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LOCAL FIRMS LOSE \$193 ON BAD CHECKS

A smooth operating check swindler beat Robert Lee business firms out of \$193 over the weekend.

Clyde Turnbuille, 40, has been charged with the crimes and is being held by authorities at Santa Fe, New Mex.

The fellow turned up in Robert Lee Saturday, said he was an oil field driller and wanted to hire a crew. He also made reservations for an apartment at A. B. Sheppards.

He had previously been at the Bronte bank where he opened an account by depositing a draft for \$150 on a Ft. Worth bank. During his check cashing operations here he showed his deposit slip on the Bronte bank and told his story of having a drilling job.

Checks cashed in Robert Lee included \$50 at Coffey's Station, \$10 at Y-Courts, \$33 at Henry's barbecue, \$40 at Baker's Grocery and \$60 at Roach's.

Genie Baker was suspicious of the man and contacted the Bronte bank early Monday. Bank officials contacted the Ft. Worth bank and learned that the check Turbuille had deposited was phoney. Sheriff Paul Good was notified and warrants were sworn out for the man's arrest.

The man was last seen here about 10 a. m. Sunday when he left the Coffey Station with his wife and two children. He was driving a 1948 blue 2-door Ford. Turbuille said he worked in the oil field here seven years ago, but nobody seemed to remember him.

Monday afternoon Sheriff Good broadcast a pickup warning over the Highway Patrol radio network and it was later sent by teletype to surrounding states. By the middle of Tuesday afternoon word came back from Santa Fe that the man had been apprehended 20 miles north of that city.

He refused to return here and steps are being taken to have him extradited. Working with Sheriff Good are Jake Sharp of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Ranger Ralph Rohatsch, Dist. Attorney Aubrey Stokes and County Attorney Frank Dickey, Jr.

ANOTHER ONE HELD

A. G. Pinnell, who worked here a short time in November, also cashed a number of bad checks early in January. There were a number of them, all for amounts of \$10 and \$15 and drawn on the Robert Lee State Bank. Victims of his illegal transactions were in Silver, Robert Lee and Bronte.

Pinnell is held in jail at Hillsboro on a similar charge and will be turned over to Coke County authorities following his trial there.

MASTER MASON NIGHT

Robert Lee Chapter Order of Eastern Star has designated Feb. 3 as Master Mason Night, when all Masons and their families will be guests of the chapter. A covered dish dinner will be served by Eastern Star members at 7:30 p. m. in the chapter hall, and OES families are also invited. Mrs. Bob Godwin, worthy matron of the local chapter, says the event is being sponsored to create good will and fellowship. The occasion will also unofficially mark completion of many nice improvements in the lodge hall which is used jointly by the Masons and Eastern Stars.

GETS AF DISCHARGE

A 1/C Wallace Ross arrived home recently after completing a 4-year enlistment in the Air Force. He trained to be a radio and radar expert and served two years in Japan. During recent months he was stationed at Shaw AFB at Charleston, S. C. Wallace is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ross to have completed enlistments in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley left Wednesday for a visit with kin-folks in Oklahoma. During their absence Mrs. Howard Eaton is in charge of the locker plant.

Committees Named For Polio Drive

Fred McDonald, Jr., March of Dimes chairman for the west half of Coke County, reports that plans for conducting the annual drive for funds to fight polio have been completed.

John T. Stewart is heading up a committee at Silver and Lew Heuvel is again chairman for the Edith-Green Mountain-Divide section.

Mr. McDonald says that a committee of a dozen or more will be used in making a canvas of Robert Lee within the next ten days.

Mrs. A. J. Bilbo returned recently from a two weeks' visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield, and family at their farm home near Afton, Okla. Mrs. Bilbo said they had about four inches of moisture while she was in northeastern Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker and sons, Fred Bruce and William Wayne, came from Stephenville for a weekend visit in the home of Mrs. Parker's parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good.

Jan. 31 Deadline For Paying Taxes

Property owners have only about ten more days to pay their taxes without having a penalty attached. All state, county, school and city taxes become delinquent after Jan. 31.

It should also be remembered that Poll Taxes must be paid by the same date. If you want to vote in any elections this year, you must have a poll tax receipt and they can't be issued after Feb. 1.

J. L. Tinkler, deputy sheriff, reported that 478 Poll Tax Receipts had been issued up to Wednesday morning.

BIRTHS

SELF — Mr. and Mrs. John E. Self of Robert Lee are parents of a daughter born at 8:05 p. m. Jan. 13 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 8½ ounces and has been named Brenda Gail. There are nine other children in the family. The father is a truck driver for Dual Drilling Co.

CLEVELAND — A son was born Jan. 16 in Coke County Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Cleveland of Robert Lee. Arriving at 8:35 a. m. the baby weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. The father is engaged in oil field work.

