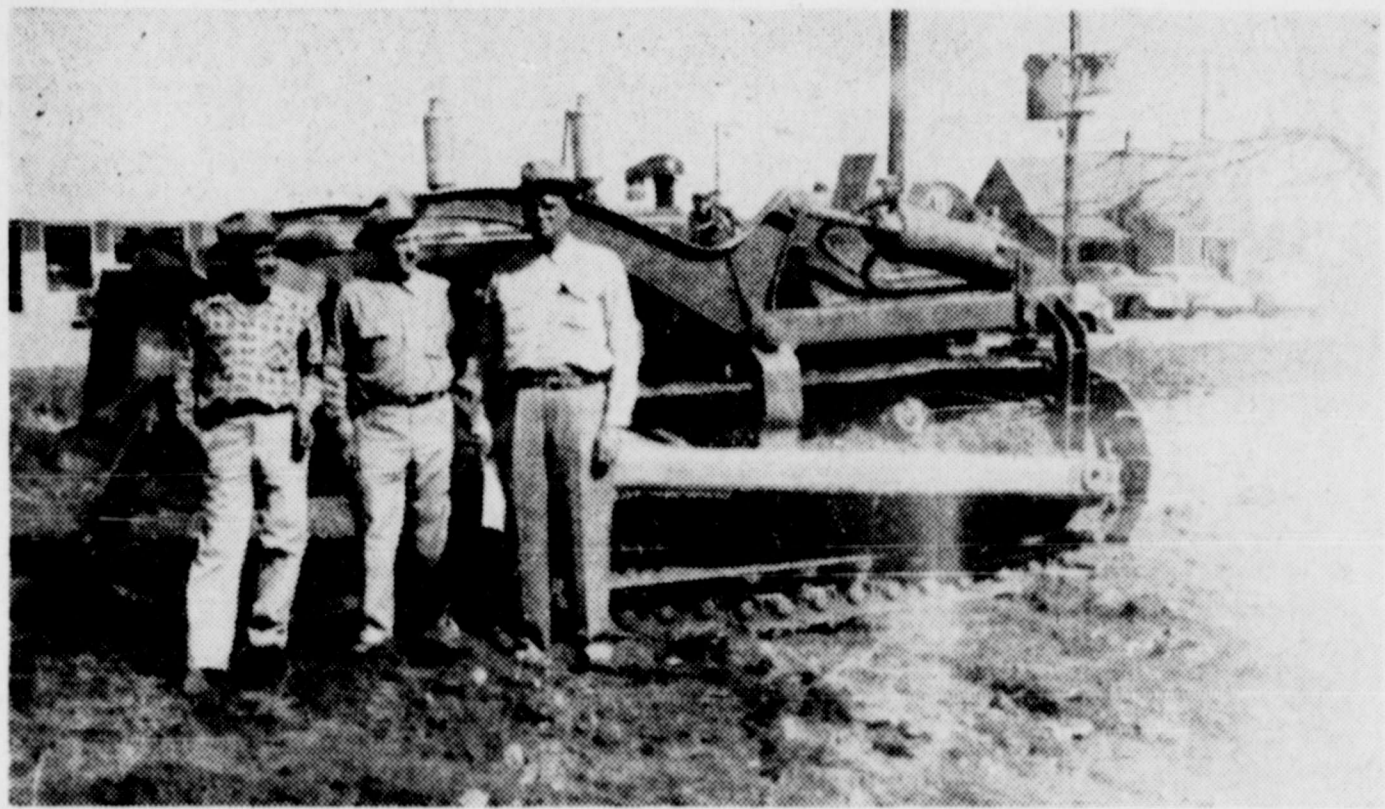


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## 6 COKE COUNTY WOMEN DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY

Six women have been drawn on the panel of 56 petit jurors called next Monday for duty during the third week of District Court in Coke County.

It will be the first time in history that women will see jury service in Coke County, and was made possible by a new amendment to the state constitution which makes women eligible as jurors.

Miss Zelda Caraway, Mrs. Howard Eaton, Mrs. Sid Ferrell and Mrs. T. A. Richardson of Robert Lee and Mrs. H. O. Whitt and Mrs. Otis Smith of Bronte are the women who have been drawn.

