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ROBERT LEE TAKES TOP HONORS IN DISTRICT LITERARY EVENTS

Robert Lee elementary and high school students amassed a total of 271 points to take top honors in the Interscholastic League District 19 B literary contest Friday.

Robert Lee elementary students won 89 points and high school took 182 points. Second place high was Miles with 49 points and third place was Water Valley with 45 points.

Second place elementary school was Miles with 47 points and third place was Bronte with 30 points. Contests were held at San Angelo College.

Winner of the one act play contest was Robert Lee with "Last Flight Over," followed by Miles, "Cleaned and Pressed," Barnhart "Antic Spring," Bronte, "Day After Forever," and Mertzson, "Rehearsal."

Best actor awards went to Bill Casey, first, and Hollis Lloyd, Jr. second, both of Robert Lee; Edward Elton of Miles, third; and Byron Russell of Robert Lee, honorable mention.

In the best actress contest, Shirley Tomlinson of Bronte was first; Linda Lasswell, Bronte, second; and Billie Jo Brawley of Barnhart, third.

C. G. Parsons of Water Valley, director general of the district. Trophies were presented to first, second and third place winners in high school, elementary school and one act play division. The trophies were donated by Nathan's Jewelers.

High school number sense: 1 William Urban of Miles; 2. Eddie Alexander of Bronte; 3. Leslie Caperton of Bronte.

High School shorthand: 1 Lvon Reid of Robert Lee; 2. Betty Burson of Robert Lee.

High school typing: 1. Peggy Jackson of Robert Lee; 2. Martha Richardson of Robert Lee.

High school spelling: 1, Alyce Ross and Voleta Harwell of Robert Lee.

High school junior girls' declamation: 2, Virginia Jones of Robert Lee.

High school senior boys' declamation: 1 Ben Bessent of Robert Lee; 3, Roland McArthur of Robert Lee.

High school junior boys' declamation: 1, Edwine Gene Davis of Robert Lee.

High school girls extemporaneous speech: 1, Betty Burson of Robert Lee; 2, Leslie Nell Wink of Robert Lee.

High school boys extemporaneous speech: 1, Hollis Lloyd Jr., of Robert Lee; 2, Bobby Wojtek of Robert Lee.

Debate: 1, Bill Casey and Peggy Jackson of Robert Lee; Billie Hester and Jeffie Harmon of Robert Lee.

Seventh and eighth grade spelling: 1, Sue Goodwin and Charlene Robertson of Robert Lee.

Fifth and sixth grade spelling: 1, Vicki Wojtek and Shirley Strube of Robert Lee, 3, Linda Dean and Bonnie Btucher of Silver.

Grade school junior girls declamation: 2, Lavada Box of Robert Lee; 3, Patty Sue Gallier of Silver.

Grade school sub-junior girls declamation: 1, Marilyn Weathers of Robert Lee.

Grade school sub-junior boys

declamation: 1, Ronnie Reid of Robert Lee.

Grade school ready writers: 1, Doris Sparks of Robert Lee. 3, Dianne Mitchell of Robert Lee.

Grade school story telling: 1. Dianne Samuelson of Robert Lee.

Grade school picture memory: 1, Brenda Sue McDorman, Brenda Cowley, Sharon Kincaid and Phebe Casey of Robert Lee.

Cooking School Next Wednesday In Robert Lee

How would you like to cook your family's meals simply by turning a switch? Today the homemaker can accomplish just that... cook a complete meal by just turning a switch. Mrs. Abbie Andrews, widely known Home Economist, will demonstrate the most recent and proven developments in modern cooking at the demonstration which will be held Wednesday, April 7, 2:00 p.m. in the West Texas Utilities Company office at Robert Lee.

Mr. McAdams, West Texas Utilities Company Local Manager, has issued an invitation to all the housewives in Robert Lee and the surrounding area to be his guests at the demonstration which is planned as one of the best ever conducted here.

The demonstration, sponsored by the West Texas Utilities Company, will be conducted by Mrs. Abbie Andrews, a senior Home Economist for Frigidaire Sales Corporation. Mrs. Andrews will be assisted by Ruth Clampitt, Home Economist for WTU Co.'s Ballinger district.

Mrs. Andrews, who will present the very latest in food preparation and time saving methods, is a graduate Home Economist with years of practical experience. She has had special training in food preparation, preservation, and quick-freezing techniques at the nationally famous Frigidaire Home Economics Department at Dayton, Ohio. Recipes and favors will be given to homemakers who attend the demonstration. All the food used in demonstrating the modern electric way of food preparation will be presented to women attending the school.

FIRST BALL GAME

The first base ball game of the season is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon when the Colorado City semi-pros engaged the Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters. It will be a warmup for the Concho Basin League opening April 11.

HOSPITAL NEWS

March 25 — Morgan Russell admitted.

March 26—Barbara Gray, Mrs. C. L. Coppinger admitted. John Allen, Bruce Allen dismissed.

March 27 — Bobby Jack Cowley, J. I. Murtishay admitted. Morgan Russell dismissed.

March 28 — Mrs. C. L. Coppinger, Barbara Gray dismissed.

March 29 — Lexie Lewis admitted. Bobby Cowley dismissed.

March 30 — Charles Wojtek, Hugh Lewis, Jr., admitted.