HELEN WEAVER WAS VICTIM OF DEADLY BOMB

Robert Lee has been terribly shocked and deeply grieved, along with thousands of West Texans, in the tragedy which took the life of Mrs. Harry (Helen) Weaver.

She was the victim of an explosion just before 9 a. m. Wednesday near the home of her mother, Mrs. Ralph Harris, in San Angelo. Mrs. Weaver was fatally injured from the shattering explosion, apparently from a bomb in the car she was attempting to start.

She had started to Shannon hospital to visit her mother, who is a patient there. It was apparent that a high explosive bomb was set off as she turned on the ignition or starter.

Mrs. Weaver was rushed to the hospital but died within a few minutes from horrible wounds about the body. The car, a Chevrolet owned by Mr. Weaver, was demolished and effects of the blast were felt for some distance.

Funeral services have been set for 2 p. m. Friday from Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo.

Mrs. Weaver, always referred to as "Helen" by her friends, was a daughter of the late Ralph Harris. The family were early ranchers in West Texas and owned a big spread south of Robert Lee. Fifteen years ago they acquired the former Saul Ranch above Robert Lee.

Helen ran cattle for many years and took a personal hand in looking after them.

A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Weaver moved back to Coke County from Houston where Harry had been a prominent architect. They built a \$75,000 ranch home 10 miles south of Robert Lee, and have taken a deep interest in community affairs.

Authorities are working on the case and every effort will be made to solve the terrible and strange crime. One suspect in particular is being pointed to.

Disgruntled Roughnecks Beat Driller

A pair of drilling rig roughnecks beat up a driller last Friday night near Robert Lee.

Victim of the assault was Johnny Youngblood. His assailants were James Turner 27, and A. L. Bailey, 35, both of San Angelo.

The affray took place at the Guy Mabee rig on Plymouth's R. E. Hickman lease, five miles southeast of town.

Youngblood was pretty badly beaten and filed information against the pair in the court of Justice Emory Davis.

Sheriff Paul Good arrested Turner at his home in San Angelo Tuesday. He was brought to the county jail here, and thus far has been unable to make a bond of \$2,500 which was set by Judge Davis.

Upon hearing that he was wanted, it is alleged that Bailey skipped to Oklahoma.

The roughnecks were said to have been fired by Youngblood a few days previously when they were several hours late in showing up for work on the evening tour.

SCHOOL CENSUS

All parents are requested to please notify B. C. Goodwin, superintendent of schools, if you have a 6-year-old child who is not in school now, but will be eligible for the term starting next September. This request applies to parents who do not have other children in school now.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship HD Club met Jan. 12 with Mrs. Brent Clark as hostess. Nine members were present, one visitor and six children. Mrs. Glenn Waldrop gave an interesting program on First Aid. New yearbooks were distributed to the members.

Commissioners Discuss Road Work in County

Work began this week on construction of 6 miles of new paved highway from Silver southwest to the Colorado River. The route in the main follows the "Silver Loop" although considerable of the distance has been changed to reduce corners.

Younger Construction secured the contract on its low bid submitted to the Coke County Commissioners Court a few weeks ago. The project is a portion of the road building program which is to be carried out in Precinct No. 1 and made possible by the voting of a bond issue of \$245,000. Commissioner J. W. Service states most of the right of way has been fenced, except a short gap near the river.

Several blocks of paving in Robert Lee are also included in the contract, but no date for starting work here has been announced.

W. W. Greif, civil engineer hired for the Precinct 1 project, met with the Commissioners here Monday. He will be back next Monday with completed plans and specifications for the new bridge southwest of Silver.

Mr. Greif also reported that field work was nearly finished on the new stretch of road leading from the bridge southeast toward Edith.

In the meantime final plans for the Water Valley Farm to Market Road are nearing completion. This road leads west from Highway 208 a mile south of Robert Lee and continues southwesterly a distance of 12 miles. Much of it is being re-located and most of the property easements have been arranged for.

H. L. Bailey of Sterling City, resident engineer on the project for the State Highway Commission, told officials Monday that it should be ready to advertise for bids in February or early March.

HAYRICK HD CLUB

The Hayrick Home Demonstration club met Thursday, Jan. 6, in the home of Mrs. J. W. Labenske. Five members and nine visitors were present for the meeting. Mrs. Ollie May joined the club as a new member.

The club members families were guests at the meeting, also Mrs. A. J. Roe, Home Demonstration Agent and her family.

The program was given by Mrs. Roe on "Table Service" and "Sweet Doughs."

New yearbooks were issued and each member contributed 25c to the T. H. D. A. Association.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. G. Cresap.

