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HAZEL WALKER GIRLS DEFEAT MEN ALL-STARS

A record crowd was well entertained last Thursday night when Hazel Walker's Arkansas Travelers, professional girls basketball team, outpointed a team made up of Coke County's best men players.

As a preliminary feature fans witnessed a thrilling game between the Bronte and Silver Independents, with the Bronte team winning a close battle by the score 48-44. The winners led most of the way, being ahead 15-13 at the half and 30-23 at the end of the third period.

However, Silver got busy in the final quarter, tied the count at 36-all and again at 37-all. But Bob Edwards' squad couldn't quite check the Bronte youngsters, who sank some long shots near the end of the contest.

Miss Walker and her Travelers demonstrated their superiority in hitting the basket, and were able to take care of themselves playing against the men and men's rules. Most of the seven players were 6 feet tall or over.

Frances Garrouette, a 6-footer from Van Buren, Ark., sank a number of long shots. She is a 3-time All American. Miss Walker, rated as 11 times All American, demonstrated her ability between halves in sinking free throws. She made ten straight and nearly as well while kneeling and then sitting on the floor.

Other outstanding players were Joe Byers of Nashville, Ark., a forward, and Ethel Layton, fancy trick artist from Brooklyn, N. Y.

The girls defeated Silver Independents 34-29 for the first half, and outscored Bronte and Robert Lee All-Stars in the second half.

Miss Walker collected 60 percent of the gate receipts and the remainder went to the Robert Lee high school girls basketball team to purchase jackets.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce made a trip to Quinlan the last of the week to visit Buster's mother, who has been ill.

HOSPITAL NEWS

March 17 — Finis Harmon admitted.

March 1 — Robert Dickey admitted. Mrs. Mitchell Davis, E. Davis, Dwight Utley dismissed.

March 19 — Bruce McCrary, Mrs. Dalton Millican admitted. Mrs. Frank C. Dickey, Sr., Billie May Hallmark dismissed.

March 20 — Mrs. Samantha Blair, Jerry William Burson, Bruce Allen admitted. Bruce McCrary, Mrs. Frank Dickey, Jr. and son, Robert Ryan, dismissed.

March 21 — Kathryn Reeder admitted. Finis Harmon transferred to San Angelo Hospital.

March 22 — John Allen, Andy Patterson, J. I. Murtishaw admitted. Jerry Burson, Mrs. Dalton Millican, Kay Reeder dismissed.

March 23 — Mrs. Bob Fields admitted. Mrs. Bonnie Robertson dismissed.

March 24 — Mrs. Samantha Blair, Andy M. Patterson, J. I. Murtishaw dismissed.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization for the City of Robert Lee will be in session again March 29 to hear any appeals from property owners. The board made up of E. C. Davis, Delmir Sheppard and Bryan Yarbrough, was engaged all day last Friday in checking over city property assessments. Some adjustments were made and those affected have been notified and given the opportunity to appear the 29th.

MARRIED BY J. P.

Miss Barbara Allen Singleton of Bronte and Mr. Richard L. Dean of Ballinger were married here Saturday night by E. C. Davis, Justice of the Peace. The ceremony took place in the Davis home at 7:30, the couple being accompanied by several friends. Mr. Dean is connected with the radio station at Ballinger.

Silver, Bronte May Have Warm School Voting

A deadline for filing candidates for school trustee occurred at midnight Tuesday. As a result a hot race is shaping up at Bronte where voters will elect three trustees from nine candidates.

No opposition is in sight for Wilson Bryan and Bryan Gartman, who were nominated for re-election in the Robert Lee district. Both were urged to run again because of the building program which has been adopted.

At Silver the terms of O. L. Snyder and Ernest Clendennen will expire and both refused to run again. Four candidates have been nominated for the two vacancies. Matthew Caperton is the only Bronte trustee who is up for re-election.

Two places are to be filled on the County Board of Education and the incumbents have been nominated without opposition. They are W. F. Fikes in Precinct 1 and D. O. King in Precinct 3.

School elections all over the State of Texas will be held Saturday, April 3. Following is a list of candidates for trustee:

Robert Lee—
Wilson Bryan
Bryan Gartman.
Silver—
Jesse Duplissey.
Arch Mathers.
Bob Edwards.
Perry Post.
Bronte —
Marvin Corley.
Osmo Black.
Robert N. Wilson.
J. B. Mackey.
Joe Rawlings.
Carroll Robbins.
Vernon Glenn.
James Allen.
Matthew Caperton.

METHODIST RALLY

Sunday, April 4, has been designated as Rally Day at the Robert Lee Methodist Church. Mrs. J. S. Ferrell is chairman of the event. Theme of the Rally Day this year will be "You All Come."

Mrs. Royce Smith and son are visiting her brother and family, the W. K. Varnadores at Arden.

JURY ASSESSES 5-YEAR TERM IN RAPE CASE

A 51st District Court jury recommended a five-year prison sentence Tuesday afternoon for Albert E. Poe, 21, of Water Valley, charged with the rape of a 12-year-old girl last July 7.

The jury deliberated one hour and 15 minutes. Poe entered a plea of guilty shortly before testimony began after earlier pleading not guilty.

Poe's defense attorney, Robert E. Lee, Sr. of Mason, called six character witnesses to the stand to back up application for a suspended sentence. The Water Valley ranch worker, father of two small children, had no previous felony convictions.

Witnesses called by the state during the trial included the teenage girl and her mother, both residents of a Water Valley ranch.

Character witnesses called by the defense were the defendant's wife, father, Oscar Poe; Justice of the Peace, D. I. Chambliss; Brady; Dick Winters, a Brady ranchman; McCulloch County Sheriff J. P. Williamson; and Charlie Capps, McClellan county ranch worker. Poe also took the stand to testify in his own behalf.

