Carroll and Ida Fields, in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Schooler and Mr. and Mrs. Field came on to Robert Lee and will spend a few days with folks here, including the Tom and Raymond Schoolers and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Field.

Miss Kay Reeder, registered nurse on the Coke County Memorial Hospital staff, left Wednesday on a ten days' vacation which she will spend with her parents at Fairfield, Iowa. She made the trip by plane.

Mrs. Rosa Lackey of Phoenix, of Abilene were in Robert Lee visiting relatives and friends last Friday. Casa Grande and Mrs. Ruth Jones day.

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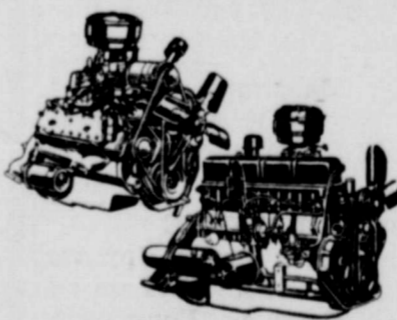
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
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## Dr. Rex Johnston President of SAC, Is Native Texan

Dr. Rex F. Johnston, President of San Angelo College, is a native of Wood County, Texas, was educated in the schools and did his undergraduate work in North Texas State College. He earned his Master of Education degree at the University of Texas and his Doctor of Education at Leland Stanford University.

He has been a teacher in elementary schools, junior high principal, high school instructor in business subjects and head of the business department of Sherman High School. He also was instructor in business at the University of Texas and supervisor of student teachers of business at Stanford. He joined the ETSC staff in 1941, rising from instructor to Associate Professor of Business Administration. In 1951, he became Professor and Director of the Department of



DR. REX F. JOHNSTON

Business and Economics and Director of the Guidance and Placement Bureau at TSCW. In 1952, he became President of San Angelo College.

From 1943 to 1946 he served as communications officer on the staff of the commander of the Seventh Fleet with rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

He is a member of the Church of Christ, the Masonic Lodge, Pi Omega Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, and the Rotary Club.

In his philosophy of higher education, Dr. Johnston believes that high school graduates get the maximum benefits from a college not too large where the members of the faculty take personal interest in the students and where there is a stimulating Christian environment. He says San Angelo College more than meets all these requirements.

### Personals

Coming back to Coke County for the Edith Homecoming were Mr. and Mrs. George King and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brice, of Stanley, New Mex. Mr. and Mrs. Brice went on to Bronte to spend the week. George says crops are good in his locality. He is growing alfalfa quite extensively on some irrigated land and is getting \$22.50 a ton for the hay in the field.

Mrs. E. A. Burgess has ordered The Observer sent to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Snow, at Benson, Ariz. Mr. Snow has a good position with the El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard Brown returned to their home at Premont after a weekend visit with relatives in Robert Lee and Bronte. Mrs. R. Gaines, who spent several weeks with the Browns, returned with them to her home in Robert Lee.

Mrs. Royce Smith says that her husband was transferred from Japan to Korea just about the time the armistice was signed and did not see any front line action. He is now helping with the prisoner exchange. Royce is attached to the 21st Infantry Regiment.

Gerald Ivey has returned to his home in Robert Lee after several months spent in Corpus Christi. He has been employed by the Gasoline Plant Construction Co. of Houston and was transferred to the concern's project for Sun at Silver. Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ivey, plans to attend San Angelo College this fall.

Mrs. Ruby Pettit writes to have The Observer sent to her new address, 906 East 4th St., Big Spring.