NOTICE RESIDENTS OF ROBERT LEE & SURROUNDING VICINITY

When the fire siren sounds please refrain from calling the telephone office for information about the fire. These firemen work on a code and it is absolutely necessary to have the switch board clear for them. If you are on a party line with a fireman, please do not take your receiver down if they are calling the operator or if the operator is ringing them directly after the siren sounds.

If you feel that you just have to go to the fire please wait at least 3 minutes after the firemen have gone to follow them. Your getting in the way of the men might mean the unnecessary loss of life or property. We are happy to give our time and take the risk to protect your property from fire and all we ask is that you obey these requests so that we may get to the fire as soon as possible.

Thanks,

SAM JAY,

Fire Chief

HOME FROM EUROPE

Pfc. Dale Brown arrived home last week on a 30-days leave. He has been stationed in western Germany the past 7½ months. At the conclusion of his leave he will report at Camp Chaffee, Ark., for a future assignment. Dale will complete two years of military service the first of the year.

GOOD PRICE FOR LAMBS

Fred McDonald, Jr. of Robert Lee sold 209 head of yearling lambs on the Fort Worth market Wednesday. They averaged 95 pounds and brought 21 cents. His father, Fred McDonald, Sr of Bronte had a string of milk lambs on the market this week that brought 26 cents. They averaged 71 pounds.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

Robert Lee High School Juniors will present their annual play Friday night of next week, April 8. The three-act comedy is entitled "Headin' For a Wedding." Hulan Harris, class sponsor, is directing the play.

RICHARD BOONE IS HOME

Sgt. Richard Boone recently was discharged at Fort Bliss after two years of army service. He saw action in Korea for several months. He and his family are now residing in Robert Lee where he is employed by Morris & Hamilton Drilling Co. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone.

WILL HELP FIRE VICTIMS

The Firemen's Auxiliary has placed a box at Roach's store to receive clothing for member of the Marvin Jones family. A fire this week destroyed the home occupied by the Jones boys and their clothing and bedding was entirely destroyed.

GETS MARINE DISCHARGE

Morgan Russell, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Carroll Russell, is back home after getting a medical discharge last week from the Marines. He enlisted two months ago and had been in training at San Diego, Calif. He was found to have an old back injury which he received in football.

BUTANE TRUCK MISHAP KILLS MAN AT SILVER

A 48-year-old Atlanta, Tex., man was killed instantly late Tuesday afternoon when a butane transport truck got out of control and overturned at Silver.

Killed was Walter Alvis Oliver, a passenger in the double tank semi-trailer truck. The truck driver, Zachary Taylor Paul, 41, also of Atlanta, was not injured.

The accident occurred about 6 p.m. when the truck attempted to turn toward Silver on State Farm Road 1472, after coming from Sun's Jameson gas plant where it had filled up with 5,000 gallons of butane.

The oil field road comes down grade before it intersects the state highway, and Paul said his brakes failed to hold.

The truck careened across the pavement and into a barrow ditch and turned completely over. Oliver jumped from the truck but was pinned under the tanks. His head and chest were badly crushed.

The two men were hauling butane from Silver to Lubbock for the Grogan Butane Co. Butane from the loaded truck was drained into a nearby field by a Sun crew and burned in order to avoid an explosion.

The body was sent by Cliff Funeral Home of Robert Lee to Atlanta Wednesday. Funeral services were planned for Thursday in Atlanta. Oliver is survived by his wife and three children.

City and School Election Quiet

Local citizens are urged to get out and vote at the school trustee election Saturday and the city's biennial election next Tuesday. Although there is no scramble for votes in either election, good citizenship insists that you take an interest in local political affairs.

Support of the candidates who are in charge of our school and city government is a mark of endorsement that they well deserve.

Two school trustees are to be named here, and both Bryan Gartman and Wilson Bryan have been persuaded to run again. There are no other candidates.

Mayor J. S. Ferrell is unopposed for re-election, having been nominated by petition. Candidates for city commissioners are W. D. McAdams and W. M. (Buster) Farris. They were nominated to succeed Fern Havins and John Brown, who served on the City Commission for several years.

SUBMITS TO OPERATION

County Judge Jeff Dean underwent a knee operation last Friday in Rochester, Minn. The surgery was performed by surgeons connected with the famous Mayo Clinic. Judge Dean has been troubled with the ailing knee for some time and had undergone a previous operation. He has advised his family heer that he will be hospitalized there for a month.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Billy Baker was a guest here last week in the home of her mother, Mrs. Bert Duncan. The Bakers had been in South Texas the past year where Billy was engaged in highway construction work. They are now residing in Brownwood where he has similar employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Yarbrough and children returned the first of the week from a trip to East Texas. They visited Mrs. Yarbrough's parents at Quinlan and with their uncle, Elmo Yarbrough and wife, at Troup.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Page and Phillip, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCullett, of Odessa spent the weekend with Robert Lee relatives.

Mis Eileen Vaughan, freshman student at Texas Tech, enjoyed a weekend visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harmon and Mrs. Elton Millican and Marshall Wayne were Sunday visitors in the J. D. Blair, Jr. home in Big Spring.