CAGE TOURNNEY TO BE PLAYED IN ROBERT LEE

Robert Lee High School's invitational basket ball tournament was scheduled to get under way Thursday afternoon. Both boys and girls teams from the following eight schools will take part: Robert Lee, Divide, Sterling City, Blackwell, Norton, Barnhart, Water Valley and Rankin B.

First round contests:

THURSDAY

3:00 Water Valley vs Rankin Girls. 4:20 Water Valley vs Rankin B Boys. 5:40 Sterling City vs Blackwell Girls. 7:00 Sterling City vs Blackwell Boys. 8:20 Robert Lee vs Divide Girls. 9:40 Robert Lee vs Divide Boys.

The other first round games are set for Friday afternoon between Norton and Barnhart. The girls game is at 3:00 p. m. and the boys play at 4:20. Second round matches follow Friday night. Semifinals will be Saturday and the championship games Saturday night.

FRESHMAN GAMES

Robert Lee sent two younger teams to Sterling City recently and managed to win both games.

The freshman girls won by a 37 to 20 score. Doris Sparks made 15 points, Charlene Robertson 11, Sue Goodwin 7, June McKinley 4. Mary Beth Schooler was the other forward. Guards were Judy Allen, Jeannie Brown, Nettie Bob Bell and Carolyn Simpson.

Robert Lee Boys B Team nosed out their Sterling City opponents 32 to 29. Point makers were Ashworth 11, McArthur 6, Blair 7, Duncan 4, Gray 3 and Joe Harmon 2. Lee and Russell also were in action.

The game went over time and Wayne Blair put the contest on ice with a pair of free shots.

Silver Methodists

Come to the Chicken-Spaghetti Supper at the School cafeteria tonight, Friday. Food will be served beginning at 6 p.m. by ladies of the Silver Methodist Church with all proceeds above cost to go for the building fund. Bring your family and enjoy both the good food (and plenty of it!) and the friendly atmosphere. Adults, \$1.00; Children, 50 cents.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Jan. 12 — Jimmie Arnold, Joyce King admitted. Drexiel Skipworth, Mrs. Curtis Walker, Mrs. Melvin Allison dismissed.

Jan. 13 — Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, Lexie Lewis, Mrs. E. C. Davis admitted. Daughter born to Mrs. J. E. Self. Mrs. Vera Donaghue dismissed.

Jan. 15 — Mrs. Mable Williams, Randolph Gunter, Mrs. Herman Foche admitted. Lexie Lewis, Mrs. E. C. Davis, Mrs. J. E. Self and infant daughter dismissed.

Jan. 16 — Mrs. Oscar Collett, Mrs. Sam Fowler admitted. Son born to Mrs. L. K. Cleveland. Randolph Gunter, Mrs. Herman Foche dismissed.

Jan. 17 — Bill Sparks admitted. Mrs. L. K. Cleveland and infant son dismissed.

Jan. 18 — Mrs. Bobby Hood, Mrs. J. D. Harmon, Elmo Bell, Kenneth Spurgeon admitted. Bill Sparks, Jimmie Arnold, dismissed.

BRONTE TAKES DOUBLE BILL HERE TUESDAY

Bronte high school girls nosed out Robert Lee in an overtime period 49 to 47, and Bronte boys took an easy 77 to 50 victory to sweep both ends of a double bill here Tuesday night. They were north half District B contests.

The girls game was close all the way. Robert Lee led 10 to 7 the first quarter, while Bronte went ahead 19 to 18 at the half and the home club was in front 30 to 29 as the final period opened.

The game was tied 37-all and again at 39-all. Sue Henson hit the bucket for 2 points, but Mary Ann Gray followed suit and when time expired the count was 43-all.

More scoring occurred in the 2-minute overtime period, with Bronte finally winding up with a 49 to 47 advantage.

Mary Ann Gray was the outstanding star, scoring a total of 35 points. Many of them were free throws in which department she seldom missed.

Bonita Robertson led Robert Lee with 25 points and a fine performance. Jo Clawson made 16 points, Sue Henson 4 and Charlene Robertson 2. Sue was off her usual good game.

Robert Lee guards were Carolyn McDaniell, Jackie Sparks, Leslie Nell Wink, Carolyn Box and Doris Blair. Jackie was fouled out late in the game after doing a good job guarding Mary Ann Gray.

BOYS GAME

Bronte Longhorns played a superior brand of basket ball to defeat the Robert Lee Steers. It was the third straight loop victory for Bronte, which is making a good showing this season under the coaching of Oscar Dorsey.