Changes of statutory rape were filed against Poe July 9, 1953, following the offense in a ranch pasture. Poe was released on \$2,500 bond pending trial. Dist. Atty. Aubrey Stokes, assisted by Justin Kever, prosecuted the case for the state.

Testimony in the case got under way shortly before noon on Tuesday following selection of the last juror. Eight jurors were selected Monday. The jury refused to comply with the defense plea for a suspended sentence.

Poe was confined in the Coke County jail following his conviction by the jury. Judge Joe L. Mays, who presided over the trial, is expected to pronounce sentence within a few days.

Members of the jury included Earl F. Glenn, foreman, Chas. Boecking, Curtis Walker, J. M. Casey, Royce Fancher, J. D. Harmon, C. A. Bowen, C. J. Robbins, Bert Blaylock, W. S. Evans, Jr., Wesley Watson and C. E. Hageman.

FROM MRS. SPARKS

To The Editor:
Enclosed find check for a year's renewal for my son, Cecil Sparks. He is home now and up and about after a four weeks' stay in the Kermit Hospital following a serious operation. We think he is well on the road to recovery. He really enjoys the old home town paper, as do all of us, so keep it coming. — Mrs. J. M. Sparks.

BILL HAWKINS AT SANCO

Rev. W. E. Hawkins will preach at Sanco next Sunday at 3 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

V. M. Box, B. F. Jeffries, Halley Richards and James Coleman came in for a weekend visit with their families here. They are employed on an Empire Drilling Co. rig near Denver City.

AUTO LICENSE DEADLINE

Next Wednesday, March 31, is the deadline for securing 1954 motor vehicle licenses. Up to Wednesday noon only 684 passenger car licenses had been issued in Coke County, a little more than half of the registrations that are expected.

DIVORCE GRANTED

Elna Willie Campbell was granted a divorce from Fred Campbell in a session of District Court here Wednesday morning, with Judge Joe L. Mays presiding. Cliff Tupper represented both parties, and a property settlement had been agreed upon. The couple has resided in Robert Lee for a number of years.

BCD Will Elect Seven Directors

Members of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development are voting this week on a new set of directors. Ballots were mailed out and each member is requested to vote for seven of the 15 persons nominated.

Nominations were made by a committee composed of Hugh Lewis, Jr., A. V. Sheppard and Curtis Walker. A stamped envelope was enclosed with the ballot and they are to be returned to the committee by mail.

A new board of directors will take over operation of the BCD. They will name one of their group as chairman for the year and each other director will serve as chairman of a permanent committee.

Robert Vaughan, BCD president, recently announced that he was resigning from the office because too much of the burden of making the civic organization function, was left to the president.

At a recent meeting by-laws were changed to provide for the election of seven directors and delegating them specific duties.

Nominated for directors are C. S. Brown, Fern Havins, W. D. McAdams, W. T. Roach, Bruce Clift, J. L. Tinkler, J. Sid Ferrell, Jeff Dean, Weidon Fikes, A. J. Kirkpatrick, B. C. Goodwin, J. E. Quisenberry, Jr., Delmir Sheppard, Robert Vaughan and M. W. Farris.

School House Bids Will Be Opened April 27

Sealed bids for construction of the new Robert Lee school building will be opened here April 27, at 2 p. m. The date was set at a special meeting of trustees and architects Tuesday night.

Ed Wilson and T. J. Dunlap, representing the architectural firms of Wilson, Patterson & Associates of Ft. Worth, were in conference with board members. At that time an extensive review was made of plans and specifications of the new school building and final approval was given by school officials.

A. V. Sheppard, school board president, states that contractors will be asked to submit only one general contract which will include plumbing, heating and wiring. It is specified that local labor will be employed if same is available.

PRODUCTION OF OIL IN COUNTY CLIMBS HIGHER

Nearly 700,000 barrels of crude oil will be produced in the west half of Coke County during the month of March. This figure is announced by Sun Pipeline Company's terminal at Silver.

The exact allowable production for the month is 691,499 barrels, but production is expected to run from 5 percent to 9 percent under the allowable, according to J. D. Duplissey, Sun Pipeline superintendent at Silver.

Sun purchases all the crude in this locality, including the McCutchen and Wendland fields east and southeast of Robert Lee. Also included is Sun's own highly producing Jameson and Millican fields, a few wells in southeastern Mitchell County and oil produced by independent operators in the northwest part of Coke County.

Eighteen producing days were allowed in March and the same number will be effective in April. In the Jameson and Millican fields a daily allowable of 111 barrels is permitted for reef wells, while those producing from Strawn sand are allowed 102 barrels daily.

Nineteen rotary rigs are now drilling across the river southwest of Silver, rapidly developing a new field that may double the county's oil production. Principal operators in that area are F. Kirk Johnson, Perkins-Prothro, Fuller Bros., Stanolind and Humble.

Work is starting immediately on an 81,000 barrel storage tank which Sun Pipeline Co. will erect at Silver. It will give the Silver terminal a storage capacity of 155,000 barrels. All crude gathered there is carried in the company's pipeline to a point in Scurry County where it joins the Gulf West Texas 24-inch pipeline.

Sun transports much of its Texas crude by tanker to the Marcus Hook refinery at Philadelphia, while some of it is carried by pipeline to the Toledo refinery.

Mrs. L. W. Welch writes that she and her husband have purchased a cafe in Kerrville and their new address is 314 Main Street. They invite their Coke County friends to drop by and see them when they are down in that locality.