Miss Caraway is a clerk in the Robert Lee State Bank, and Mrs. Eaton operates her ranch south of town and is employed as a nurses aid at Coke County Hospital. Mrs. Ferrell, wife of the Robert Lee mayor, is employed in the Adams Abstract Co. which he manages. Mrs. Whitt and Mrs. Smith are housewives.

The new jury panel was drawn Jan. 13 by a jury commission made up of two men and two women. They were J. L. Brunson and Mrs. Virginia Boecking of Bronte and H. E. (Buck) Ivey and Mrs. Leola McCabe of Robert Lee.

Following is a list of the jurors who have been notified to report Monday, Feb. 21, at 10 a. m., according to orders issued by District Judge Joe L. Mays:

B. J. Smith, John Brown, Wilson Bryan, C. M. Byrd, M. D. Capps, Zelda Caraway, Roy Casey, H. H. Chevalier, Burl Childress, Brent Clark, Luther Cowley, Ocie Devoll, Mrs. Howard Eaton, Mrs. Sid Ferrell, Alfred Fields, S. J. Fowler, Sam Jay, Oscar Kresta.

David Lowrance, Raymond McCutchen, Austin Sandusky, Mrs. Otis Smith, George Thomas, Grady Vest, Mrs. H. O. Whitt, J. B. Morrow, Vernon Copeland, R. J. White, J. P. Arrott, E. C. Carper, Marvin Corley, D. L. Estes, W. H. Feil.

Sam Gaston, Ira M. Bird, B. D. Gartman, Carl Hurley, N. C. Pentecost, Frank Seltz, J. H. Ruth, Eddie Patterson, Frankie Percifull, Loyd Phelan, Mrs. T. A. Richardson, Tom Rives, Bill Tom Roach, W. H. Branch, Bill Dean, H. H. Jameson, J. P. Jameson, Bob Odom, C. E. Palmer, Earl Davidson, C. E. McKenzie.

Pictured above are, left to right, Dooge Hallmark, Fern Havins and A. Z. Sturges in front of one of the Havins bulldozers as they started work clearing a site for the new Coke County Court House this week. Sturges is the construction superintendent.

### SCHOOL BOARD DINNER

Members of the Robert Lee School Board will be honored with a dinner at 6:30 Thursday night at the school cafeteria. This is an annual event in which teachers and all school employees take part.

Later in the evening school trustees will confer with insurance men in the matter of furnishing coverage for the new \$300,000 school building.

## 1955 CAR TAGS NOW AVAILABLE

New 1955 motor vehicle licenses went on sale in Coke County last week. More than 50 had been issued up to Wednesday.

The 1955 tags are more attractive with black letters and numerals on a deep orange background.

Passenger car tags in Coke County will have an FT prefix, instead of the FN lettering which we have become accustomed to the past year. Coke was allotted 1,600 passenger car licenses and they run from FT 6250 to FT7849.

Commercial truck licenses have a IY prefix and run from 10 to 324. There will be 450 licenses available for farm pickups. They have a prefix of 5R and run from 2850 to 3299.

Auto licenses are delinquent April 1, but folks in the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector Paul Good are ready and willing to serve you now and not wait for the last minute rush.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Feb. 10 — Charlie Cooper, Martha Jean Brown dismissed.

Feb. 11 — Mrs. A. B. Lammers admitted. Mrs. B. B. Pierce, C. G. Walker dismissed.

Feb. 12 — Carroll Bagwell, Mrs. Oscar Collett dismissed.

Feb. 13 — Morgan Russell, Bill Simpson, Freddie McDonald admitted. Mrs. M. M. Sparks dismissed.

Feb. 14 — Helen Johnson dismissed. Transferred to Veterans Hospital in McKinney.

Feb. 15 — Mrs. J. D. Harmon, Mrs. J. L. Miller admitted. Judge Jeff Dean dismissed.

## WORK STARTS ON NEW COKE COURT HOUSE

Work started Monday on the construction of Coke County's new court house. A. Z. Sturges is the superintendent in charge of the project. Suggs Construction Co. of Big Spring was awarded the contract Feb. 2 on their low bid of \$270,818. A bond issue of \$300,000 was voted last fall for the new court house.

Work was begun when Fern Havins, Robert Lee dirt moving contractor, brought in two bulldozers to clear off the site. Trees, sidewalks and the stone fence were pushed off and excavation of the basement is now underway.