Silver Cub Scouts Net \$30.50 From Observer Drive

Silver Cub Scouts netted \$30.50 from their recent campaign for subscriptions to The Robert Lee Observer. More than thirty of the subscriptions were new ones, giving The Observer a list of nearly 100 subscribers in the Silver area.

Assisting the Cubs in the drive were Mesdames W. W. Paul, Oscar Higginbotham, T. W. Lyle, C. E. Butcher, Ernest Clendennen and E. E. Lindsey. Den mothers are Mrs. John Shimer and Mrs. Cecil Palmer. Earl Lindsey is Cubmaster.

The group is now divided into two dens. Cub Scouts are Gene Hollis, Ronny Lyle, David Lindsey, Allen Clendennen, Curtis Wayne Higginbotham, Norman Butcher, Raymond Kincaid, Richard Ramsey, Stanley Post, Jessie Duplissey, Larry Jameson, Thomas Jacobs, Eddie Jacobs, Dwayne Walker, Jimmy Arnold and Ralph Frizzelle.

Silver News

A quiet school election is forecast for next Saturday. Four candidates for two vacancies on the school board include J. D. Duplissey, Arch Mathers, Bob Edwards and Perry Post. O. L. Snyder and Ernest Clendennen are retiring from the board this year.

Bleacher seats for the lighted soft ball field have been installed at Sam Gladney Field here. The seats were moved to Silver from Premont.

Mrs. J. A. Bryant of Hainesville, La., arrived Sunday night for a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Gilbert, and family.

Jack Byrd and wife were called to Greenville this week by the death of his grandmother.

Mrs. Doug Keith is opening a beauty shop this week in the R. S. Anderson building between

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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

the grocery store and Lowe's Cafe. Mrs. Keith's husband is a field clerk in Sun's production office here. She had previous experience as a beauty operator at Forsan, Odessa and Salina, Kans.

Bob Edwards, chief clerk at Sun's gas plant, is driving a new Ford which he recently purchased from Ivey Motor Co. at Robert Lee.

Arthur Humble and family of Calgary spent the weekend with relatives in the Silver area.

J. D. Smith and family have returned from Pittsburg, Tex., where they were recently called by the death of Mrs. Smith's mother.

Donna Jean and Billie Fred Jameson, students at Texas Tech in Lubbock, spent the week in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot attended funeral services last Thursday in Winters for Mrs. Sue McKissack, an aunt of Mrs. Gassiot.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forsyth and son, Don, of Midland were Sunday guests in the Frank Mullican home.

Mrs. Walter Jones and Debbie and Mrs. Jerry Sanders and Jane and Kay of San Angelo spent Monday in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen.

Sun Oil Notes

Sun A-2 Central National Bank drilling Wednesday at 4,660 feet in shale and lime.

Sun Oward Everett 1, wildcat near Blackwell, drilling ahead at 2,690 feet in shale and lime. Operators previously cemented a string 650 feet of surface casing.

Sun 1 J. A. Waide. Paint Rock wildcat, has been plugged and abandoned. Total depth 2,455 feet. No shows reported.

Bill Tom Roach has gone to Three Rivers where he is employed on a Sun gasoline plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Roller Page visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fields.

Postmaster Hugh Lewis, Jr. has been hospitalized this week by an attack of influenza.

J. D. Adkins writes that he and his wife have moved from Pecos to Colorado City.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Owner and Architects in the office of the School Superintendent in Existing School Building, Robert Lee, Texas up to and not later than 2:00 P. M. Tuesday, April 27, 1954, at which time and place all of the proposals then received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the hour named hereinabove will be returned unopened.

The work to be done consists of construction of New School Building and certain alterations in existing school, at Robert Lee, Texas in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Wilson, Patterson and Associates, Architects and Engineers, Bailey at W. 5th, P. O. Box 9035, Fort Worth 7, Texas. The work will be done under one contract including General Construction, Plumbing and Heating, and Electrical Work.

One complete set of drawings and specifications will be issued to each General Contractor making application in writing upon deposit of \$25.00, which deposit will be returned upon return of such documents in good condition within 5 days from bid opening. General Contractors requiring additional sets, and subcontractors may secure same by paying the cost of reproduction, which on this project amounts to \$15.00 for 1 complete set, \$10.00 for 1 General Construction set, and \$5.00 for 1 Mechanical or Electrical set.

Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of ten (10) days from and after the time established for opening bids. Each proposal, to be eligible for consideration, must be accompanied

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by a certified check or bidders bond, in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the largest total amount of bid, to insure the Owners against loss occasioned by the bidder's failure to execute a contract, if awarded Contract, or to furnish satisfactory Contract Surety.

The successful bidder will be required to enter a Contract with the Robert Lee Independent School District, which will contain provisions requiring the

Contractor to comply with State Laws, including scales and hours as required House Bill No. 45, Acts of State Legislature.

The right is reserved as the interests of the Owners may appear, to accept any or reject or all proposals, or to waive irregularities or informalities in any proposals received.