Lynn Davidson was high point man with 26. Other Robert Lee scorers were Jerrell Harmon 6, Bill Simpson 6, Atha Hall 4, Sherman Williams 4, Freddie Ashworth 2, Sammy Jo Duncan 2. Stanley Phillips led Bronte with 15 points.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Denson and sons, Jeffrey and Russell, recently moved to San Angelo where the former has accepted a position with Welox Jet Perforating Co. He formerly was employed as a roughneck with Ard Drilling Co. The Densons occupied the Monroe Gaines house for 10½ months. They have rented a furnished house at 214 East 13th St. in San Angelo and plan to build a new home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Devoll came up from Liberty Hill for a weekend visit in the home of their son, Lindy Devoll, and family and with other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Curtis Walker is back at the hardware store part time after spending two weeks in Coke County Memorial Hospital where she was treated for virus pneumonia.

L. B. Menielle of Texon was in Robert Lee Monday looking after property interests and visiting among his many friends.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids will be received until 10 a. m., February 14, at the courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas, on the following equipment:

One heavy duty tandem drive motor grader diesel engine not less than 140 hp.

12' moldboard

cab with enclosure

1400 x 24 tires front and rear Power steering

Less trade in of one Allis Chalmers A G-3 motor grader located at Robert Lee, Texas.

The county will issue legal time warrants not to exceed 4% per annum for purchase of said equipment.

Jeff Dean,
County Judge
Coke County, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stroud of Levelland were here the fore part of the week visiting the Fred Roes and Mrs. Richmond Stroud and other relatives and old friends. They report improved moisture conditions in Hockley County and no recent dust storms. Mrs. Stroud is a sister of Fred Roe, Sr.

Want Ads

NOTICE

Coke County will accept bids for one 115 horsepower Motor Grader to be equipped with steering booster, six 1200 x 24 tires, cab and heater. Bids will be opened Feb. 12, 1955.

The County will trade in one used Caterpillar No. 12 Motor Grader.

INCOME TAX Service. Call 120-W for appointment. — Jack Brock

FOR SALE — Our house in the north part of Robert Lee. Has 5 rooms and bath, screened in 27-ft. porch. Will sell furnished or unfurnished. — Burl Childress. 20tf

BIG FRISKY MINNOWS For Sale — I have them now and will have a supply at all times. — Buckles Sparks. 35w2p

UPHOLSTERING & FURNITURE REPAIRS — We are prepared to do all kinds of Upholstering and Furniture Repair Work. Will pickup and deliver anywhere in town. — MRS. ROY TAYLOR, Phone 189-J.

LOST — Pair black leather chaps, nearly new. Finder please advise the owner, Wilbern Milligan.

NOTICE — I am still representative for Avon cosmetics. New phone number 7722. Mrs. Jim Greer. 32w4p

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.

LOST OR STRAYED — Black Sheppherd dog with white ring around his neck. Call Bert Blaylock collect, Bronte phone 1321.

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

FOR SALE — My place in Robert Lee, furnished or unfurnished. 3 rooms and bath, 2 lots, good cellar. Priced to sell. C. L. McDonald. 35 tf

NOTICE — I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cess pools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte, for this service. Also do plumbing. — A. L. ROGERS. tfe

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

FOR SALE — Cafe on highway in Robert Lee, making money. Must sell as I am moving to Oklahoma. Hazel's Cafe, Robert Lee, Texas. 1c

FOR SALE — One Farmall tractor. See it at T. A. Peays place, 16 miles west of Robert Lee on Sterling City Highway. L. F. Gohlson.

20% OFF for cash on all fishing and Camping Supplies for a limited time. Leeper Supply Co.

NOTICE—I am now back sewing at Mrs. Milams on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I make curtains and drapes.—Mrs. J. W. Labenske. w2p

Birthday Dinner For Mrs. Phillips

A family gathering occurred in Robert Lee Sunday, Jan. 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Buck) Ivey, when a dinner was served honoring the birthday of Mrs. Ivey's mother, Mrs. Mary Phillips of Bronte. Other birthdays honored were those of Mrs. Phillips' son, Walter, and a grandson, Harold McCutchen.

All nine of the Phillips children were present, including Mrs. Edna Phillips of Ventura, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips and sons, Mrs. Claud Beaver and Mary Ann Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCutchen and family, all of Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Kiker of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Phillips and family and Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Nicholas of San Angelo and Mrs. Gertrude Gray and children of Robert Lee.

Also present were Gerald Ivey of Sweetwater, and Wanda Tomlinson and Janice Coleman of Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hicks will leave the end of the week for their home at Hollywood, New Mex., after spending two weeks in Robert Lee while Mr. Hicks helped his old friends with their income tax reports. They have been guests in the home of Mrs. J. K. Griffith.

The Robert Vaughans motored to Lubbock for a Sunday visit with their daughter, Eileen, who is a sophomore student at Texas Tech.

