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DEATH CLAIMS

MRS. WALDROP, HAYRICK LADY

Death came late Saturday night to Mrs. Runie Waldrop, known Hayrick woman and Coke County resident for nearly fifty years.

Her passing occurred at 10:55 p. m. at Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo where she had been a patient only a few days. Mrs. Waldrop had gone to San Angelo a couple of weeks ago to receive treatment for a kidney ailment. Last Thursday she suffered a brain hemorrhage which ended her death.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday at the Robert Lee Church of Christ in charge of Rev. Cosgrove, minister. Burial was in Hayrick cemetery with Rev. Funeral Home in charge. Pallbearers were Frank Keeley, Judson Modrall, Carroll Roberts, Wesley Labenske, Gerald and A. J. Roe, Jr.

She was born Jan. 23, 1877, in Lavaca county, Mrs. Waldrop lived here from 1905 when she moved to this county. Her husband, the late J. A. Waldrop, was a school teacher in the Hayrick community. Mr. Waldrop died in 1939.

Mrs. Waldrop was a member of the Church of Christ in Robert Lee. Survivors include five daughters: Mrs. Edith Hartgrave of Neal, Mrs. Gertrude Rives of Neal, Mrs. Thelma Rives, both of Robert Lee, Mrs. O. A. Warrington of San Angelo and Miss Missy Waldrop of Hayrick community; two sons, Glen R. Waldrop and Barton Waldrop, both of Coke County; two brothers, Old Butts of Hallettsville and Old Butts of California; two sisters: Mrs. Maud Meyer of National City, Calif., and Mrs. Ruth of San Antonio; and 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Lawley Fields Improving After Auto Crash

Encouraging reports come from Lawley Fields, well known Robert Lee young man, who was seriously injured last Friday afternoon in an auto wreck north of Odessa.

He is a patient at the Odessa Medical Center where his injuries have been described as a concussion, six broken ribs, fractured collar bone and a badly bruised chest.

Lawley was on a business mission for an Abilene electric firm, and another employee were driving a company owned pickup truck. The driver was killed in the accident.

Lawley advised The Observer Wednesday night that he had returned from Odessa and that his brother's condition was improving, and high hopes entertained for his recovery. Lawley was unconscious for several days. His mother, Mrs. Robert Fields, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Buster Fields, remained at his bedside Wednesday night.

Bob L. Davis of Amarillo visited relatives here Saturday.

QUARTER BACK CLUB

Football boosters turned out last Thursday night for a meeting of the Quarterback Club. Several new members were enrolled and it was voted to buy the Steer squad a barbecued steak dinner at Henry's after the Hermleigh game. President H. S. Lewis, Jr. announces another meeting will take place next Tuesday night at the football field while the squad is working out under the lights. All fans are urged to join the club. Membership is \$2.00.

BCD Will Furnish Rides For Voters; Rail Spur Talked

A good turnout enjoyed an excellent barbecued steak luncheon in connection with the Board of Community Development meeting Wednesday noon at Henry's Barbecue Stand. President J. E. Quisenberry was in charge of the meeting.

Members of the BCD voted to furnish free transportation to any voters requesting same for Saturday's special election on the Court House bonds. Anyone needing a ride to the polling place is invited to call Farris Drug Store, No. 40, and an auto will be provided.

A committee was named to work with Bronte civic leaders in an effort to have the proposed Santa Fe spur come out of Bronte and run near Robert Lee on its route to oil fields in the northwest corner of the county. The committee includes Bob Vaughn, chairman, Mayor J. S. Ferrell, Fred McDonald, Jr., and Commissioner J. W. Service.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin announced the annual football banquet has been set for Dec 14 with Homer Norton the speaker. Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr. reported on activities of the quarterback club. A brief review of the 11 constitutional amendments to be submitted at the Nov. 2 election was given by A. V. Sheppard.

Guests were Willie I. Tubbs and C. L. Johnson.

Mrs. B. W. Bilbo returned Friday from a two weeks' visit at Lubbock with her daughter, Mrs. R. M. McGuire and family.

BIG PAYMENTS COMING IN AT TAX OFFICE

Tax payments are rolling in to Collector Paul Good's office this week, with most of the big taxpayers taking advantage of a 3% discount on state and county taxes paid during October.

J. L. Tinkler, deputy sheriff, said up to Wednesday night total 1954 tax collections amounted to \$370,000, leaving about \$116,000 unpaid.

Biggest payment came from Sun Oil Co. whose check was \$188,457.54. They took advantage of a discount of \$5,828.58.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. was second with \$64,833.06. This does not include Humble's school tax payment for the Bronte district.

Sun's payment included more than \$60,000 for the Silver school district.

SILVER VOTE CHANGE

The polling place at Silver has been changed to Sun Recreation Hall, according to Robert Walker's statement made to The Observer this week. Previously the school house was used as a voting place.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman and children, Carla and Kyle, spent a few days here the last of the week with Mrs. Grubenman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. They were enroute to their home at Premont after visiting Carl's kinfolks in Henderson and attended the State Fair in Dallas.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Oct. 21 — Mrs. Donny Duncan, Mrs. Sam Fowler, Carl Bloodworth admitted.

Oct. 22 — Jeff Dean, John Allen admitted.

Oct. 23 — Howard Cain, Sheila Roe admitted. Mrs. Frank Dickey, Jr. and infant daughter John Allen, Mrs. Donny Duncan, and Carl Bloodworth dismissed, admitted.

Oct. 24 — Lottie June Garrett

Oct. 25 — J. L. Johnson admitted. Lottie Garrett, Mrs. J. D. Harmon, Sheila Roe dismissed

Vote Next Saturday On New Courthouse

GREEN MT. MUSICAL

Remember the Junior Grand Ole Opera at Green Mountain will be held Friday night of this week, having been postponed last week because of the football game. Some good talent has been lined up for a good program of hillbilly entertainment, according to word sent in by Eddie Garvin.