The basement to be located under the southeast quarter of the building will have dimensions of 40 x 75 feet and will be 12 feet deep.

Concrete walls for the basement will be run as soon as possible, after which work will start on wall footings for the building, Mr. Sturges said. First floor of the new court house will be two feet above ground level.

Union scale will be paid all workers, ranging from \$1 for common labor to \$2.20 for carpenters. Mr. Sturges has hired a few local men, but does not expect to have any more jobs until after the basement concrete has been run.

The project is expected to require a year's time.

## 221 NEW WELLS TO BOOST COKE TAX VALUATION

Coke County had 221 new oil wells completed in 1954, bringing the total number of producers to 762.

They are expected to increase the county's taxing valuation by 5 or 6 million dollars, according to Harry Pickett, Dallas evaluation engineer, who met briefly with the county commissioners Monday.

Mr. Pickett pointed out, however, that during 1953 there were 212 producing days, while only 185 producing days were allowed in 1954. Daily allowable production was increased by 15,975 barrels to an average of 60,587 daily allowable production on Jan. 1, 1955.

Last year oil properties were assessed at more than 20 million dollars which was 80% of the county's total valuation.

### BASEBALL MEETING

With spring just around the corner, there's base ball talk in the air. Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters are getting the fever and will be on hand at a Concho Basin League meeting which Blondy Cross has called for next Wednesday night, Feb. 23. Chilly Tinkler and Lewis Heuvel, co-managers of the local club plan to attend the meeting in San Angelo. Some added talent can be expected in the Twister lineup this year. Robert Lee has been one of the top Concho Basin League clubs for many years. They have won more than their share of the championships, and last season were runners up to the potent Magnolia team of San Angelo. New uniforms for the Twisters are expected to be purchased early this spring.

Mrs. A. D. (Buster) Fields is a new nurses aid trainee at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Dee Smith has also been training, and called to duty during the recent busy time at the hospital have been Mrs. Melvin Childress and Mrs. Sam Fowler.

## Silver Adds To Polio Campaign

Silver sent in \$287.13 after last week's Observer was printed, to increase their total March of Dimes contributions to \$1,349.35. That pushes the Coke County total to \$3,608.21.

Fred McDonald, Jr., chairman of the March of Dimes campaign for the west half of the county, said he has a few more dollars to report, and a complete and final statement will be published next week.

The 1955 drive for funds is the best that has ever been staged in Coke County.



STEPHEN A. HABOUSH and his former Shepherd's Rod

## Haboush To Be At Baptist Church

Stephen A. Haboush, native Galilean shepherd, will give an illustrated lecture on the Holy Land in Robert Lee Friday night. The event will be given in the Baptist Church instead of the Methodist Church as was previously announced.

Mr. Haboush, his wife and their assistants are expected to present a highly interesting program. Adult tickets may be purchased in advance at 75 cents each. Admission at the door will be \$1.00.

The Galilean was in charge of a vesper service at the local Methodist Church at 5 p. m. and those present were greatly impressed. He is appearing in and around San Angelo this week.

## COUNTY FUNDS TO BE DIVIDED AMONG 2 BANKS

Coke County funds will be deposited in both the Bronte and Robert Lee banks in the future, following action taken by the Commissioners Court Monday.

For many years the First National Bank of Bronte has been designated as the county depository. Both institutions submitted similar bids this year, and an agreement had been reached in advance to split the deposit. In filing his bid, L. T. Youngblood, president of the Bronte bank, stated he was agreeable to the proposal to give half the deposit to the Robert Lee State Bank.

A depository is designated every two years. Four years ago and again two years ago, the Robert Lee bank's bid failed to win the necessary support. The motion taken up Monday to split the deposit carried by a 3 to 2 vote.

With the county's enormous oil development, taxing valuations have increased more than five times since 1947 and another big jump is in sight this year. Thus there are balances in most county funds now and there is a good sized deposit of county money. Several bond issues the past year have also brought in more than a million dollars. Of course the bond funds will be paid out as the projects are completed.

Monday was regular monthly meeting day for the Commissioners Court and it was a busy session. Judge Jeff Dean left the hospital to preside during the afternoon. Letting a contract for the new bridge southwest of Silver is covered in another article in this paper. The Commissioners will be back for a special session Feb. 25 when other matters of business will be taken up, including opening of bids on 100 blocks of paving in the town of Bronte.