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Methodist Church Notes

At a meeting of officials from the Bronte, Sterling City, Robert Lee and Silver Methodist Churches held Tuesday night, courses were chosen and time set for a zone Workers Training School. It will be held Feb. 23-24 at Robert Lee from 5 to 9:20 each evening. Three courses will be offered: Children's Work, Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Instructor; The Work of the Local Church, Rev. Warren

Ellis, Instructor; and Youth Work. Instructor for the latter course has not yet been chosen. Anyone desiring to take one of these courses may enroll. Registration fee will be 50 cents per student.

Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr. is taking a week's vacation from the office after a busy time getting the new boxes installed. He plans to do some work around home and will make a trip to Crane to visit Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin.

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SILVER NEWS

Elvin Haigood was discharged last month at Fort Sam Houston after completing a 3-year army enlistment. The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Haigood, Elvin is 23 years old and is now here with his parents. He has made application for employment with Sun Oil Company. The elder Mr. Haigood is a Sun pumper at Silver.

Mrs. Hattie McKinnon is back at her home here after being treated a few days last week in the Colorado City hospital.

Major James Parker of Ft. Bliss spent the weekend in the Bob Edwards home. He is a cousin of Mrs. Edwards.

R. M. Tunnell is at the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring for observation and treatment. He is an engine operator at Jameson gas plant.

J. D. Gilbert, gas plant foreman, is attending a personnel school this week at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. During his absence O. W. Newell is acting foreman.

Mrs. Virgil Steng of Robert Lee was honored by her many Silver friends and relatives with a Gift Shower Monday night at Sun recreation hall. Before her marriage Dec. 4 she was Mary Katherine Walker, daughter of Baylor Walker of Silver. She received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Connie Joe Warren was given a party Saturday at Sun recreation hall honoring his 5th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shimer were in Alice over Sunday to attend dedication of a church organ which was given by John's sister in memory of their mother.

Silver has again organized an independent basket ball team. Bob Edwards is manager and Roy Overturf is captain. They lost their first game at Colorado City last week and were scheduled to play in Sterling City Tuesday night of this week. They hope to book some good games in the near future, and would welcome a game from Robert Lee and Bronte, with Edith thrown in for good measure.

Silver school trustees have purchased 12.9 acres of land from Willie I. Tubb. The tract adjoins the present school grounds on the north and west and is being provided for future expansion of Silver school activities.

The school board has also voted to purchase a water softener.

Pete Ashmore returned to his home here Tuesday after a stay of more than a week in the Colorado City hospital where he was treated for a serious throat infection and complications. Mr. Ashmore is chief clerk in the Sun Pipeline office at Silver.

E. L. (Pat) Patrick underwent an appendectomy Jan. 11 in a Colorado City hospital. His recovery has not been as rapid as hoped for. Pat is a mechanics helper at Sun Pipeline Co.

Mrs. Addie Gaston of Tennyson and her daughter, Mrs. Claude Cotten of San Angelo, are guests this week in the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. R. B. Allen, and husband.

Bob Edwards left Tuesday night for Dallas to attend a meeting of Sun Oil Co. chief clerks in the gas department. He was accompanied by his wife and children who will visit with kinfolks in Henderson.

John T. Stewart has been named head of the Silver committee in charge of the March of Dimes. He is a good worker and will have good support from the community. Hank Baker was chosen chairman of the Dance set for Saturday night, Feb. 5, at Sun rec hall. All proceeds from the dance will go to the March of Dimes Fund.

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NOTICE

KANSAS CITY, MEXICO AND ORIENT RAILWAY COMPANY OF TEXAS and PANHANDLE AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY hereby give notice that on the 27th day of December 1954 they filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, at Washington, D. C., an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing construction and operation of a line of railroad to extend from Maryneal to loading racks to be constructed by Texas Natural Gasoline Corporation at Silver, 19.7 miles, in Coke, Mitchell, and Nolan Counties, Texas. Finance Docket No. 18803.

KANSAS CITY, MEXICO AND ORIENT RAILWAY COMPANY OF TEXAS PANHANDLE AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY.

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Mrs. Bird Hostess To Sanco HD Club

Members of the Sanco Home Demonstration Club and Mrs. Fay C. Roe, acting Home Demonstration agent, made plans to include some "Crafts" instruction along with the regular programs, when the club met in the home of Mrs. I. A. Bird last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr., was elected alternate delegate to attend council meetings.

Mrs. Jack Allard, president, completed assignment of commi-

tees for 1955.

Mrs. Roe presented a program on "Selection of Furniture," demonstrating living room arrangements by use of a flannel board.