SINGING NEXT SUNDAY

The public is invited to take part in a Singing next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in the North Side Church of Christ in Robert Lee.

'55 CHEVROLETS BEING SHOWN

New 1955 model Chevrolets went on display Thursday of this week. Vaughan Chevrolet Co. of Robert Lee is showing two of the new cars.

They include a 4-door Bel Air with power glide and V-8 engine, and a 2-door deluxe 210 series, with 6 cylinders.

Mr. Vaughan invites the public to visit his show rooms this week end and inspect the new Chevrolets. Cokes and coffee will be served.

Pronounced mechanical advantages plus new riding comfort and a complete re-styling of bodies gives Chevrolet for 1955 its most spectacular model announcement.

All roofs have been visibly lowered with a corresponding reduction in hood and belt lines to accentuate a longer, fleetier appearance. Overall, sedans have been lowered 2½ inches, station wagons as much as six. At the same time passenger room has been increased.

The 1955 Chevrolets are now offered with V-8 engines which deliver 162 horse power. Six cylinder engines are available in to models and overdrive is optional in all models.

Coke County has two elections coming up in the next few days. Saturday, Oct. 30, is the date when voters will decide on a \$300,000 bond issue for a new Court House. Next Tuesday, Nov. 2, the General Election will be held.

More interest is directed to the Court House Bond proposition than the General Election, although the vote may not be as heavy, since only persons who have rendered property for taxation are eligible to vote on the bonds.

County Clerk Weldon Fikes reports that 18 absentee ballots have been cast for Saturday's Special Election, and eight for the General Election.

The Court House Bond matter has been well discussed through the Bronte and Robert Lee newspapers, and additional information appears in this week's edition of The Observer.

Main argument for the bonds is that a new Court House can be built without an increase in taxes. This is due to a surplus in the Permanent Improvement Fund being derived by an enormous increase of tax money from oil properties. Most everyone agrees that a new county building is badly needed.

Sentiment from all parts of the county seems to favor the Court House proposition. However, nobody knows for sure how the people will vote, and everyone wanting a new Court House is urged to go to the polls Saturday.

Most interest in Tuesday's General Election concerns the 11 proposed Constitutional Amendments which will be submitted to the voters. The Observer is in favor of every one of them.

Little opposition will be developed against the Democratic ticket, although Republicans have candidates for U. S. Senator, Governor and some other state offices.

The Observer office will endeavor to compile early returns from both elections.

Take Awards At Dallas 4-H Show

County Agent Jack Waide reports that Coke County young exhibitors made good showings in the 4-H livestock show at the State Fair in Dallas last week.

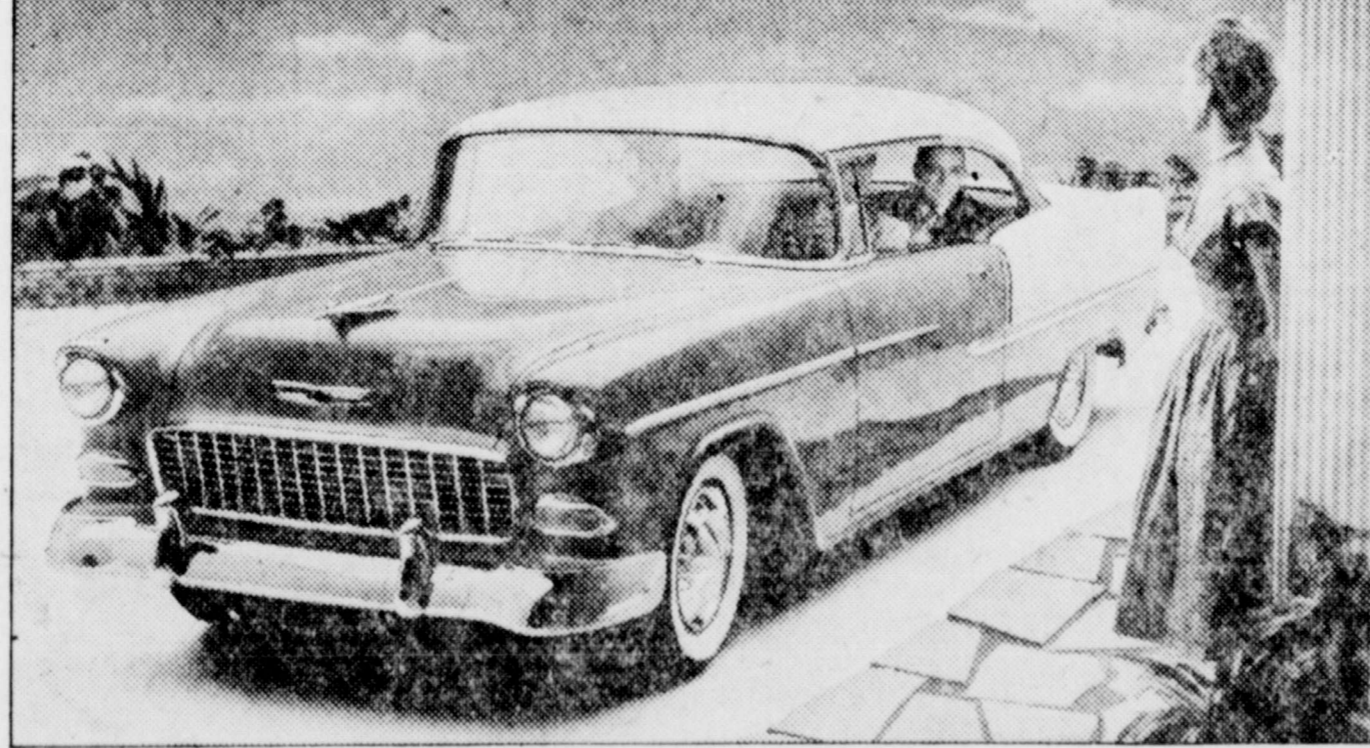
David Lindsey of Silver placed 29th with his barrow in the light weight class. Although younger and smaller than most entries, David's pig was well fitted for the show.