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

FOR SALE — 1949 Buick 4-door sedan, excellent tires, good condition throughout, has all the extras. Priced at \$350. Elmo Hargis, Silver. 1p

FOR SALE — First year Paymaster and Northern Star Cotton Seed. See George Thomas, Bronte. 43-tfc

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History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

INSTALLMENT SIX

The Indians (Cont'd)

The peaceful Jumanos played a minor role in the drama of the area; however, they inspired the interest of Spanish missionaries, and that interest resulted in Spanish explorations and attempts to found missions in the vicinity of the Concho country. The Comanche played a leading role, but the Apache shared with them the limelight in the struggle against advancing civilization. It was these two tribes "held, in the end, the southern end of the Great Plains region," and struck terror to the hearts of the Spaniards, and later to the hearts of Anglo-American pioneers.

Before the arrival of the Spaniards in Texas, the Comanche was a footsore, often-hungry race, following in the wake of the buffalo (his chief source of food) from the grazing lands of the Panhandle toward the southwest, toward the equal-footed Apache, who scouted down from the Davis mountains, far as the Concho country and toward the great common objective of these tribes, the fabulous "buffalo holes."

The Spaniard, ever a romantic, was too busy seeking some Dorado, some such place as the Isle of the Amazons, the Seven Cities of Cibola, or the Kingdom of Gran Quivira, to be bothered about attempting settlements. Thus it came about that the Spaniard had a share in the romance, myth and fable that everywhere attended the Spanish quest of the Southwest.

The first Spaniard to sight Texas soil was Pineda, who sailed along the Texas coast in 1519. Nine years later (1528) Cabeza Vaca, a member of the ill-fated Narvaez expedition, was ashore on the Texas coast and wandered over Texas for a total of six years. But Pineda never saw the area that comprises Coke County, and Cabeza Vaca probably came no nearer to it than the Horeshead passing on the Pecos.

In 1540, Coronado, leading his great columns of Spanish gentlemen on horseback, arrayed in medieval splendor, began his trek across the great Southwest in search of the Seven Cities of Cibola, continuing across the Buffalo Plains, searching for the Kingdom of Quivira. It is believed that Coronado's route carried him from the upper Pecos river southeastward to the upper Colorado, thence northward as the Brazos, Red, Canadian and Arkansas rivers, eastward to Kansas, and directly back to the Pecos.

Some residents of Coke County believe that Coronado crossed that area. Frank Dickey, an ardent collector of Robert Lee, has in his possession a map which describes the route of Coronado as extending eastward from the Pecos through the country of the Comanches to the juncture of the Concho and the Colorado rivers. Ballinger, returning westward along the northbank of the Colorado. It would seem probable that at least some scouting parties of that expedition or some other Spanish expedition did tra-

verse the area, for Spanish stirrups and a Spanish sabre were found in the Sanco sector (north of Robert Lee) more than thirty years ago.

After Coronado, Spanish explorations lagged for about four decades. Then came the expeditions led by Father Rodriguez in 1581, Espejo in 1582, Castano de Sosa in 1590, Bonilla and Hu-

mana about 1595, and Juan de Onate... in 1598.

While on the return trip toward Mexico, Humana and a party of his soldiers were destroyed by the Indians.

In 1629, Father Juan de Salas was serving as a missionary among the Jumanos. It is very possible that Father Salas touched the Coke County area, for it is generally accepted that the Jumanos lived in the Concho Country.

The place where (the Jumanos) were found... was clearly one of the branches of the Colorado River, and not improbably the Concho.

FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

The Friendship H. D. Club met in an all day meeting March 26 in the home of Mrs. Weldon Fikes.

The morning session was the

first of three meetings on advanced dressmaking to be led by Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr. Points covered were preparing fabrics before cutting, altering patterns, use and kinds of interfacing, and a demonstration on making one piece tailored buttonholes.

The afternoon session was a demonstration by Miss Jonell Black on Planning an Attractive

Living Room Background.

Seven members and one visitor, Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr., were present for the dressmaking class. Nine members and the agent, Miss Black, were present for the afternoon demonstration.

Mrs. Ellis (Mamie) Watson of Abilene was in Robert Lee Saturday.