The hostess served refreshments from a tea table to Mrs. Jack Allard, Mrs. J. L. Reid, Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr., Mrs. Harry Reid, Mrs. Nolan Pentecost and Mrs. Ulmer Bird.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposal for the construction of the County Court House for Coke County to be located at Robert Lee, Texas will be received in the District Court Room, Coke County Court House, Robert Lee, Texas until 2:00 (C. S. T.) Wednesday, February 2, 1955 at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Proposals will be received to include all work in one bid.

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ders upon return of plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) days after the time set for opening of bids.

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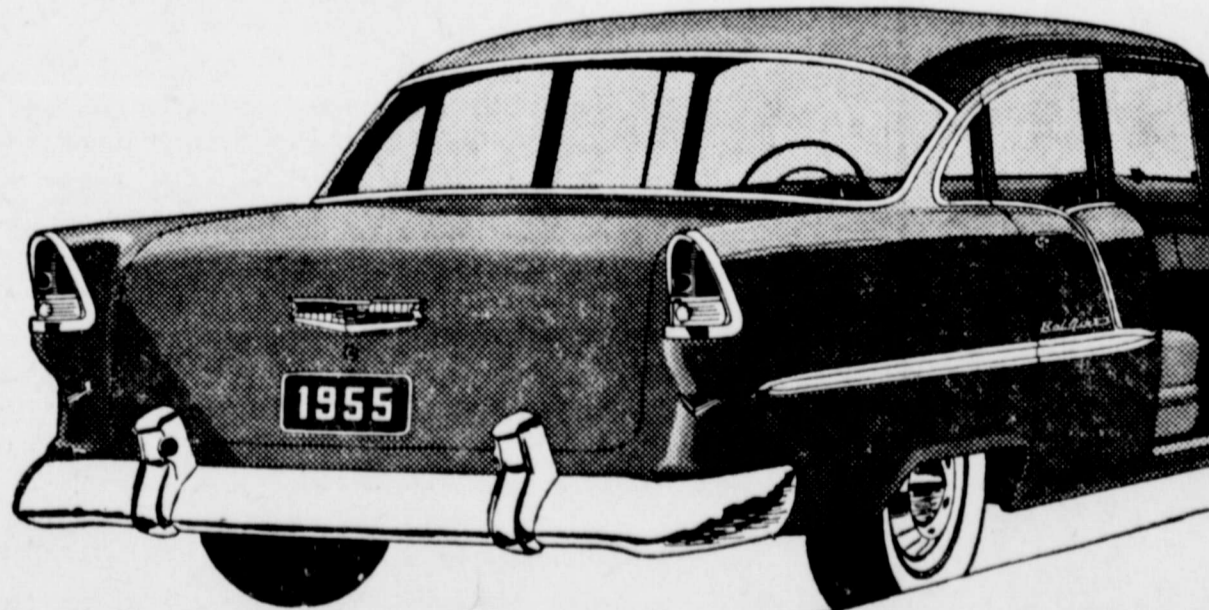
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With Our SUBSCRIBERS

Mrs. Quilla Warren Bell writes that she was married last Nov. 10 and she is now Mrs. Max A. Just. Her address is 1045 N. Center St., Apt. 10, Stockton 3, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick: Please find enclosed money order to renew The Observer for another year. I am not in Robert Lee very often, but I still call it home. — Mrs. J. E. Keenan, Box 415, Canyon, Tex.

The M. J. Gartmans, north of Robert Lee, are now getting The Observer as a gift from their niece, Mrs. Teddy Pitcock, of Sanco.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts of Robert Lee are new subscribers this week. A good way for newlyweds to set up housekeeping. Mrs. Roberts is the former Jeffie Harmon and is continuing her work as a senior high school student.

The Roy Hoods are also among the new Observer readers.

The Observer was sent as Christmas gifts by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress to their daughters, Mrs. Jerome Sheppard of Robert Lee and Mrs. Leslie Copeland of Silver.

E. W. Olson of Silver added his name to The Observer list recently and another Sun pumper, C. M. Haigood, stopped by this week to renew his paper. Rancher-oil man

Charlie Arnold has also renewed. Mr. and Mrs. John Rives have moved to a new address in Odessa. It is 1402 N. Kelley.

Mrs. Turney Casey recently ordered The Observer sent to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Schooley, 2368 Evans Ave., Fort Worth 4, Tex. The Schooleys are operating a suburban grocery store and have a good business.

Tommy Wiginton is sending the paper to his brother, O. S. Wiginton, Rt. 1, Carrizo Springs. Tommy wants his kinfolks to keep up with the Coke County oil play.

The Floyd Harmons have subscribed for their daughter, Mrs. Wayne (Dorene) Mashburn, who resides at 1106 Boyd St., in Borger. Mr. Mashburn is a carpenter. He served overseas with Elton Milligan of Robert Lee. Elton also married one of the Harmon girls. In other words came here on a visit when he became acquainted and married Elton's sister-in-law.