Butch Arnold of Silver took 6th in the light weight Hereford steer division, and Leslie Nell Wink's middle weight Hereford placed 13th. Her animal brought 35c a pound in the sale.

The Arnold steer was brought home and will be entered in spring shows.

Wilfred Rabb and wife were here from Odessa over the weekend and attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Rabb, in San Angelo Sunday.

New V8, Complete Re-styling Mark Chevrolets



Chevrolet's announcement of a complete styling transformation in 1955 models is verified by this view of the Bel Air sport coupe. Re-engineered from the tires up, the new models offer improvements in every phase of motoring. Power, suspensions, steering, visibility, comfort, safety have all been advanced in what the company credits as the most sensational model in its history. A new V8 engine of 162 horsepower is a feature. The luxurious two-toned interiors are color-keyed with the exterior. The windshield sweeps gracefully around to vertical corner pillars giving greater visibility.

History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

INSTALLMENT 34

The first school at the Sand Springs site (1886-87) was taught by Miss Idalia Nance. About eleven or twelve pupils attended this school, among whom were Jack, Etta and Lydia Roe, the Dancer boys, Marvin Brooks, Henry Richards, the Caraway children and Wylie Byrd.

Another teacher at the Sand Springs school before Coke County was organized was Miss Betty Eidson, who taught in 1887-88.

A Mr. Carrigan was teaching this school when Coke County was organized. After the little village of Hayrick, the first county seat of the new county, was started, "a large, two-room building was erected." Mr. Carrigan was the teacher (1889-90) and was assisted by Miss Vida Youngblood, who was not a full-fledged teacher at the time but a student-assistant.

Hayrick school started with bright prospects in the fall of 1890. There was the "large", new schoolhouse, two teachers, Mr. Carrigan and J. J. Bishop, and seventy-five or more pupils. Everything went well for a time. Mr. Carrigan was not a man to use the rod.

Mr. Carrigan didn't whip, for he didn't need to. He had big feet and a big, booming voice. He would stamp his foot and "holler" at the children and that frightened them into obedience.

Mr. Bishop became ill of "slow fever," and Miss Vida Youngblood again comes on the scene, this time as an employed substitute for a month, and school went on about as usual. But that term of school was not destined to run to completion. In January the county voted to relocate the county seat at Robert Lee. Moving began at once, and

By the middle of March most of the sixty-five houses in Hayrick had been moved, and the families with them. The children failed to appear for their classes. Daily attendance dropped off from seventy-five to fewer than a dozen. Prof. Carrigan and I resigned, as we did not care to teach empty benches. Carrigan

left the country, and I moved with the crowd to Robert Lee.

The Sanco School was established in 1887, with Charlie Teague as first teacher. Some of the first pupils were Smith, Ira, and Cora Byrd, Ruby and Elton Durham. It is believed that Sanco was named for Chief Sanaco, Comanche Indian.

The first school in the Edith community was in 1889, with George Royalty as teacher. Mr. Royalty named the Edith post office for Miss Edith Bonsell of Ballinger, Texas.

The Bronte School was established in 1888, with Mr. Madison McCutchen as the teacher. The small one-room building which housed the school was west of East Kickapoo Creek.

Robert Lee's first school was a short-term subscription school taught by Miss Lucy McCarthy in the spring of 1889. The first school building at Robert Lee was later known as the Stickney residence.

In May, 1891, Coke County Commissioners ordered trustee elections in ten school districts. By 1920 the county had thirty schools, but consolidation has reduced the number to three — Bronte, Robert Lee and Silver.

Bronte and Robert Lee have accredited high schools while Silver maintains only a grammar school.

The early-day curriculum of Coke County schools included little more than the 3 R's. The first schools were unclassified, unaccredited, and did not have uniform textbooks.

The teacher-pupil load was high. In 1928, Robert Lee had six teachers. The enrollment by rooms was forty-five, forty-three, forty-four, fifty-four and forty-seven. About 1909-10, Hayrick's one teacher school enrolled ninety-one and had about seventy in daily attendance. Jim Tunnel was the teacher.

The teacher pupil load has been reduced and the curriculum of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools has been enriched to include vocational agriculture, home making, commercial subjects, band, driver education, et cetera.

A. B. Sheppard has completed a large rent house, one block east of the court house, which has been leased to L. L. Stewart and family. Mr. Stewart is a driller for Ard Drilling Co. which is working for Stanolind on the Spade Ranch west of Silver. The building which Mr. Sheppard has remodeled formerly served as a bathhouse on his tourist court at Snyder.

SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. RABB AT SAN ANGELO

Mrs. J. C. Rabb, 79, former well known Robert Lee resident, died at 4 a. m. Saturday at a San Angelo hospital. She had been in bad health for a number of years with a heart ailment, but was hospitalized only a week prior to her death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday in Johnson's Funeral Chapel in San Angelo. The Rev. Bruce Medford, pastor of the Sterling City Methodist Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. Ted Cotten, pastor of the Lake View Baptist Church. Burial was in Montvale Cemetery at Sterling City.

Born Feb. 15, 1875, the former Carrie Childress Coulson, she was the daughter of the late Dr. P. D. Coulson, a pioneer doctor of this area. Dr. Coulson was the first county judge of Sterling County and was later judge of Coke County.

Mrs. Rabb moved with her parents to Sterling County in 1887. She had lived in Sterling and Coke Counties until six years ago when she moved to San Angelo.

She was married to J. C. Rabb in Sterling City Nov. 20, 1874. Mr. Rabb died in October, 1946. The family lived in the Robert Lee locality for many years. They owned the former Varnadore place, west of town, and retired to Robert Lee after selling the farm to Wilson Bryan.

Before moving to San Angelo Mrs. Rabb sold her home here to W. T. Roach. She bought a property at 715 E. 19th St., near her son, Thurman.