BIRTHS

GARTMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gartman (Mattie Lord) of Grand Prairie are parents of a son, Terry Wayne, born March 9 in a Dallas hospital. He has four sisters and a brother. H. J. Gartman of Austin is the grandfather.

WYLIE — A daughter was born at 10 p. m. March 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wylie (Jo Marie Boyd), at Hobbs, New Mex. They have a son, Milton, 3½ years old. Grandparents are T. M. Wylie, Sr. of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyd of Stephenville. The family moved to Hobbs a few months ago where Mr. Wylie is employed by General Telephone Co. of the Southwest.

Fisher Reports Drouth Feed To Be Continued

Drought relief feed from government stockpiles will be continued beyond the April 15 cut-off date, provided it does not rain in the meantime and produce some Spring grazing, Congressman O. C. Fisher has been assured by the Department of Agriculture.

Fisher conferred with Kenneth L. Scott, in charge of the emergency program, and told him the continued drouth in southwest Texas makes the outlook there worse than it was at this same time last year.

Several telegrams have been received by Fisher following receipt by local Drouth Emergency committees in various counties of notices of the cut-off date. These included one from Walter Pfluger of Eden, President of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

Fisher reports that the Department is presently surveying available stocks, reported to be low, of cottonseed products to determine if more meal and pellets may be made available. Most of the emergency feed is now in the form of corn, wheat, and mixed feed.

Want Ads

FOR SALE — My 160-acre farm 7 1/2 miles southwest of Robert Lee. Mrs. O. K. Rabb. 42w3p.

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.

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FOR RENT — 2 bedroom modern house near Y-Courts. J. C. Strickland, owner, 312 Iris, San Angelo. Phone 213063. 42tfc

I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cesspools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte for this service. L. M. Jones.

Building Materials — Cement and Paint. The right materials at the right price. McDonald Lumber Co., Robert Lee, Texas.

FOR SALE — Beautiful marquisette formal with taffeta slip. Only been worn once. Size 12. Price \$12.50. — Mrs. Mrs. H. R. Gassiot, Box 84, Silver. 41tfc

PAINT — Pittsburgh Rubberized Satin Finish Wallhide for all inside work. Use it on paper, wallboard, wood, cement, anything. Dries in 15 minutes.— LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

FOR SALE — 1953 Ford pickup, heavy duty type, only run 14,000 miles. Would trade equity for used passenger car. Bruce Allen. 1p

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PERSONALS SUN PRODUCER RATES 218 BBLs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker are spending some time at Ingram where Mrs. Walker is undergoing treatment. Jack came to Robert Lee a few hours Wednesday to look after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Millican are home from a two weeks' visit with their son, Talman, and family near Hico. Ike says things are greener over there than Coke County, but it is very dry nevertheless.

Freddie McDonald fractured some bones in one of his feet while working out for track events at school last week. The injury has been placed in a cast.

S. E. (Skinny) Adams was over from San Angelo Tuesday looking after business matters and visiting friends. He is a director of the San Angelo Colts of the Longhorn League and is proving himself a valuable booster for the club. He planned to leave Thursday to spend a few days at the Colts training headquarters in Harlingen. Skinny's wife and his mother will accompany him, and they will visit in the Claude Carter home.

Horace Mitchells, former Robert Lee residents, recently moved from Midland to Tyler, according to a report sent to The Observer.

J. H. Vowell writes The Observer that the post office at Stafford, Okla., has been closed and they now get their mail from Clinton, Route 3, Box 214-P. The Vowells were former Coke County residents.

The Sunshine 4-H girls met Monday, March 23, at 3 p.m. Marjorie Gladys Rives showed the girls how to paint with Tri Chem Pens. After the demonstration each girl painted some. We had 24 with 2 visitors.

BIRTHDAY PARTY
Jimmy and Joe Dee, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Blair, were both honored with a birthday party at their home Tuesday, March 16. Helping them celebrate were Kitten Dean, Glenn Roach, Jeanie Hatch, Rhea Jean McCutchen, Melinda Percifull, Vernay Vaughan, Connie Duke, Randy Hall, Tooter and James Fields, Roy Blair, Ronnie and Donnie Devoll, Kathy and Bebo Boren, Leroy Casey, Farrell Jean and Elaine Fikes, Cathy Mathis and Jimmy, Ronny and Marcia Varnadore.

Sun B-6 Central National Bank (Blanks Estate Trustee), southwest of Silver, has been completed in the Strawn sand for a daily flow of 218.30 barrels of 44.5 gravity oil.

Gauge was through an 11-64ths inch choke with tubing pressure of 1,000 pounds. Gas-oil ratio was 1.66-1.

Baker & Taylor was the drilling contractor and moved rotary to Sun A-2 Central National Bank.

Sun Oswald Everett No. 1, wildcat near Blackwell, was drilling Tuesday morning at 540 feet in anhydrite.

Sun J. A. Waide, Paint Rock wildcat, was scheduled to take a drillstem test at 2,420 feet.

GROUP HD MEETING
An all day meeting was held at Winters March 19 for WHD ladies from three different counties. Mrs. L. A. Groane of Taylor County gave a demonstration on covering lampshades to about 28 members. The leaders will teach it to their club members in May. Five members representing Robert Lee were Miss Jonell Black, County Home Demonstration Agent; Mrs. Thelma Rives, Friendship Club; Mrs. Douglas Gartman, Sanco Club; Mrs. Crowley Harmon and Mrs. Bud Harmon, both from the Green Mountain Club.

GREEN MT. HD CLUB
The Green Mountain Home Demonstration Club met March 16 in the Community Building. Miss Jonell Black, county agent, gave an interesting talk on sheet-rock, and the various kinds of paints and matching colors to be used to decorate the interior of the home. Mrs. Fred Ashworth gave a council report. Present were eight members and five visitors. Two new members are Mrs. Paul Burns and Mrs. E. C. McArthur.