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# Coke County Quarterly Statement

FROM JANUARY 1, 1953 TO MARCH 31, 1953

Fund	Balances Jan. 1, 1953	Receipts	Disbursements	Balances March 31, 1953
Road & Bridge	\$35,138.65*	\$19,505.05	\$15,221.28	\$30,854.88*
General County	1,960.86*	4,575.93	5,367.95	2,752.88*
Courthouse & Jail	45,399.99	3,794.26	4,264.68	44,929.57
Jury	39,932.48	2,276.55	738.53	41,470.50
Officers Salary	9,520.94	3,118.87	7,579.43	5,060.35
Farm & Market Road	45,999.02	3,638.21	984.16	48,653.07
Road & Bridge Special	17,213.50	4,276.55	13,751.00	7,739.05
Coke County Funding	34,899.30	317.73	0	35,217.03
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking	34,823.29	0	1,240.00	33,583.29
Road Bond No. 3 Sinking	18,219.74	0	0	18,219.74
Lateral Road	7,399.52	0	0	7,399.52
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$216,308.27</b>	<b>\$41,503.15</b>	<b>\$49,147.03</b>	<b>\$208,664.39</b>

NOTE: \*Indicates Overdrawn

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COKE ss

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Weldon Fikes, County Clerk, Coke County, Texas, who being duly sworn, says that the within and foregoing is true and correct statement as taken from the Quarterly Report of the County Treasurer of Coke County, Texas.

Weldon Fikes

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 3rd day of August, A. D. 1953.

Paul Good  
Notary Public in and for Coke County,  
Texas.

(Seal)



## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keenan, former residents of this community, came out from Dallas to visit relatives and friends and attend the Edith Homecoming. They made their headquarters in the P. W. Millican home, the ladies being sisters. On Sunday the Keenan's son, David flew out from Dallas in his private plane to attend the Homecoming. He landed on a road in the Millican oil field.

Lieut. Jack Snead is scheduled to leave Friday from Goodfellow AFB at San Angelo on the first leg of his journey overseas. He will fly to a base near Oakland, Calif., and then join his B-29 bomber crew on a flight to Okinawa where they will be stationed. Jack is a radar expert and navigator. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr. His wife, the former Glo Caraway, will reside here and resume her position as a clerk in the office of County Clerk Weldon Fikes.

Mrs. Paul Good, wife of the Coke County Sheriff, is recovering nicely from major surgery which she underwent Wednesday of last week in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Mrs. Raymond Schooler has been at Lubbock for some time helping care of her sister, Miss Lena Mae Williamson, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zoet of Galveston are here for a vacation visit with Mrs. Zoet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis, and other kin-folks.

Peggy Rosser of Copperl and her cousin, Shirley Banks of Big Spring, are guests this week in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Lenn Roberts, and family south of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Young and children, Randy and Vicki Lynn, left Wednesday for their home in New York City after a pleasant vacation visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young.

Lee Hallmark, well known farmer south of Robert Lee, submitted to the amputation of an arm Monday at a San Angelo hospital. Bones of his arm were crushed when he turned his pickup over a year ago, and it was impossible to get it to mend properly. Latest reports indicate his condition is good.

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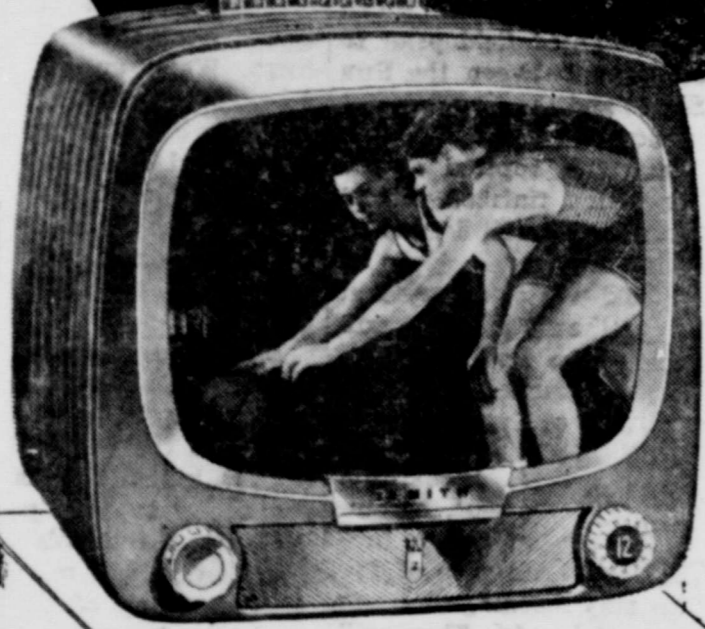
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