Mrs. Rabb is survived by three sons, Joe P. Rabb of Fort Worth, Carlos Rabb of Roswell, N. M., and T. T. Rabb of 711 E. 19th St., San Angelo; two daughters, Miss Hilda Rabb and Pauline Rabb, both of Toronto, Canada; two brothers, P. D. Coulson of Alpine, and Charlie Coulson of Sterling City; two sisters, Mrs. A. A. Rutherford of Sterling City and Mrs. Sam McClain of 1005 E. 21st St., San Angelo; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were G. Ed Pickett of San Angelo; C. C. Ainsworth of Sterling City, Thomas Hubbard of San Antonio, Wilson Bryan, Bryan Yarbrough and W. H. Hall, all of Robert Lee and Raymond Cochran of Odessa.

Mrs. R. Gaines returned last week from a stay of six months at Hill City, Kans., with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest L. Wanker. She helped care for the new grandson born a few weeks ago and reports that the baby and his mother are doing nicely. Mrs. Wanker is the former Bertie Mae Gaines. Mrs. Gaines was brought to Robert Lee by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Eads.

P-TA NEWS

The Robert Lee P. T. A. met Thursday, Oct. 21, at 4:00 p. m. Mrs. Godwin discussed the subject: "We, the People... Establish Justice." Her talk and comments by other members emphasized our duty as citizens to be informed in matters of government. Attention was called to the eleven amendments to the Texas Constitution to be voted upon Tuesday, Nov. 2. These amendments require much study in order that the voter may be competent to vote on them. On page 7 of the San Angelo Standard Times for Tuesday, Oct. 26, the League of Women Voters of San Angelo presented arguments both for and against these amendments.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith and son, James Royce, Jr., returned Sunday from a 10 days trip to Mena, Ark., where they visited Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore, and her brother, Clell Varnadore and family. The Mena locality received good rains the last of the week to end a bad period of drouth. The Smiths came home through Waco to visit Royce's uncles, Sewell and Nelson Johnson. Saturday afternoon they attended the Baylor-A & M football game which Baylor won 20-7.

Mrs. H. C. Allen is improving at her home in Robert Lee following a stay of 11 days at Shannon Hospital where she was under observation and treatment. Mrs. Alice Humble has moved from Post to Midland. Her street address is 911-A West College.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams left Saturday on a week's vacation. They planned to visit friends in Missouri. Mr. McAdams is local manager for West Texas Utilities Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard visited the State Fair in Dallas the last of the week and also went on to McKinney to visit Miss Helen Johnson. The latter is a patient at Veterans Hospital and her condition seemed to be good.

The Jack Brownfield and L. Rin Theiman families of San Angelo were Sunday guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins.

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The church is the body of the saved. (Acts 2:41, 47; Eph. 5:23) It is the Household of God. (I Tim. 3:15, Heb. 3:6, etc.) Christ's church is the kingdom of God. (Matt. 16:18-19) The church is Jesus' body and ONLY CHRIST IS ITS HEAD. (Eph. 1:23; Col. 1:18, 24; I Cor. 12:20)

One church is as good as another until we speak of the church which Jesus built. It is the "Pearl of Great Price" (Matt. 13:45-46), the "Hidden Treasure" (Matt. 13:44), the Church which Jesus purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20:28)

Let us search the Scriptures daily to find that Church, and forsake all others for it alone. (Acts 17:11, Matt. 13:45-46)

We welcome you to visit the services of the Church of Christ. With love in our hearts, we plead for the restoration of pure New Testament Christianity. Let us do Bible things in Bible ways, for the Bible only makes Christians only. Church of Christ services: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Bible study, 11:00 a.m. Worship, 6:30 p.m. Young People's, 7:00 p.m. Worship. Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study.

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LAN BIG NIGHT N HALLOWEEN N ROBERT LEE

It will be a big night for the community Saturday night! All ages from 5 to 95 will be in on the night's events! Here's the program:
8:00 — All children and young people will gather on the Court House lawn to kick off the night's events. Groups will be organized to canvass the town. They will be knocking on your doors yelling "Trick or Treat"; they won't be asking for

candies and cookies but for pennies to half dollars or whatever you want to give to go for our world's underprivileged children. All funds will go through the United Nation's Children's Relief Agency to spread good will throughout 80 countries. They will have yellow bands on their sleeves and on the collection boxes so you will know them. As they leave to canvass the town the siren will blow.

9:00 — The school band led by Mr. Jack Gray will lead the Halloween Parade downtown. All are invited to join in — either to march in the parade or to view it from the sidelines. Streets will be blocked off for the parade.

10:00 — The Halloween midnight show at the Theater. Children to 12, 10c; through high school, 20c; adults, 35c.

Help us make it a night of fun for our children and young people; and at the same time send aid to children who are desperately in need.

A concession booth will be set up downtown for your snacks and drinks.

Mr. and Mrs. Oda Benton write The Observer that they have moved from Marysville, Calif., to Hanford, Calif., where they are now living at 705 East Ivey Street. The Bentons are former Robert Lee residents.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Bob Godwin and Mrs. Gerald Allen are in Houston this week attending Grand Chapter sessions of the Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Godwin is worthy matron of the Robert Lee chapter. Mrs. Allen is slated to become a district officer this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Franks and three sons of Eldorado, Ark., visited here the fore part of last week in the homes of Mrs. E. A. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brock. Mrs. Franks is a former Robert Lee resident and a daughter of the late Jess Burgess.