Mrs. N. C. Montgomery, who has been in California for some time, has been a guest of her father, George Powers, and her sister, Mrs. Fred Ashworth and family, near Edith.

Jean Hurley has gone to Clayton, Mo., where she is taking a 12 weeks' course to become an airline hostess. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hurley of Sanco, Jean was previously a stenographer for Sunset Motor Lines in San Angelo. She has had one year of nursing training and also attended San Angelo College.

Another Job for Red Cross



After a tornado has left human suffering and physical wreckage in its wake, the long and less publicized job of restoring homes remains. A Red Cross worker here studies this family's needs—one of over 25,000 assisted last year.

STANLEY ADAMS HONORED

Stanley Adams was shown with two others students in a first page picture March 18 in the Daily Texan, student newspaper at the University of Texas in Austin. He was chairman of the Freshman Coffee held at Texas Union as a kickoff to Round-Up Week at the University. A freshman pre-law student, Stanley was a finalist in the Intramural Extemporaneous Speaking Contest held this week. Stanley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. (Skinny) Adams of San Angelo, former Robert Lee residents.

Visitors during the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris were Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Farris and son, Wallace, and Kay Stockton of Menard and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Madison of Abernathy.

Mrs. Robert Gaines is visiting in Spearman with her sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gaines and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Gaines.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness, for the cards and flowers following the death of my brother, Louis. — Mrs. Sallie Goble

You Are Invited To Services at The

CHURCH OF CHRIST

In Robert Lee

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

Mid-Week Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30

OWEN COSGROVE, Minister

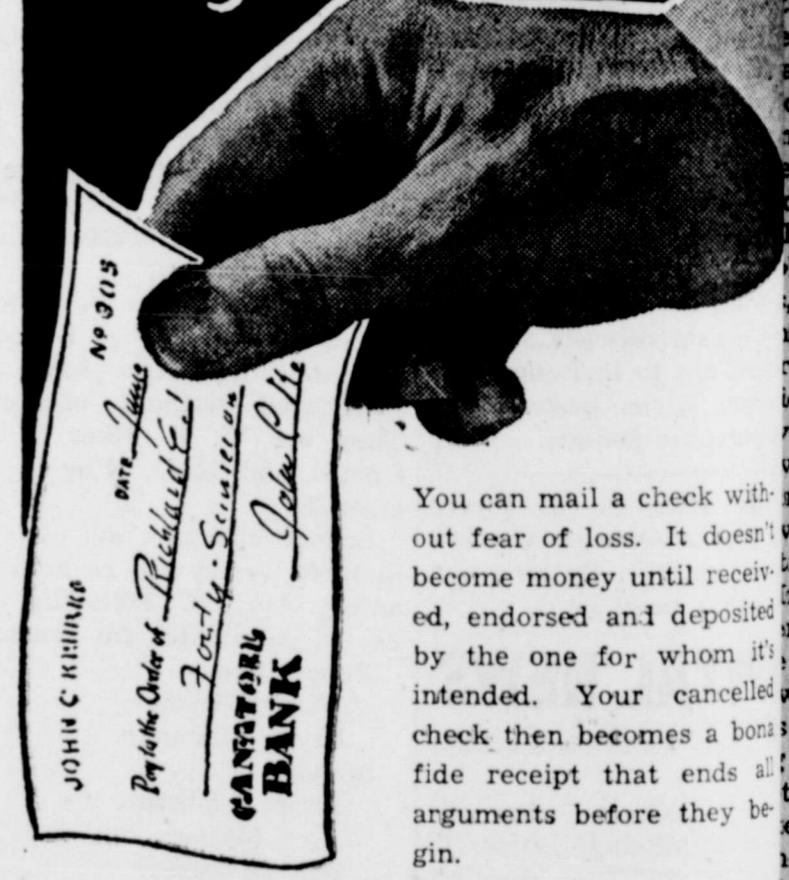
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History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

INSTALLMENT FIVE

Wild Life in Coke County

Although this area once had herds of buffalo, they had disappeared before Coke County was organized. However, there was at that time an abundance of wild life which might be divided into two classes (1) game animals which could be used for food and (2) predatory animals. In the game class there were few bear, a plentiful supply of deer and antelope, many squirrels and rabbits, some wild turkeys, prairie chickens, and plovers, great numbers of migratory birds (in season) as ducks, brants, and geese, and an abundance of all and doves.

Needless to say that game was an important source of food for the pioneer farmer and his family.

Among the predatory animals were some wolves, many coyotes, cats, fox, skunks, and an occasional panther.

There were many "prairie dog towns" in the early days. The prairie dogs were very destructive little animals. Early settlers could hardly raise crops because of them. The dogs cut down feed and cotton and destroyed grass quite a distance around their burrows, which consisted of deep holes in the ground with a dirt mound surrounding each entrance.

Settlers recognized the destructiveness of the prairie dog and the predatory animals, and they set out to destroy them. A general bounty was paid on wolves; a smaller bounty was paid on coyotes. There was even a very small bounty on jack rabbits at various times. Farmers were eager to kill rabbits and prairie dogs to save their crops and grass, and they trapped the animals for their furs, as the skunk, fox, racoon, opossum, and badger.

Today (1953) there are no wolves, a very few if any coyotes, a good many fox, an occasional deer, no antelope, no wild geese, no plover, no prairie chickens, and a dwindling supply of quail and other game; however, the "Coke County Game Management Association" now has 242,000 acres for protection of wild life.