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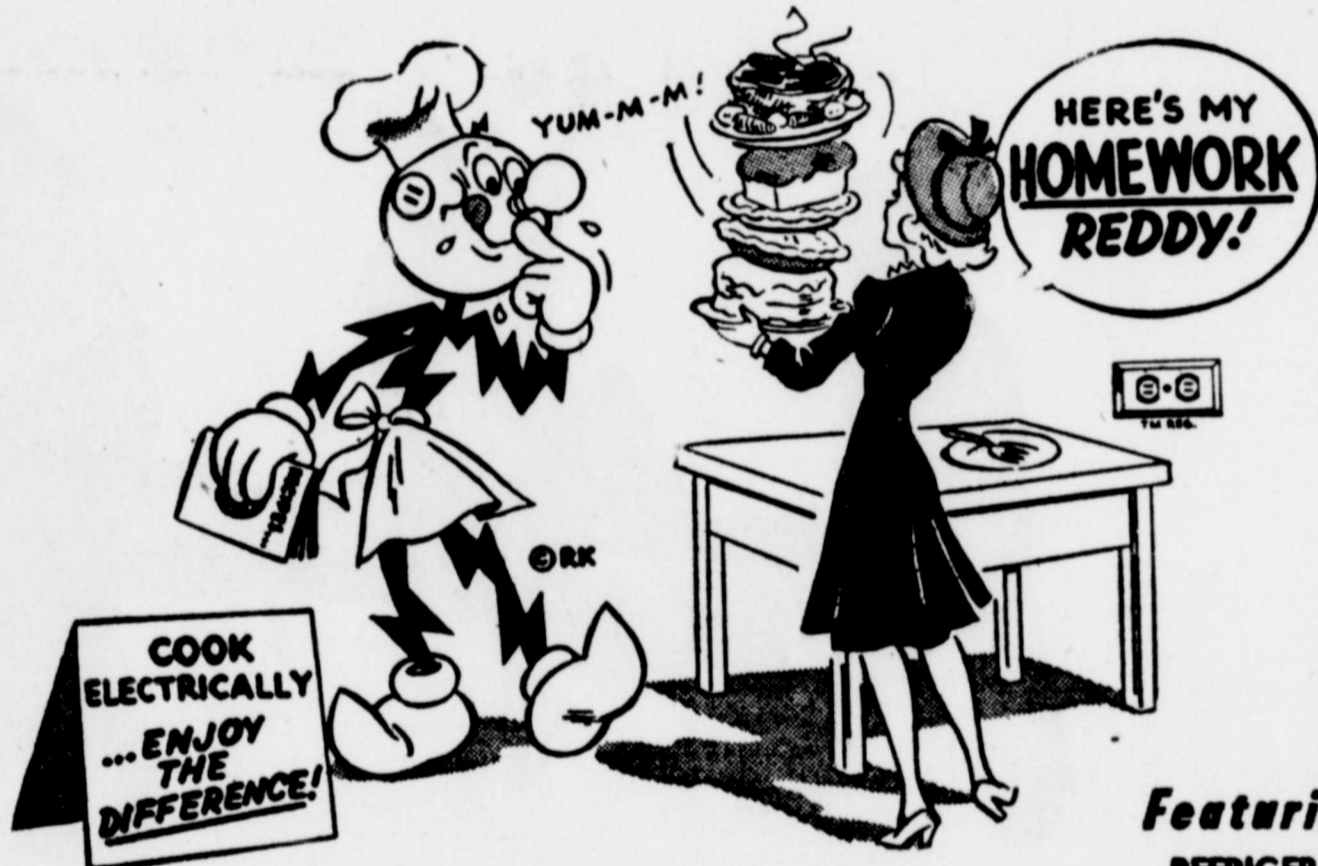


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West Texas Utilities Company

BRONTE EDGED ROBERT LEE IN DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Coke County swept the high school division of District 19B track and field tournament Saturday on the San Angelo High School athletic field.

The Bronte Longhorns won the meet with an aggregate of 57 3-14 points against 42 6-7 by the Robert Lee Steers.

Bronte is coached by Elbert Yoes, a fine all-around sportsman and conscientious worker who was the tournament's general-director. The meet possibly was the most successful ever staged by the district.

STEPHENSON VS. DAVIDSON

The high school individual high point scoring developed into a duel by Willie Dean Stephenson of Bronte and Lynn Davidson of Robert Lee.

Stephenson edged Davidson by the wee margin of 19 6/7 points to 19 1/4. Wayne Baker of Water Valley came next with 10.

Stephenson's performance took in a tie for first in the pole vault, a first in the 180-yard low hurdles, first in the shot put, first in the 120-yard high hurdles and a seven-way tie for third in the high jump.

Davidson bagged first in the high jump, first in the 440-yard dash, second in the 100-yard dash and first in the broad jump and sprinted a lap with Robert Lee's first place winning 440-yard relay quartet.

BIGSHOT FUNCTIONEERS

Mapor operators on the tournament besides Coach Yoes from the officialdom standpoint were: J. Hollis Lloyd of Robert Lee, clerk of the course.

A. L. Durbin of Bronte, statistician and public address system announcer.

Timers—Coach Raymond Cowan of Wingate, Coach James Mancill of Robert Lee, Coach James Mickler of Mertzson and Coach Harold McGehee of Christoval.

Judges on exchange — Coach H. L. Parks of Water Valley, Coach Roy Tomlinson of Miles and Coach Jim Tunnell of Wall.

Supt. J. L. Carroll of Bronte and Supt. B. C. Goodwin of Robert Lee served in various capacities.

High School events:

Pole Vault — Robert Porter (Barnhart) and Dean Stephenson (Bronte) tied for first. Archie Phillips (Bronte) and Gene Petrey (Miles) tied for third. Height 9.9. Ray (Miles) Stephenson and Scott (Bronte) tied for third. Height 5.3.

High Jump — Davidson (Robert Lee) first. Hall (Robert Lee), Porter (Barnhart), Jay (Christoval), Harris (Mertzson), Ray Miles) Stephenson and Scott (Bronte) tied for third. Height 5.3.

440-yard dash—Davidson (Robert Lee) first, Denton (Bronte), Coleman (Robert Lee), Jay (Christoval.) Time 58.9.

180-yard low hurdles — Stephenson (Bronte) first, Phillips (Bronte). Times 23 seconds.

Shot put—Stephenson (Bronte) first, Martin (Mertzson), Turn (Mertzson), Braswell (Bronte). Distance 37 feet 1/2 inch.

Discus throw — Llyod (Robert Lee) first, Braswell (Bronte), Turn (Mertzson) N. Scott (Bronte) Distance 104 feet 1 inch.