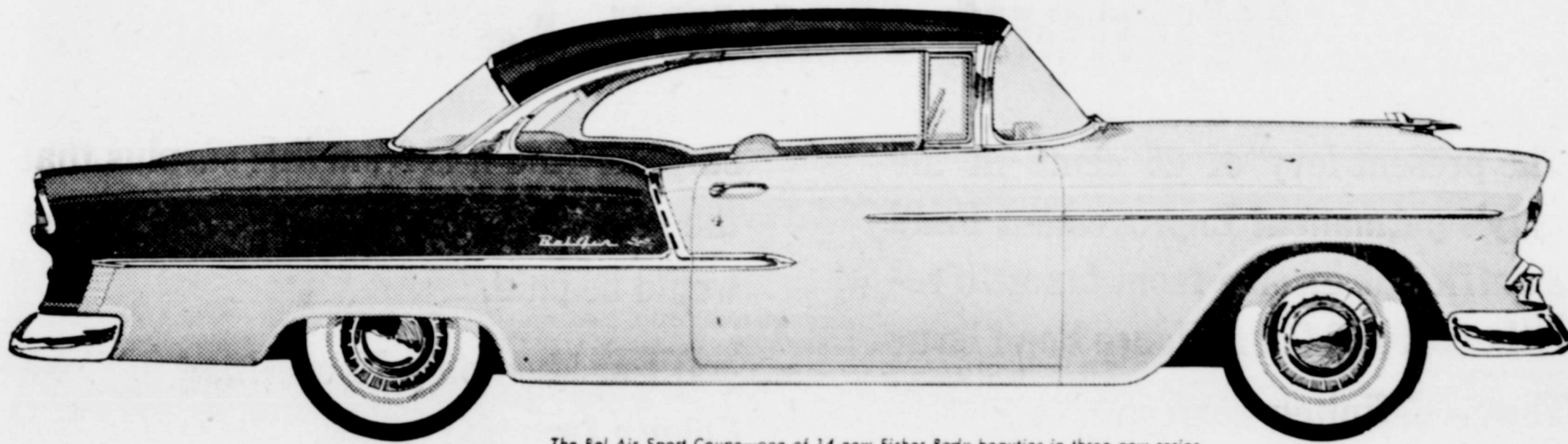
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brock and son, Larry, and Miss Nadine Burgess, recently spent a weekend with the Bill Lloyds at Kermit. Bill, who graduated from the University of Texas last summer, is employed as a registered pharmacist at a Kermit drug store.

R. L. Read has been quite ill in a San Angelo hospital where he was taken in the Clift ambulance Sunday morning. Bob is the efficient mail carrier on the Bronte, Edith and Divide star route. During his illness, A. M. Tubb is making the mail run.



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You can choose from two new sixes, too!

Chevrolet also offers the last word in six-cylinder performance and economy! There's a new "Blue-Flame 136" teamed with Powerglide and a new "Blue-Flame 123" with either standard transmission or Overdrive.

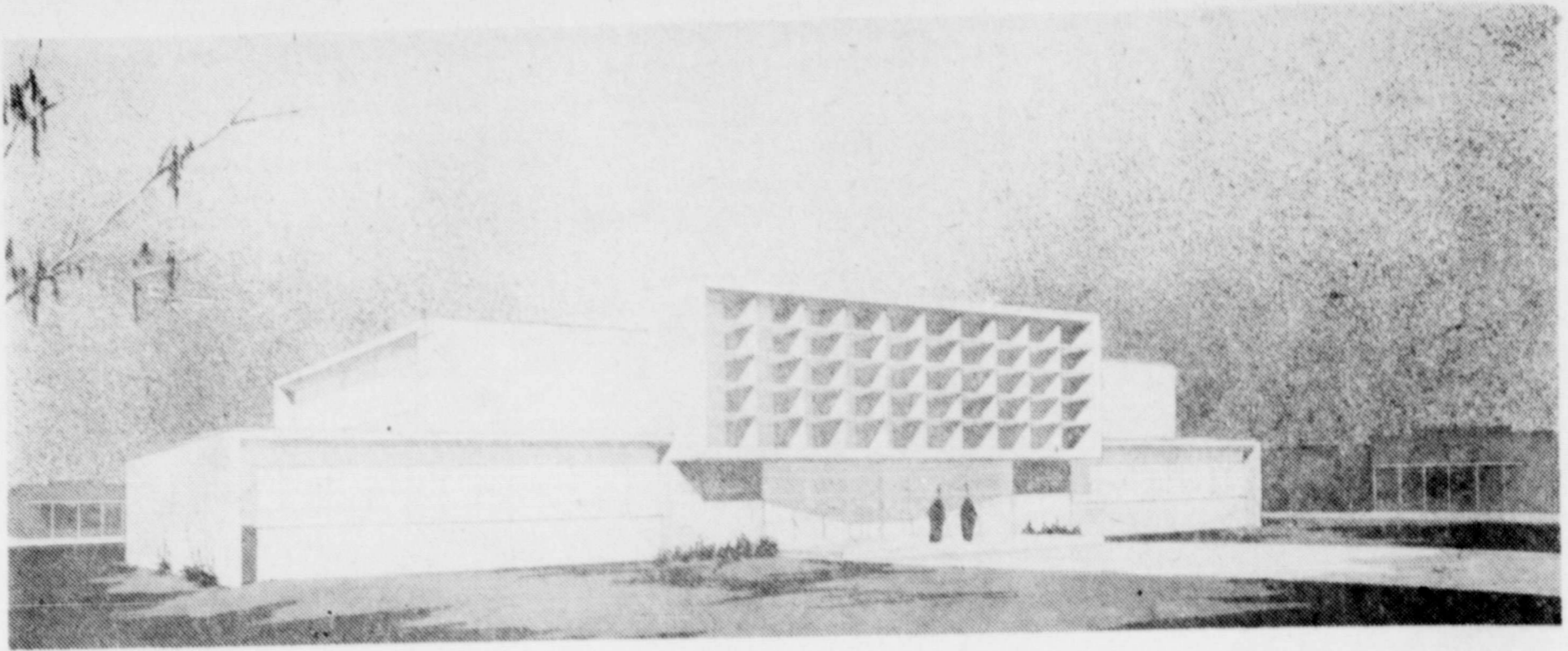
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ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF PROPOSED NEW COKE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Facts and Figures Prove That Oil Will Build New Courthouse Without Raising Taxes

The present levy of 25 cents in the county's permanent Improvement Fund has sufficient income from taxes to retire the \$300,000 Court House Bond Issue

That is definitely correct. within 15 years, and probably sooner.