In the early days fish were plentiful in the streams. Today, the fish supply has diminished, however, for several years there has been interest in preserving the fish supply, and some effort has been made to restock streams and streams from federal hatcheries. In 1950 the new Lee Lake was stocked with "50,000 bass, 12,000 channel catfish, and 50,000 perch, and it has been restocked each year since." Songbirds of Coke County include: mocking bird, Baltimore Oriole, humming bird, scissor tail, swallows, red-winged blackbird, and others.

Many reptiles are found in Coke County, but the black diamond rattler is the most feared, and loss of stock from rattlesnake bites is heavy.

CHAPTER II

HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL BACKGROUND Beginnings

An American historian usually tells his story with the discovery of America in 1492, for "his time" in America begins

prairies of Texas and the great Southwest.

Here he lived, followed his tribal customs, worshiped his gods, fought his wars, and buried his dead.

This aborigine has been labeled the "red" man, but this probably is a misnomer since it is a generally accepted theory that "he was a mongoloid transplanted from Asia."

Whatever the length of this occupancy may have been, we do know that upon the arrival of Columbus in the New World, the area now known as Texas was occupied by a picturesque array of peoples, in varying stages of civilization. There were the Comanches, the Apaches, Jumanos, Caddos, Tonkawas, Karankawas, Wacos, Wichitas, the Coahuilean Tribes, and others.

The tribes which concern this study are the Comanches, the Lipan-Apaches, and the Jumanos (the Comanches more so than the other two), for it was chiefly they who lived, hunted, or scouted along the Colorado in the country of the Conchos, including the area that is Coke County.

with the introduction of the Julian calendar by Columbus; however, archaeologists set the date of mankind's occupancy of the great Southwest at not less than twenty thousand years preceding the arrival of the Spanish in this country.

The Indians

Long before Columbus sailed westward in Spanish ships, searching for a new water to India that would enable the European to tap the riches of India and Cathay, long before the day when the intrepid explorer set foot in the New World and planted the flag of Spain on San Salvador, the American "aborigine" (if he can properly be called aborigine) roamed the limitless

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to friends and neighbors for their sympathy and many acts of kindness extended during our bereavement. The many wonderful things you have done for us will never be forgotten. — Mrs. Katie Stroud and Daughter, Fatima Ann.

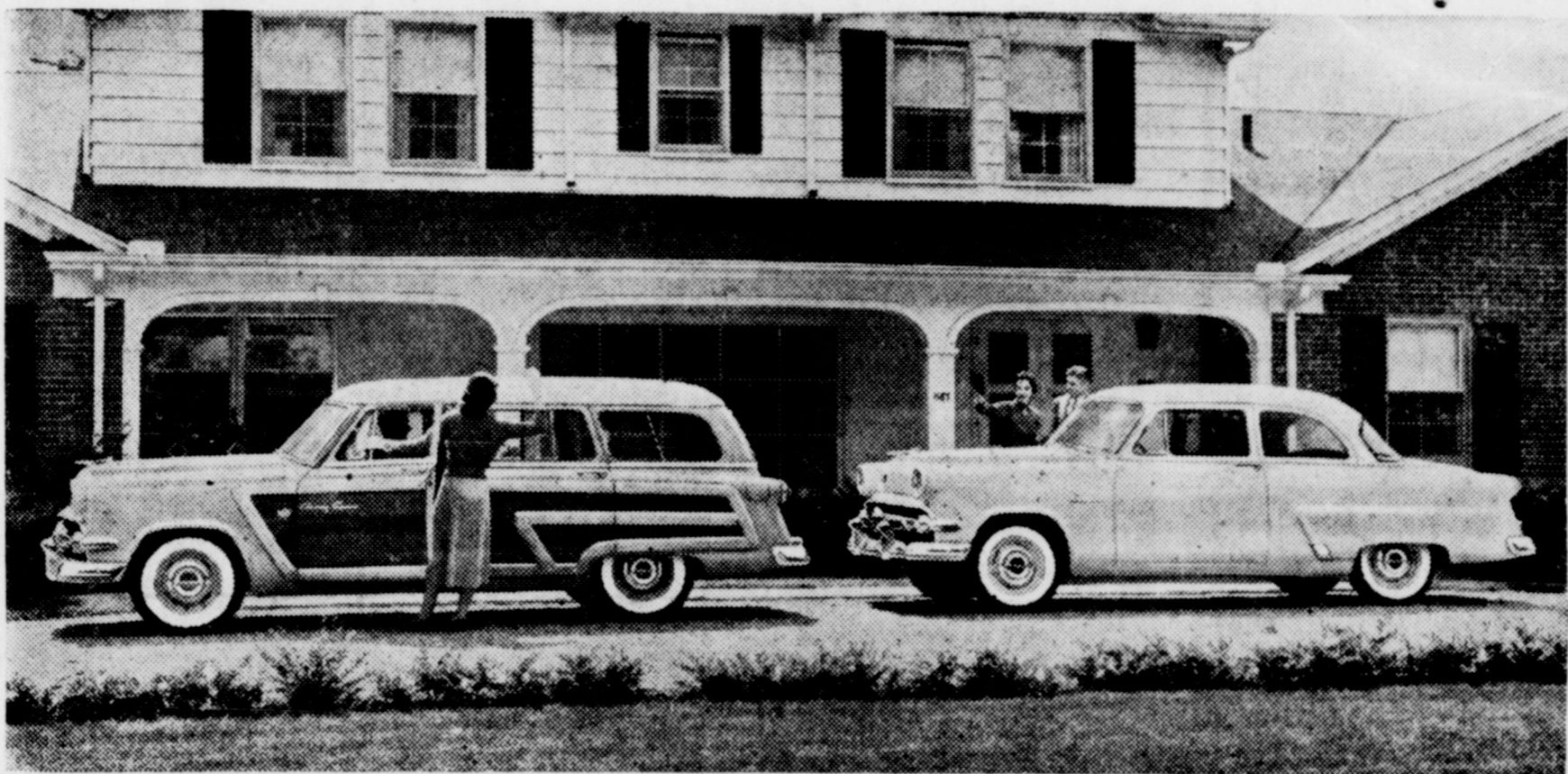
FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

The Friendship Home Demonstration Club met March 11 in the home of Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. Mrs. A. D. Fields presided over a brief business session. Mrs. Wylie gave a demonstration of the use of sewing machine attachments. Tea and cookies were served to eight members.