120-yard high hurdles — Stephenson (Bronte), first, Braswell (Bronte), Phillips (Bronte), Ray (Miles). Time 17.4.

100-yard dash — Baker (Water Valley), Davidson (Robert Lee), Petrey (Miles), Duncan (Robert Lee). Time 11.3.

440-yard relay — Robert Lee first, Bronte, Barnhart, Mertzson. Time 48.8.

Broad jump — Davidson (Robert Lee) first, Scott (Bronte), Petry (Miles). Distance 18.4.

880-yard run—Robertson (Robert Lee) first, Gentry (Bronte) Mitchum (Water Valley), Moore (Christoval). Time 2:18.2.

220-yard dash — Baker (Water Valley) first, Duncan (Robert Lee), K. Scott (Bronte), Wyatt (Christoval). Time 25.1.

Mile run — Wyatt (Christoval) first, Phillips (Bronte), Hall (Robert Lee), Blair (Robert Lee). Time 5:25.1.

Mile relay — Bronte first, Mertzson second.

Mrs. Mona Casey and Larry were in Robert Lee last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Mundell. Larry stayed for a visit with his grandparents.

Mrs. O. D. Adkins and Mrs. Elmer Adkins and children of Snyder visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Duncan and son are moving back to Robert Lee from Spearman. He is employed by the Ard Drilling Co.

What Can I Do About Soil Conservation

By BILLIE HESTER
(Third Place Winner in Coke County Essay Contest)

When our forefathers first came to America, the natural resources were seemingly endless. Thus, they squandered land, timber, grass and everything they could use. They could always move on to new land. Today, this is not true; there is nowhere else to go. Therefore we must take stock of our situation and see what we can do. Approximately four and one-half tons of America's richest topsoil flow down the Mississippi River and into the Gulf of Mexico every day during the rainy season. Here you have enough land to feed ninety-two city families for three generations. How much more would you have if you multiplied this number by the number of days there are in that one season? It has been estimated that if conditions continue on as they are today, by 1970 there will only be enough topsoil left to produce the bare necessities for the American people. Food, fiber, and shelter come directly or indirectly from the soil.

When this is gone, what happens? If there were no soil which could produce these necessities, then civilization would soon disappear. This topsoil must be conserved. What can I do to conserve it? I can inform myself of the importance of soil conservation to myself, my family and friends, my town, my state, nation, and finally the whole world. I can inform myself on the problems of conservation in regard to losses of soil, livestock, crops, and water—all economic losses. I can learn the proper ways to use land, the methods of preventing flood and erosion damage. I can tell others of this need for soil conservation in everyday conversation, the various clubs and activities, by writing themes, entering essay contest and public talks. In this way, I can motivate others to do the things which I cannot do myself.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who helped us while we have had sickness in the family and for the financial assistance which you so generously gave.—Mrs. W. M. Johnson and Family.

Mrs. Lois Williams returned last week from Houston where she had been the last few weeks with her sister.

SANCO HD CLUB
A reupholstering session will be held in April for members from each of the clubs in the county, according to a nouncement made by Nell Black, Home Demonstration Agent, at the meeting of the Home Demonstration Club recently in the club room.

Two people will be working on reupholstering in the school, which will be in several all day sessions to be announced later.

Mrs. Douglas Gartin proposed changes in constitution and by-laws members voted to accept. Miss Black presented a decision and demonstration "Planning an Attractive room Background."

Guests were Mrs. L. and Miss Effie Carville, members present were W. J. Pitcock, Mrs. J. M. Mrs. Jack Allard, Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Gartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Bro. and Mrs. Patter Lucille Harmon and visited Sunday in the Mr. and Mrs. Crowley

The Pecan Baptist Church has a full time pastor, terson and his wife plan to that community in two or three weeks.

EMERGENCY!



...and **YOU** are there!

It's an emergency when they call for blood! And thanks to you, it's ready when the call comes. Yes, thanks to you!

For you help collect that blood, when you join your Red Cross. Your generosity helps pay for the bloodmobiles and the gas to run them, and for processing, storing and distributing. Four million donations of blood were procured last year! And the needs of surgery patients, accident and disaster vic-

tims, and hospitalized servicemen do not slow down with peace.

So join your Red Cross. Join generously. Be sure you are there, when blood saves a life!

You are there, again . . . when emergency help is given to servicemen, veterans and their families, when first aid saves a life, when the shattered lives and homes of disaster victims are rebuilt—you are there, when you join your Red Cross.

Answer the Call



Join Your Red Cross!

SCHOOL NOTES

TACKY PARTY

The F. H. A. and F. F. A. boys and girls had a tacky party in the school gym Monday night, March 22.

Those who enjoyed the volleyball game and refreshments were Joyce and Carroll Bagwell, Carol Geer, Frederick Ashworth, Sammy Duncan, Atha Hall, Jackie Sparks, Rose Marie Sawyer, Wayne Calder, Don Blair, Wanda and Donald Walker, Alice Ross, Jerry Harmon, Van Schooler, Bobby Lee, Billie Hester, Harold Robertson, Cynthia Bryan, Laura and Alta Eubanks, Sharon Hester, Leslie Wink, T. C. Brown, Sherman Williams, Bobby and Clela Wojtek and the sponsors, Mrs. Eastland and Mr. Harris.