Increased oil development has boosted Coke County's total taxing valuation to 25 million dollars this year, and it's going higher.

A levy of 25 cents thus will bring in \$62,500 in 1954 taxes. Only \$23,000 was paid out of the Permanent Improvement Fund last year, leaving at least \$39,000

surplus. And it is from this surplus that the Court House Bonds and Interest would be paid.

Oil production will continue in Coke County for many years.

Now is the time to get a new Court House while the big tax money is coming in. We are going to be forced to construct a new county building before long. Let's vote for it now. We can afford it. We need it very badly. Why not take advantage of our wonderful opportunity?

IF YOU FAVOR THE COURT HOUSE BOND ISSUE BE SURE AND VOTE NEXT SATURDAY, OCT. 30

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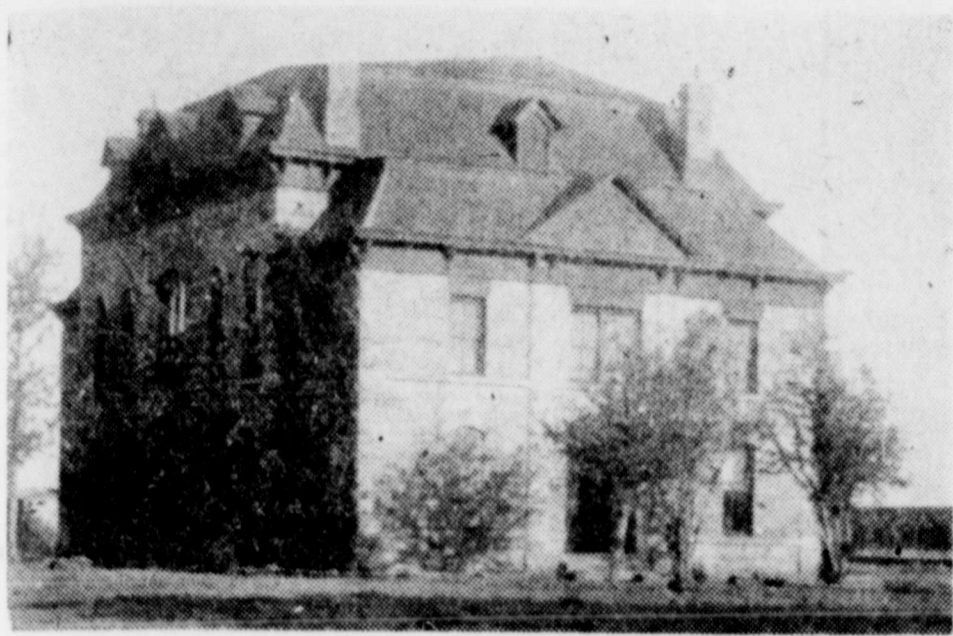
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Present Coke County Court House
— erected in 1892

The present Coke County Court House is 62 years old, and has been showing its age for some time. It's about to be condemned. It's unsafe and probably wouldn't survive a heavy windstorm.

It is unsafe for the proper storage and preservation of property records and other highly important legal papers and documents.

The old court house is inadequate to take care of increasing county business, and several governmental agencies are now housed in adjacent barracks buildings. The new court house will provide ample room for all under one roof, and

No. 000

**SAMPLE
BALLOT**

FOR The Issuance of Bonds.

AGAINST The Issuance of Bonds.

No. 000

SAMPLE BALLOT

COKE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
BOND ELECTION

October 30th, 1954

NOTE: Voter's Signature To
Be Affixed on the Reverse
Side.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

If you are in favor of building a new Court House, scratch the lower line, "AGAINST The Issuance of Bonds," and help Coke get a badly needed new county building. If you want it, be sure and vote Saturday, October 30.

in addition there will be a room for conferences and small group meetings.

Until lately it has been necessary that we get along with the old building, because we couldn't afford a new one. But within the last few years Coke has become one of the leading oil producing counties, and taxes from oil properties has made it possible to build a new Court House **WITHOUT RAISING TAXES.**

We urge every qualified voter to turn out and support the Court House Bond Issue at the Special Election next Saturday, October 30.

Coke County Citizens
Interested In A New
Court House

STEERS LOSE TO HERMLEIGH BY 40-21 TALLY

Hermleigh Cardinals defeated the Robert Lee Steers by a score of 40-21 here last Friday night. The undermanned Steers played a great game for the first half, but weakened later in the contest when they were unable to stop the rugged and speedy Cardinals.

The visitors scored midway in the first quarter on a sustained march from their 24-yard line. They converted by placement to lead 7 to 0. Robert Lee received the next kickoff, with Lynn Davidson returning the ball 60 yards to the Hermleigh 20. Sherman Williams and Davidson in three plays made it a first down on the 8. Sammy Duncan went off tackle for half the distance, and on the next play Williams crashed through center for a touchdown. He added the extra point thru the line to tie the score at 7-all.

Hermleigh downed the kickoff on their 40. A first down carried to midfield, and N. Wilcox, 190 pound wingman, went off right tackle on an end around play and crossed the Stere Goal. Conversion failed and the Cardinals led 13 to 7.

Early in the second period Robert Lee started a successful drive from their 34 which resulted in Davidson going over from the 6. Williams converted and the Steers took a 14 to 13 lead.

Hermleigh again marched down the field, aided by B. Robinson's 35-yard end run. Robinson scored from the 8 and B. Davidson converted from placement. It put the Cardinals ahead 20 to 14 and the half ended with

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Hermleigh in possession of the ball in Robert Lee territory.

Early in the third period the Cardinals completed a drive from their 28 with B. Davidson scoring from the 4. His placekick accounted for the extra point, and the visitors were ahead 27 to 14.

Robert Lee took the kickoff on their 20. Williams gained 7 yards thru the line, then got loose around end for 45 yards and a first down on the Cardinal 30. In two plays Davidson and Williams made it a first down on the 18. Williams plunged for 2 and Davidson added 5. Then Williams hit center for a first in the 3. Duncan went over left tackle to score and Williams converted through the line. Score: Hermleigh 27, Robert Lee 21.