S. E. 'Skinny' Adams

Oil Properties Insurance

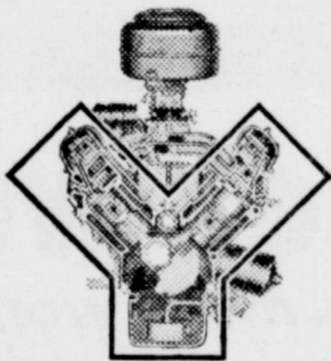
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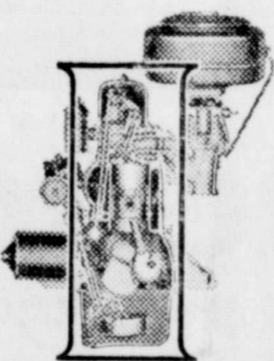
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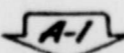
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SILVER NEWS

Cub Scouts are doing well with their drive for subscriptions to The Robert Lee Observer, according to E. E. Lindsey, Cub Scoutmaster. The campaign will be continued through this week in order that the entire community can be canvassed. All new subscribers will receive copies of The Observer this week.

LUNCH ROOM REPORT

Mrs. Hattie McKinnon, who has charge of the Silver school lunch room, has received the following report from Mrs. Lilla Kay, of the Division Administrative Services of the Texas Education Agency:

"The meal served on the day the school lunch room was visited met Type A requirements and an examination of menus on file indicated that, on the whole, meals of high quality are being served. It was noted that a wide variety of foods are served and that menu items are not repeated too often. These measures, together with the practice (established this year) of serving every child some of each food on the menu should encourage the development of better eating habits in pupils."

Recommendations made by Mrs. Kay included allowing more time for younger children to eat, thus encouraging better eating habits, and having pupils separate and scrape plates to help solve the dish return problem.

Mrs. O. F. Bradham honored her husband with a birthday dinner at their home Sunday. Guests included their son, James and wife of Colorado City, and their sons-in-law and daughters, children of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Breeden and Mrs. Leonard Sharp of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ramsey and children and his brother, Allen Ramsey and family of Snyder, went to Forsan where they were Sunday dinner guests in the home of the men's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Ramsey. The occasion celebrated the elder Mr. Ramsey's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Caswell have moved to Silver from Colorado City and are residing in one of the R. S. Anderson houses. Mr. Caswell is employed by the Jameson Roustabout Service and his wife is working at the Odom Cafe.

Mrs. J. Jameson accompanied the J. C. Shipmans to Kermit the last of the week. She spent the weekend with her brother, Johnny Green and family and they were joined by their brother-in-law, Dennis Counts of Monahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Jameson entertained a group of relatives at a barbecue dinner at their home Monday night.

R. S. Anderson has moved in six small houses which will provide badly needed living quarters for persons engaged in oil field work.

Mrs. Gerald Gordon, English instructor at Colorado City high school, will give a book review Friday night at the school auditorium. The event is being sponsored by the PTA.

Mrs. C. E. Mathers has been quite ill the past two weeks and most of the time has been cared for in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Kuhn, in Colorado City.

Mrs. Jack Mowbray returned home the last of the week from Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo where she underwent medical treatment for several days.

Gerald Brasuell and family were hosts over the weekend to the former's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Morris Ray Brasuell of Beaumont.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom included Mrs. Walter Jones and little daughter, Debra Louise, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones of San Angelo.

Mrs. Goldie Loggins and son, Mike, of Amarillo were weekend guests in the home of the former's brother, Ernest Clendenen, and family.

Bill Houtchins, employed here for some time as a Sun Oil Co. floating pumper, has been transferred to Henderson as a roustabout derrickman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen were in Big Spring Saturday where

they visited Mrs. Allen's brother, Grady Gaston of Tennyson, who underwent a major operation at the Veterans Hospital.

J. B. Asher is a new roustabout with Sun's production department here. He is a son of the late Fred Ashworth, well known Sun foreman, who died suddenly here a few years ago. J. B. is a graduate of the University of Houston. He has a wife and baby and is residing in San Angelo. His mother is living in Abilene.

Betty Carlene, 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Holt, Sunday received painful burns from hot grease while working in the kitchen at their home in Tubb Camp. She was treated at the Colorado City Hospital and remained there over night.

Johnny Walker has been

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transferred from Snyder to Silver by Sun Pipeline Co. Pipeline employees here now number 19.