Honorable mention for "tacky" costumes were Carroll Bagwell, Carol Geer, Bobby Lee, Frederick Ashworth, Cynthia Bryan, Sammy Duncan and Alta Hall.

In the volleyball tournament, there were two teams formed and the two were about equally matched in their playing. — Clela Wojtek, Reporter.

A one-act play titled "The Last Flight Over" won 1st place in District 19B. There were five plays entered in the contest.

Hollis Lloyd, Jr.—All star cast Bill Casey — Best Actor

Byron Russell—All Star Cast The play will enter into area competition April 9th at the San Angelo College Auditorium.

Shirley Strube of the 6th grade won first place in the spelling contest at San Angelo College last Friday.

Byron Russell had a little accident last week. He dropped a shot put on his foot causing a toe nail to come off.

The fifth graders won 4 ribbons at the Interscholastic League last weekend. Gayle Lewis was reporter this week. Patsy Woods will be reporter next week.

Jerry Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brock, was honored with a tea in the J. D. Harmon home Saturday, March 27, from 2 to 4. Hostesses were Jean Quisenberry, Ruth Williams, Dale Fields and Mary Jo Harmon. Bonnie Quisenberry registered the guests and Ruth Williams poured punch. The center piece was of yellow irish and daisies with yellow candles. Favors were blue-jean filled diapers filled with mints. Frosted punch and ice box cookies were served to about 20 guests. Out of town guests were Mrs. C. E. Arrott and Mrs. Joe Ed Scott of Bronte.

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

District WHD Meeting April 8 San Angelo

Home, the Cornerstone of Democracy, will be the theme for which will be the program of District 7 Texas Home Demonstration Association's Annual spring meeting, to be held at the San Angelo College Auditorium on Thursday, April 8.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the foyer of the college auditorium. The meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Mrs. L. Bob Potter of Roscoe, District Vice-president, will preside at the meeting. Mrs. J. D. Bledsoe, Tom Green County THDA Chairman, and D. A. Dumas, Jr., Tom Green County Home Demonstration Council Chairman, are in charge of general arrangements. Maurine Hearn, State Demonstration Leader, will be guest speaker. Miss

Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.

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or G. C. Allen
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lead the group singing and Miss Loydean Bateman will furnish organ music.

Chicken box lunches will be served at the noon hour in the college gym; lunch tickets \$1.00 each.

Approximately 500 women are expected from the counties comprising District 7. Each county is represented by three delegates, their Home Demonstration Agent and any number of visitors. The counties to be represented are: Bandera, Blanco, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Gillespie, Kerr, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Nolan, Runnels, San Saba, Taylor, and Tom Green.

Coke County will be represented at the district meeting by Mrs. Pat Rives, Mrs. Nolan Pentecost and Gladys Waldrop, T. H. D. chairman. Also Mrs. C. E. Arrott, council chairman, and Miss Jonell Black, home demonstration agent.

All H. D. Club women of Coke County are urged to attend the meeting.

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VIENNA SAUSAGE - Can 9c

8 OZ.

RITZ CRACKERS - Box 17c

14 OZ. BOTTLE

CATSUP, Del Monte - 2 for 35c

DEL MONTE

TOMATO JUICE - 46 Oz. 29c

JEWEL

WITH COUPON OUT

3 LB. PAIL

Shortening 45c

GRAPELADE, Welch's - 19c

SLICED, DICED OR CHUNKS

BEETS, Kimbell's - No. 303 10c

PURE RIBBON CANE

SYRUP - - - Gal. \$1.19

HORMEL HALF OR WHOLE

LB.

HAMS 79c

PACE'S

LB.

Weiners 39c

SWIFT'S PRE-COOKED

LB.

Picnic Hams 55c

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Notes
From The
Oil Field

Locations for new drilling projects in West Central Texas took a turn upward last week, as a total of 99 sites were staked in 15 counties. It was an increase of 13 over the previous week.

Coke County, with 14 new locations, led the area. Two of Coke County's projects will be wildcats.

There were 46 new completions for the area. Coke also led in the number of new wells, gaining eight, all in proven fields.

West of Silver Magnolia Petroleum Co., operating out of Abilene, No. 14 R. B. Allen was completed as a producer. It is in D. H. and J. W. Snyder and Von Rosenberg Survey 7.

Daily potential was 214.4 barrels of 46.1 gravity oil, through 13-64 choke with 400 pounds on casing and 660 on tubing. Flow was from 90 perforations at 5,927-42 feet.

American Republics Corp. of Houston has filed application to drill its 5 W. I. Tubb one location west of production on the west side of the Jameson (Strawn) field of Coke County, 4 1/2 miles southwest of Silver.

Rotary drilling to 7,800 feet will begin at once.

Location, on a 107.5-acre tract, is 990 feet from the northeast and 489 feet from the most westerly southeast lines of J. W. Meek survey, Abst. 1949.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp. of Amarillo No. 7 H. G. Wendland, Wend-Kirk field project six and a half miles southeast of Robert Lee, has been completed as a producer. It is in T. Hennessy Survey 1.

Daily potential was 112.65 barrels of 40.5 gravity oil, through 16-64 choke with 230 pounds on casing and 100 on tubing. Flow was from open hole at 3,726-32 feet. Top of pay was 3,724 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 230-1.