Hermleigh scored two touchdowns in the final period. The Steers had a good scoring chance when Jerry Hurley recovered a Cardinal fumble on their 32. They went on to the 20, but bogged down when their passing attempt was smothered.

Silver News

Mrs. E. L. Shipman (Johanna Gassiot) was honored with a stork shower Thursday night at 7:30 at Sun Recreation Hall. A pink and blue color scheme was carried out in decorations. Refreshments were served by the hostesses who included Mrs. Irene Newell, Mrs. Clairene Kennedy, Mrs. Zillah Walker, Mrs. Ivon Connor, Mrs. Helen Pace, Mrs. Kathryn Hargis and Mrs. Fred Jameson. Fifty guests were registered.

Weekend guests of the Cecil Bentleys were his brothers, Glenn and Harold, of Snyder.

Mrs. B. R. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Gilmore of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Griffin of San Angelo were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goswick.

Kenneth Preston returned home Friday after being treated several weeks in the Big Spring Hospital. He received a bad knee injury in an auto mishap. Kenneth's condition is improving rapidly now.

Bobby Hugh Odom, Mary Ann Snyder, Billy Preston and Cecil Coalson were home from college for a weekend visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and son, Donny, have moved to Silver from Coleman. Mr. Wilson is employed by Dowell, Inc., well servicing concern.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Havins were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers left Friday for northern Oklahoma where they will visit their children and look after property holdings.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren and two sons attended the State Fair in Dallas over the weekend.

Recent Sunday afternoon guests of the H. R. Gassiot were his brother, W. T. Gassiot, and wife and son, Gaylon of Sweetwater. Both W. T. and his wife are teachers in the Sweetwater school system, and Gaylon is a high school senior.

Other visitors in the Gassiot home were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Baker, teachers in the Bronte schools. Mr. Baker, ex-pupil of Mr. Gassiot, is principal and coach of the Bronte elementary department.

GIRLS 4-H CLUB

A meeting of the Silver girls 4-H Club was held Oct. 18 in the school house. New members were Jo Ann Millican, Margaret Favors and Kay Ballard. A recipe for a simple icing was given by Mrs. G. E. Conner. Games were enjoyed after which the meeting adjourned.

October 25 another club meet-

ing was held. Leaders present were Mrs. Jahew Jameson and Mrs. Conner. Mrs. Faye Roe, the new County HD Agent, presented a demonstration on "Quick 'n Easy Butter Icing." Cup cakes served as refreshments. Two songs were enjoyed and the meeting adjourned. — Hatty Kay McKinnon, Reporter.

SCHOOL NOTES

A Manual Training Department has been added to the Silver school. New equipment was purchased and Donald Gressett is the instructor.

New films costing \$600 have been ordered for the visual education department.

School trustees have approved purchase of equipment for Junior High football. Some instruction in the game will be given this fall.

A new record player has been purchased, also a microscope and other equipment for the science department.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Payton are parents of a son born Oct. 22 at Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and has been named Thomas Weir. He has a sister, two years old. The father is a roustabout for Sun Oil Co. production department. The family recently moved from Robert Lee to Colorado City.

DEATH OF CARL KINCAID

Leon Kincaid, Robert Lee service station operator, was called to Miles last Thursday night by the death of his father, Carl E. Kincaid, 68, well known farmer of the Miles community for 32 years. Funeral rites and burial took place Saturday afternoon at Miles. Surviving are his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Notes

From The Oil Field



Chapel Hill Gas System & New Seven Falls No. 11 Ralph Harris Estate set a string of 561 feet of surface pipe Monday night. The wildcat is north of the river at Silver and less than a mile from Sun prouction on H. L. Bloodworth. Baker & Taylor has the drilling contract.

Plymouth Oil Co. No. 3 Hickman, in 961-S. A. Maverick survey, northwest stepout to a recently completed lone extension to the Wendkirk (Cisco) field of Coke County, has been plugged and abandoned at 3,697 feet in Cisco sand.

On a 1½-hour drillstem test between 3,667-97 feet, recovery was 100 feet of salt water-cut mud and 198 fet of salt water. There were no shows of oil or gas.

Stanolind Oil and Gas Co. 17 J. E. Chappell has been completed as a new producer in the Jameson-Strawn Field. It is in Section 25, Block 15, SP Survey.

Daily potential was 328.04 barrels of 44.3 gravity oil, through a 14-64-inch choke with 425 pounds on casing and 1,000 on tubing. Flow was from 212 perforations at 6,305-6,448 feet.

In the Jameson Field, Ada Oil Co. of Midland completed its No. 1. L. Ellwood, et al 22 miles northwest of Robert Lee in Section 13, Block 15, SP Survey.

Daily potential was 140.04 barrels of 43.3 gravity oil, through a 12-64-inch choke with 825 pounds on casing and 200-175 pounds on tubing. Production was from 64 perforations at 6,170-919-1.

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THIRD DUSTER COUNTY IS PRODUCING OIL

Re-entering of wildcat failures open new fields in northwest. Coke County has paid off third time in recent months. New discovery is Homer Snowden No. 1 Nora Gee, in 144-H&TC which was completed today.

It was finalized for a daily output of 268 barrels of gravity oil, no water, with a ratio of 900-1. Production was through perforations between 7,086-103 feet.

Top of pay was picked at 7,088 on elevation of 2,607 feet. Section was acidized with 500 gallons. Tubing pressure was 400 pounds, casing pressure, 400 pounds.

Operator has requested discovery allowable and suggested the field be designated as the Nora (Strawn) Field.

The project, originally drilled by United Production Inc., to a depth of 8,343 feet in the Elburger and abandoned in January, was re-entered in September.