Mrs. Hazel Chiles is sending The Observer to her sister, Mrs. J. P. Sandy, Rt. 2, Coalgate, Okla. Hazel wanted her sister to learn of the big oil play around Robert Lee.

Renewals are acknowledged from Carroll Field of Wichita Falls. Also his sister-in-law, Cynthia Schooler of Odessa, who also sends The Observer to her brother, Joe Schooler, at Blythe, Calif.

Mrs. Hubert Fields has renewed

the subscription for her sister, Mrs. A. H. Arnett at Lubbock. Another Lubbock renewal comes from Mrs. R. L. McGuire.

Other subscribers from a distance who have sent in subscription money are N. A. Stepp of Pleasant Plains, Ark., T. T. Milligan of Paducah, and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Pawhuska, Okla. The latter is the former Gwendolyn King of Robert Lee.



Notes From The Oil Field

TWO NORA GEE PRODUCERS

Two wells were potentiated in the Fuller-Coke, South (Strawn) Field in northwestern Coke.

Robert E. Martin, Chicago, No. 1 Nora Gee, Section 119, Block 2, H&TC Survey, was gauged. Daily potential was 1,536 barrels of 44 gravity oil, flowing through a 30-64-inch choke with packer set on the casing and 600 pounds tubing pressure. Production is from four perforations per foot at 7,090 to 7,110 feet. Casing is set at 7,112 feet and the hole bottomed at 7,112 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 860-1.

The other well is Homer Snowden, San Angelo, No. 4 Nora Gee, Section 119, Block 2, H&TC Survey. It gauged 1,202 barrels of 44 gravity oil through a 30-64-inch choke with packer set on the casing and 600 pounds tubing pressure. Production is from four perforations per foot at 7,010 to 7,130 feet with the casing set at 7,232 feet. Having a gas-oil ratio of 900-1.

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the well is bottomed at 7,234 feet. Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. staked two locations in the Jameson-Strawn Field in northwestern Coke. Both are on the J. E. Chappell lease and have proposed depths of 6,800 feet with rotary.

No. 46 Chappell is 670 feet from the northeast and 2,151 feet from the northwest lines of Section 1, Block 15, SP Survey.

Site for No. 47 Chappell is 1,748 feet from the southeast and 777 feet from the southwest lines of Section 23, Block 15, SP Survey.

Bert Blaylock and family were overnight visitors in Eldorado in the home of his brother, W. A. Blaylock. While they were there 1½ inches of rain fell at the Schleicher county seat.

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Annual Stock Show Next Wednesday

Coke County's annual Livestock Show will get underway next Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the FFA barn in Bronte. This is the first time the show has been held there in several years. It promises to be one of the best shows in recent years, members of the Coke County Livestock Association say. The association sponsors the annual show. A total of 142 entries have been received.

Judging of the various classes will start at 10 a. m. with breeding hogs, fat hogs and fat lambs being judged before lunch. After lunch, breeding sheep and steers will be judged.

Marion Badger, former county agent of Tom Green County, will judge all classes except breeding sheep. They will be judged by R. O. Sheffield of San Angelo.

"We hope to have one of the finest county breeding sheep shows in the state this year," County Agent Jack Waide said. "Entries have increased from eight last year to 28 this year. Quality of the entries will be excellent," he added.

Lunch will be served at noon by

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members of the Women's Home Demonstration Clubs of Coke County.

Members of the livestock association are asking for donations this week to take care of expenses of putting on the show, Waide said, and your help will be appreciated.

Trophies which will be awarded are on display in the window at The Enterprise office in Bronte.

School House To Be Finished By February 5

Robert Lee's new school building will be completed and ready to turn over to trustees Feb. 5, according to "Dusty" Rhodes, superintendent in charge of construction for the contractor, Houston Hill.

Considerable finishing work remains to be done, however, and it is doubtful if the building can be occupied before the middle of next month. Practically all equipment is on hand ready to be installed, Supt. B. C. Goodwin said Tuesday.

After classes are moved to the new building the contractor has some work to complete in the old building where partitions will be removed to from a large band and music room, etc.

Plans for formal dedication of the new school have tentatively been set for March 27.

Robert Lee schools began their second semester's work this week.

About the only change in class work is the addition of Driver Training and Safety Education. Fifteen pupils are enrolled in the class which is directed by Miss LaVerne Darter.

Monthly Meeting Of HD Council

The Monthly meeting of Coke County HD Council took place January in the Extension Service office with an all day session.

Recommendations presented by Mrs. Roe, county agent, were discussed. With certain corrections the recommendations for 1955 were adopted following a motion made by Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr.