Three fields wells have been potentialized in northwestern Coke County.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1-B Lou E. Johnson Estate, Section 26, Block 2, H&TC Survey, was completed in the Fuller-Coke Strawn Field.

Daily potential was 227.57 barrels of 41.2 gravity oil, flowing through a 12-64-inch choke with 300 to 260 pounds casing and 900 pounds tubing pressures.

F. Kirk Johnson, Fort Worth, completed two wells in the Jameson-Strawn Field.

No. 3 Elwood Chappell, Section 2, Block 15, SP Survey, had a daily potential of 993.54 barrels of 46.5 gravity oil. Flow was through a 24-64-inch choke with 450 pounds casing and 625 pounds tubing pressures from 240 perforations at 6,076 to 6,145 feet. Gas oil ratio was 1,070-1.

The other oiler is his No. 3 R. H. Vermilya, M. E. Anthony Survey 25 1/2. It gauged 869.23 barrels of 46.5 gravity oil per day on a 24-64-inch choke with 475 pounds casing and 500 pounds tubing pressures. Production is from 276 perforations at 6,191 to 6,336 feet. Having a gas-oil ratio of 877-1, the well is bottomed at 6,420 feet.



"It's all right with the Lord if you pray for a good harvest—but He expects you to keep right on plowing!"

SUN REPORTS
1953 BIGGEST
BUSINESS YEAR

Philadelphia, March 30 — Sun Oil Company in 1953 did the largest volume of business and earned the second highest net income in its history, Joseph N. Pew, Jr., chairman of the board, and Robert G. Dunlop, president, announced in their annual report to stockholders and employees today.

The Company set new postwar records in all operations and for the first time paid wages and salaries in excess of \$100,000,000 to employees in the oil division of the business, as distinct from Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company a subsidiary.

Sun's 1953 consolidated net income was \$45,200,000, compared with \$43,000,000 in 1952 and \$45,400,000 in 1951.

The 1953 earnings amounted to 6.73 cents on each dollar of gross operating income and were equivalent to \$5.85 on each of 7,648,510 full shares of common stock outstanding December 31, 1953. Earnings in 1952 were equivalent to \$6.01 per share on 7,081,927 full shares outstanding December 31, 1952.

The Company's gross operating income increased 8.6 per cent to \$670,800,000 in 1953.

Expenditures for expansion, modernization, and exploration for new sources of oil reached a new annual peak of \$129,300,000. Capital expenditures for plants, equipment and facilities amounted to \$92,400,000, while \$36,900,000 was spent for the discovery and development of prospective oil fields.

To help finance its large-scale expansion program Sun retained \$37,600,000, or 83 per cent, of its 1953 net income for reinvestment. The remaining \$7,500,000 was paid in cash dividends to company's stockholders. Some 12,500 employees, who are either stockholders in their own right, or participants in the Company's stock purchase plan for employees, shared in the dividends paid in 1953.

In addition to cash dividends, dividend in common stock a-Sun's stockholders received a dividend in common stock amounting to eight per cent.

The Company's annual report called attention to the completion during 1953 of several major expansion projects.

At its Marcus Hook, Pa., Refinery, Sun completed a large strategically-located plant for the production of aromatic petrochemicals. The new plant, built at a cost of \$15,000,000, utilizes a platinum catalyst and will produce 19,000,000 gallons of benzene, up to 30,000,000 gallons of toluene, and 18,000,000 gallons of mixed xylenes annually. This volume equals about 12 per cent of the total output of these chemicals by the petroleum industry.

Also at Marcus Hook the Company completed a plant for the separation and purification of sulphonates and natural naphthenic acids — products of wide usage in emulsifying petroleum oils, paint and synthetic detergents of the type used in motor oil and rust preventives.

A plant for the production of tetramer, the basic ingredient of synthetic household detergents, was completed at the Company's Toledo, Ohio, refinery.

The Company increased by 25 per cent the combined operating capacity of its tanker fleet and trunk pipe line systems. Two supertankers of 30,000 deadweight tons each were added to the Company's fleet. Sun Pipe Line

Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary, completed a new products pipe line from Toledo, Ohio to serve Sun's large marketing terminal at River Rouge, Michigan.

A total of 141 new Sunoco service stations were constructed in the U. S. in 1953 and a large marketing terminal was completed at Dayton, Ohio.

Including wells drilled in participation with others, Sun completed 605 in 1953, of which 73 per cent were successful, compared with 64 per cent in 1952. Eight promising field and pool discoveries were made including a joint discovery in the Bronson Field in Montana which rated as one of the most significant in the entire Williston Basin.

On stream as the year ended were the primary units of a new refinery at Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, built by Sun Oil Company, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary.

The refinery cost \$15,000,000 and has a rated capacity of 15,000 barrels daily of crude oil. Also in operation was a new, 200-mile products pipe line from Sarnia to Toronto, owned two-thirds by Sun Oil Company, Ltd., and one-third by Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd. Sun Oil, Ltd., completed construction of 30 modern service stations in Canada and had an additional 66 stations under construction or soon to be started at the year end.

Finis Harmon was dismissed from the Shannon Hospital Wednesday of last week after several days of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. P. were Sunday guests of their son, Finis Harmon, wife.

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