Bill Davis has resigned after three years of service with Sun Oil Co., having been stationed here the past year as an engine operator 2nd class in the gas plant. He is going into business

for himself and will have a service station at Henderson, N. C., where his wife resides. A coffee honoring Davis was held at the Recreation Hall Saturday and she was presented a lovely gift. Mr. and Mrs. and son, Billy, left Wednesday of this week for their

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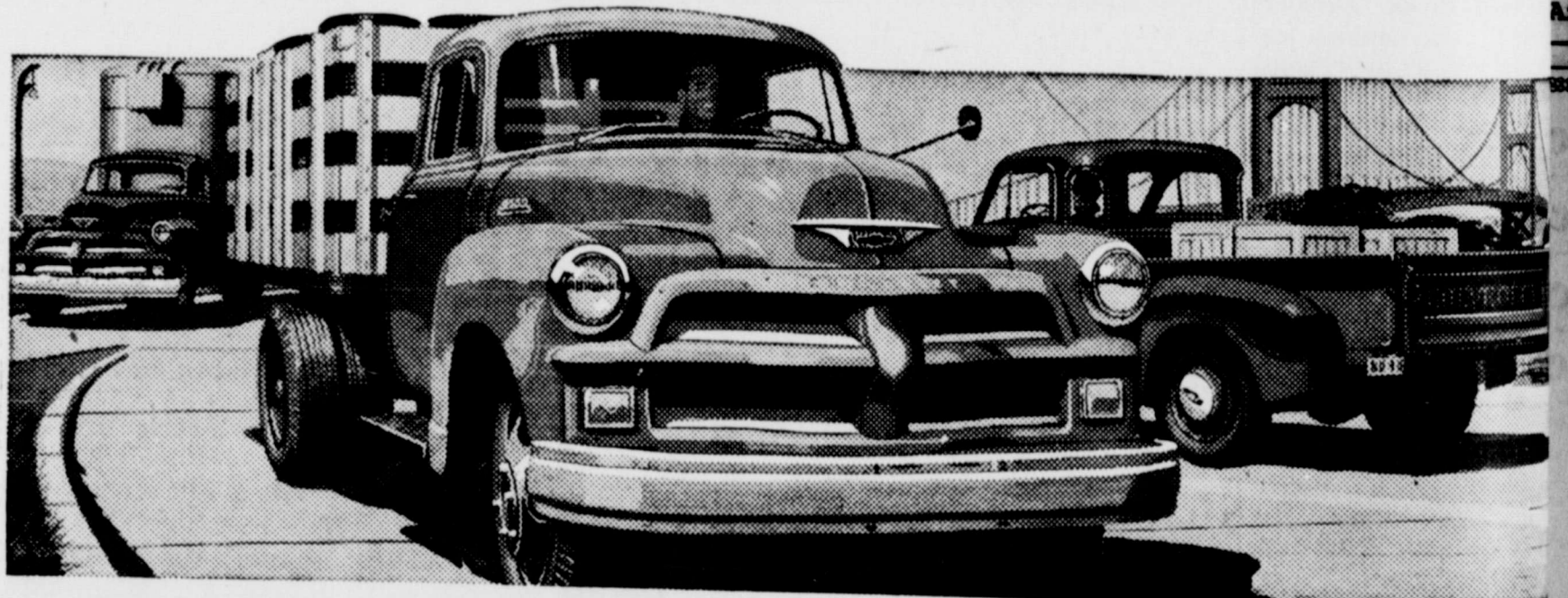
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PERSONALS

Donald Hamilton arrived home Tuesday of last week on a 15-days leave. Through the Red Cross he was advised of his father's death the previous week while on board ship in the far Pacific. When the ship docked he was given immediate air transportation to the States.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Paterson spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wicks, in the Lometa Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Millican and family spent the weekend at Richland Springs with the W. R. Martins. The latter are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Trowbridge and family spent the weekend at Richland Springs with the W. R. Martins. The latter are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brock and Miss Nell spent the weekend at Richland Springs with the W. R. Martins. The latter are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Young and Jerry, of Abilene visited over the weekend with relatives in Robert Lee.

SCHOOL NOTES

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Posey, Mrs. Gramling, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Powell went to Miles to look at the new school building in order to give some suggestions on the new school that is to be built in Robert Lee.

The Robert Lee FFA boys brought back some high honors Saturday from Sweetwater in a contest sponsored by the Upper Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, including Mitchell and Nolan Counties.

Fredrick Ashworth, Joe Harmon and Sammie Joe Duncan won 2nd in the grass judging contest. Fredrick won a loving cup as high boy in the contest. He had a score of 268 out of 300. There were 14 teams competing and Sweetwater won the contest.

The Spring Band Concert will be April 27th at the school auditorium.

The fifth grade has been making modern day home scenes in their art class. Marjorie Gladys Rives was reporter this week and Gayle Lewis has been appointed as next week's reporter.

Bronte defeated Robert Lee 84 to 48 in a dual track meet at Bronte last Thursday. Lynn Davidson was chief point maker for Robert Lee, with Dean Stevenson setting the pace for Bronte.

Robert Lee will have a good representation in literary events at the Interscholastic League contest at San Angelo College Friday. The locals have taken top honors in this meet for several years and they are hoping to repeat again this year. The track meet takes place Saturday at SAC field.



What Can I Do About Soil Conservation

By Leslie Nell Wink
(Second Place Winner in Coke County Essay Contest)

Each year, much of our topsoil is lost by water and wind erosion. Erosion lessens the soil's ability to absorb and hold water. The water carries the soil away leaving the land barren. Erosion also lessens the soil's growing ability. The original seven inches of topsoil has been reduced to about three inches. Therefore, we can see the importance and the need for soil conservation.

I need to inform myself and others on the value of preservation of natural resources. The water and the soil are our main natural resources. By erosion, we lose both everyday. Without them, the people of the world can not exist. Therefore, we must work to save them.

I can inform myself and others on the importance of the soil. The soil furnishes us food, fiber, and shelter. When we lose our topsoil, we also lose food, fiber and shelter. Everything we have comes directly or indirectly from the soil.