Regular procedure was carried out during the afternoon with reports being made by each club president.

Discussion was heard for an office training school. Also the Livestock Show Jan. 26 at Bronte, with HD Clubs sponsoring the concession stand at the show grounds.

Mrs. Roe gave her monthly report.

A gathering of relatives Sunday in the home of Mrs. J. S. Gardner included Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Buchanan and Clydene Stickney of Colorado City, Wilfred Gardner and family of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gardner of San Angelo.

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NOTICE To Taxpayers

Please remember that your State and County Taxes become delinquent if not paid before February 1.

Property owners are advised that a penalty is attached on all taxes not paid before that date. If you can take care of your taxes this month it will save additional expense.

Poll Tax Deadline

Please also bear in mind that Poll Taxes must be paid before February 1—you can't buy a Poll Tax Receipt after that date.

If you want to vote you must pay a Poll Tax if you are between the ages of 21 and 60.

PAUL GOOD

Coke County Tax Assessor-Collector

WOJTEK NO. 2 FAILS TO FIND PAY IN ELLEN

J. B. Randle No. 2 Wojtek found salt water in the Ellenburger and plugged back to try for completion in Canyon sand, just below 4,900 feet.

The hole was drilled to a total depth of 6,512 feet and a drillstem test was taken after the Ellenburger formation had been penetrated 35 feet. Tool was open two hours and 350 feet of salt water were recovered.

Casing was cemented early Wednesday to below 5,100 feet. Operators reported a good Canyon sand pay section which they cored while going down. Randle's No. 1 Wojtek discovery flowed 304 barrels of oil from the Canyon. No. 2 is an east offset to the discovery.

Fortune & Cosden & Phillips No. 1 Dennis Markham, 1 1/4 miles west of No. 1 Wojtek, was drilling ahead Thursday, after failing to find oil in the Canyon. A one-hour drillstem test between 4,851-4,904 feet recovered ten feet of drilling mud and no shows. There was a weak

blow for 10 minutes. Twelve feet of Canyon sand was reported.

Fortuné & Cosden & Phillips No. 1 Winton drilling Wednesday afternoon at 6,300 feet. It will explore the Ellenburger. A one-hour drillstem test Sunday of the lower Strawn sand from 6,014 to 6,030 feet recovered 95 feet of gas and 65 feet of gas-cut mud. There was a weak blow but no pressure developed.

Superior No. 1 Wojtek, a west offset to the Randle No. 1 Wojtek discovery, drilling Wednesday at 3,105 feet in shale. Ray-Harris is the contractor, having moved in rotary from near Sweetwater. Ira Koskie is handling tools.

Union 1 S. E. Adams, on the old Steffey place, drilling at 4,863 Wednesday.

Union 1 Wojtek, south of the discovery, 3,200 feet.

Hall & Stewart No. 1 McCutchen, 2,390 feet in shale. It is two miles northeast of production in the McCutchen field.

COKE WILL USE WOMEN JURORS

For the first time in history women will soon be serving as jurors in Coke County. A constitutional amendment passed in November provides that women shall take their place with men on jury duty.

Judge Joe L. Mays was in Robert Lee Jan. 13 when he swore in a new jury commission which is composed of two men and two women. Members of the jury commission are J. L. Brunson and Mrs. Virginia Boecking of Bronte, Buck Ivey and Mrs. Lenora McCabe of Robert Lee.

They selected a prospective jury list for the new term of District Court in Coke County which convenes Feb. 7. It is understood that both men and women were drawn.

The new court house when completed will have dormitories for both men and women.

Mrs. Monroe Parker of San Angelo is spending the week visiting among her children in Robert Lee and Bronte.

SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

With a notice being published in The Observer, it is now official that the Santa Fe plans to build a railroad spur from Maryneal to Silver.

The line will run mostly through Nolan County, cutting across a small corner of Mitchell and only a few miles into Coke. A railroad through Robert Lee would be a help to two lumber firms who do a lot of carload shipping, but hardly anyone else.

Of course the Santa Fe is handling this business into Bronte from which point it is trucked to Robert Lee. That makes jobs for a number of men.

I HOPE THEY ARE ABLE TO BRING BACK THAT SWINDLER WHO CHEATED ROBERT LEE MERCHANTS OUT OF A LOT OF MONEY WITH HIS BAD CHECKS.

And then Robert Lee and community is sadly grieved by the dastardly crime which took the life of Mrs. Harry Weaver. Helen spent much of her lifetime roving the Coke county grasslands which she loved so well.

The immortal Robert E. Lee's birthday has come and gone again without our community doing anything about it. January 19 each year should be observed. Our town was named after the great general who saw army service in West Texas a number of years ahead of the Civil War.

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