It is 1 3/8 miles south and slightly east of Robertson 1 Gee, entered project which opened in Fuller-Coke, South (Strawn) and 1 3/4 miles southwest of F. Kirk Johnson 1 Gee, re-entered project which opened in Fuller-Coke, Southeast (Strawn) and.

STEPPOUTS SET

Homer Snowden operating out of San Angelo on farmed out leases from T. W. Murray, has application to drill three stepouts to production in the two wells Fuller-Coke, South (Strawn) and of Coke County.

They are on a 160-acre lease section 119, block 2, H&TC. Land owner is Nora Gee.

Postmaster and Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr. and children motor to Crane Friday for a week-long visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. Partin, parents of Mrs. Lewis. The Robert Lee folks went on Alpine Saturday where they visited Sylvia Partin, a student at Sul Ross College, and attended the Lobo-Texas A & I football game.

GETS NAVY DISCHARGE

Marion Luther Sparks arrived home last Friday after receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy Oct. 15 at San Diego, Calif. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks of Robert Lee. Marion saw much sea duty in the Pacific and the past year was stationed at Pearl Harbor. He put in 2 1/2 years of training as a welder and earned the rating of ME3. Marion completed an enlistment of nearly four years.

He came to Texas with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Evans. Edwin is still in the Navy. His wife, the former Peggy Sparks, resides at Burbank, Calif.

Mrs. Horace Scott And Daughters To Leave for England

Mrs. Horace Scott and daughters, Sharon and Marilyn, leave next week to join their husband and father in England. 1st Lieut. Horace L. Scott, Jr., called back to active duty in the Air Force two years ago, was recently sent to England for three years of duty.

He is stationed at Brize Norton RAF Base, about 60 miles from London. Lieut. Scott, who grew up in Robert Lee and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Scott, has leased a house in Oxford, 13 miles from his base. He was a bomber pilot during World War II.

Mrs. Scott and the children will make the trip overseas at government expense. They leave San Angelo over the Santa Fe the night of Nov. 5 and will go by rail with Pullman accommodations to Ft. Hamilton, New Jersey. It is not far from New York where they will take a boat for England.

Mrs. Scott and her daughters have been residing in Robert Lee since Lieut. Scott went overseas late in the summer. Sharon has been attending school here.

Erven Escue received some mashed toes last Friday when a section of drill pipe fell on his foot. He is driving a truck for Markham Drilling Co. The accident occurred at Sweetwater.

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NO GRID GAME THIS WEEKEND

Robert Lee Steers have an open date this week due to the shortened 8-game schedule. Most of the players are in good shape, except Atha Hall, who received a back injury against Hobbs, and has not been in uniform since.

Next week the Steers open a three gam home stand against Trent, Richland Springs and Bronte. Robert Lee is making no secret of its intention to win at least two of these contests. They intend to defeat the Trent Gorillas, and you can guess the other one. Bronte Longhorns, you think? Why sure!

Everyone was thrilled with the Hermleigh game here last week. The home club gave a good account of itself although outplayed in the second half. Hermleigh has a rugged outfit, and the Steers are the only opponent that has scored three touchdowns against them.

Hobbs plays in Trent this Friday night, while Loraine will be before Loraine last Friday by a score of 24 to 14. Next week they travel to Hermleigh.

Hobbs plays in Trent this Friday night, while Loraine will be in Hermleigh. The winner of this game should go on to take the 6-B District championship. Both are undefeated in loop play, Loraine having three victories, and

Hermleigh two. Hermleigh is favored to win, but Roy Johnson will give the Cardinals plenty of trouble.

Game Ass'n Will Meet Nov. 2nd At H. C. Allen Ranch

Annual meeting of the Coke County Game Management Association has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 2, starting at 3 p. m.

The event takes place at the Allen Ranch near Hayrick, with H. C. and G. C. Allen as hosts. The ranch may be reached by going west on the Bronte-Robert Lee highway, then turning off on the Hayrick road and continuing north to the Allen Ranch. There will be a short program and a free barbecue supper. Every interested land owner or operator is invited to attend.

Officers of the association are Delmir Sheppard, President; W. E. Burns, Vice President; and Finnell Smith, Secretary.

Billie Bert Duncan arrived home Friday from Colorado where he spent the summer working on a mining claim near Aspen.

Mrs. R. A. Perry and Mrs. Nannie Lindsay of Miles visited in the S. R. Young home here Tuesday.

DEATH CLAIMS LLOYD JOHNSON

Lloyd (Red) Johnson, 46, died at 2:30 a. m. Wednesday at Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee. His death was caused by cancer.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. Warren Ellis, officiating. Clift Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements and burial was in Paint Creek cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Key, Delmir Sheppard, Floyd Harmon, Crowley Harmon, George McCaleb and Henry Childress.

Lloyd was born Oct. 5, 1908, at San Angelo and came with his parents to Coke County where they established a home in the Wildcat community, southwest of Robert Lee. For many years he was employed in mining operations in southwestern states.

After returning to Coke County a few years ago, he was employed for some time on the Raymond Schooler Ranch.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Jean Page, Oklahoma City, Mrs. Wanda Hammons, Roswell, New Mex., Miss Joyce Johnson, Seattle, Wash.; one son, Bobbie Johnson of Carlsbad, New Mex.; his mother, Mrs. M. W. Johnson of Robert Lee; four sisters, Mrs. Bessie Caston, Mrs. Alfred Lof-

ton and Miss Helen Johnson of Robert Lee, and Mrs. E. A. Boykin of Brownwood; and two brothers, Roger and Weldon Johnson of Robert Lee.

Judge Jeff Dean suffered a back injury from a fall in the bathroom of his home last Friday. He is being cared for in Coke County Memorial Hospital and is much improved, hoping to be dismissed within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley returned Tuesday from a few days visit with relatives at San Antonio and other points in that area.

Mrs. H. L. Scott, Mrs. W. Cumbie, Billy Rankin Roach and Mrs. Horace Scott and daughter visited Sunday in Odessa with Mrs. J. K. Glenn. The latter will be 90 years old this winter and is in good health.



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