I can tell others to practice soil conservation. The range lands should never be over grazed. They should always have a protective grass cover. This cover helps hold the soil. Cover crops, which are adapted to the soil and climate, should be planted. These cover crops held the soil and keep it from washing and blowing away. Better farming methods should be practiced. Sloping croplands should be terraced. Fertilizer and lime, when recommended, should be used to develop more rapidly a better protective cover to clothe the soil. Trees can be planted. Contour tillage and strip cropping should be practiced.

The cure for erosion is protect the soil. I can do my part by helping other people see the importance of soil conservation. I can encourage them to save the soil.

CARD OF THANKS

We the family of John L. Miller wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors and his fellow workers for their kind and helpful sympathy for us in our dark hour of bereavement.

The words of sympathy, the most beautiful floral offerings, and the nice food that was served in our home.—Mrs. John L. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and Other Relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burroughs and Ted O'Brant of San Angelo visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw and Mrs. J. N. Buchanan.

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ADAMS FINALS 6th PRODUCER NEAR SILVER

S. E. Adams 4-A Pallie Phelan, 4 miles southwest of Silver, has been finaled for a daily flow of 263.30 barrels of 42 gravity oil. Gauge was through a 12-64ths inch choke.

Production is from the Strawn sand with total depth of hole 6,277 feet. Pressures were 800 pounds on the tubing and 600 pounds on the casing. Gas-oil ratio 962-1.

Cactus Drilling Co. had the contract and is expected to move to Adams No. 3 Phelan.

This is the sixth producer for Mr. Adams on Phelan property, while he also has an interest in several other wells in that vicinity.

TWO FULLER COMPLETIONS

The Fuller-Coke (Strawn) field of Coke County, 18 miles northwest of Robert Lee, has gained its fifth and sixth producers.

The W. M. & A. P. Fuller 1-A Lou E. Johnson Estate, a one location northwest extension, was completed for a daily flowing potential of 159.66 barrels of gravity oil, no water.

The W. M. & A. P. Fuller 4 Johnson, a 3/8-mile west extension, was completed for a daily flowing potential of 138.48 barrels of 42.5 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 811-1.

Production was through a 12-64-inch choke and perforations between 6,610-720 feet. Top of pay was picked at 6,605 feet on derrick floor elevation of 2,176 feet. Pay section was fractured with 8,500 gallons.

Tubing pressure was 425 pounds; casing pressure, 1,100 pounds.

Location is in 67-2-H&TC.

NEW STANOLIND WELL

Potential has been filed with the Railroad Commission for Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. No. 6 J. E. Chappell, Section 1, Block 15.

Political Announcements

The Observer is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices indicated, subject to action of the Democratic Primaries.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE—
Jeff Dean

**FOR SHERIFF AND TAX
ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR—**
Paul Good

**FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT
CLERK—**
Weldon Fikes

FOR COUNTY TREASURER—
Gertrude Gray

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY—
Frank C. Dickey, Jr.

**FOR COMMISSIONER,
Precinct No. 1—**
Fern Havins
J. W. Service

**FOR COMMISSIONER,
Precinct No. 3—**
Ed Hickman

SP Survey, a Jameson-Strawn Field project.

No. 6 Chappell gauged 277.33 barrels of 46.4 gravity oil per day. Flow was through a 14-64-inch choke with 800 pounds casing and 750 pounds tubing pressures from 260 perforations at 6,051 to 6,158 feet. The casing is set at 6,165 feet. Total depth is 6,177 feet, plugged-back to 6,165 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,068-1.

Kewanee Oil Co. spotted No. 1 D Wendland six miles southwest of Bronte in the Wend-Kirk (Ciseco) Field.

Having a proposed depth of 5,000 feet with rotary, it is located 330 feet from the northwest and southwest lines of J. Baldus Survey 453.

Ray & Harris To Drill Wildcat Near Blackwell

Location for a new 7,000 foot wildcat has been staked in extreme northeast Coke County by Harlan Ray and Dave Harris.

The test, No. 1 R. H. Reaves, is a mile and a half southeast of Blackwell and one mile southeast of the Penrose No. 1 Kirk, Ellenburger discovery well. No. 1 Kirk flowed for a calculated daily potential of 479.39 barrels of 47 gravity oil from perforations at 6,268-73 feet.

No. 1 Reaves spots 133 feet from the southeast and 317 feet from the southwest lines of Section 2, Block A, T&P Survey. The contract of 7,000 feet would take it to the Cambrian.

A Ray-Harris rotary rig was being moved to the new location this week. Ira Koskie is pusher on the rig which recently drilled a dry hole north of Big Spring.

I & H Trucking Co. of Robert Lee has been moving the equipment.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clift of Houston were here for a week-end visit in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift. Also present on Sunday were the Clift's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and daughters, Patricia, Rebecca and Kathleen, of Ballinger. At a dinner Sunday birthdays of Wallace and his mother were honored.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton returned last Thursday from a stay of several weeks at Blythe, Calif. They have relatives there and Alfred worked at the construction with his brother. Alfred says they liked it out there and may go back to Blythe.

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Red Cross Drive At Half Way Mark

The Red Cross Fund Drive has grown to \$250 here, according to Mrs. Leslie Copeland, campaign chairman. Most of that amount has been raised in Robert Lee.

Workers are still active and plans are being made to extend the canvass to rural areas and other communities in the west half of the county.

Coke County's quota is nearly \$1,000 and it is hoped one-half the amount can be raised in the west side of the county.

Persons who have not been contacted are requested to leave their Red Cross contributions with Mrs. Copeland at the West Texas Utilities Co. office.

Sam Lewis Says—

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Mrs. D. P. Walling left Sunday for her home at Keato, Okla., after spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. K. Griffith. Mr. and Mrs. Gary and family of Odessa weekend with relatives Bert Lee and Bronte.


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