Purchase of two new pieces of road machinery were confirmed at the Monday meeting. A Caterpillar No. 12 Motor Grader was bought for use by Commissioner Claude D. Moore in Precinct 4. Price of the machine was \$15,483 and an old grader was traded in for \$6,000. Payment was made in time warrants drawing 4% interest, to be retired in installments of \$2370 over a 4-year period.

Commissioner J. W. Service bought an Adams Model 660 grader costing \$18,886, less a \$2,000 trade-in for an AC grader. It will be used in Precinct 1. Time warrants were also issued. They will be paid off in annual installments of \$4,221 over the next four years.

Mrs. Claude Dean of Weatherford is here for a few weeks visit in the homes of her son, Judge Jeff Dean, and with her daughter, Mrs. Bobby Baker, and their families.

## BIRTHS

HUGHES — Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hughes are parents of their fourth daughter born Feb. 15 in St. Johns Hospital at San Angelo. Arriving at 12:15 A. M. Janie Frances weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Her sisters are Betty, 7, Patty, 5, and Susan, 2 years old. Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw of Robert Lee is the paternal grandmother.



**SILVER NEWS**

Mac Tunnell resumed work last Friday as an engine operator at Jameson gasoline plant after four weeks of illness. He was treated at the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring.

Eighteen gas department employees living in Colorado City will bring their families here Saturday night for a supper and party at Sun Rec Hall.

Johnny, year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gilbert, is quite ill with measles. He was admitted to the hospital in Colorado City on Monday.

Bobby Hugh Odom was admitted to Clinic Hospital in San Angelo Sunday for treatment. He was much improved the first of the week.

Mrs. E. R. Pace was called back to Dallas a few days ago by the death of an aunt, whom she had visited the previous week.

New concrete walks are being constructed at the Baptist Church and a contract has also been set for a new air conditioning system to be installed before hot weather.

Mrs. R. B. Allen, accompanied by her son-in-law and daughter, the Elmer Cleggs who are visiting here from the east, left Tuesday by auto for a visit with kinfolks at Albuquerque, New Mex., and Winslow, Ariz.

With the resignations of Prin. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot, a number of applications are being received for positions in the Silver school. Trustees were scheduled to interview some of the applicants Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Gassiot will finish out the present school year, but announced they were not candidates for re-election.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Stephen A. Haboush will present his Travelogue on the Holy Land in the Baptist Church instead of the Methodist Church as was announced last week. It will be held Friday night at 7:30.

**VARNADORE HOME BURNS**

Mrs. Royce Smith received word last week that the home owned by her brother, Clell Varnadore, on his farm near Mena, Ark., had been destroyed by fire. The blaze occurred the night of Sunday, Feb. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Varnadore and their children were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore, a quarter of a mile away when the fire was discovered by a neighbor. Only a few articles were saved and the house was totally destroyed. It was a good, 6-room modern structure and was partly insured. It was thought the blaze started from a defective chimney. The Varnadores are former Robert Lee residents, having moved to Arkansas four or five years ago.

**Army Recruits Will Take Basic Training At Ord**

The U. S. Army Recruiting Station announces that the Basic Training Center is at Fort Ord, Calif., now instead of Fort Bliss, Texas, as in the past. Men enlisting in the U. S. Army will go from San Angelo to Abilene for mental and physical examinations. Upon completion they will go by plane to Fort Ord, Calif., for eight weeks of basic training.

After completing basic they will be given a 10 to 14 day leave before reporting to their choice of branch assignment. For complete information, see the U. S. Army Recruiting Sgt. located in Room 318, Post Office, San Angelo, Texas.

Here applicants will receive information on the various branches in which they may enlist. Men may select from one of the following branches upon enlistment: Adjutant General Corps, Air

Borne, Armor, Artillery, Chemical Corps, Corps of Engineers, Infantry, Military Police, Ordnance Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps and Transportation Corps.

Men who are high school graduates have 117 schools to choose from.

They may select a school of their choice before enlisting and have a reserve seat in the class room at the completion of Basic Training.

**Hicks To Return In March For Tax Assistance**

Dear Friends of Coke County: To those who have indicated that you would like to have me help with your income report and any others who might desire my help, I plan to be in Robert Lee at the Court House March 7 through March 13. This year the dead line has been moved up to April 15, but this is about the only time I can get away from my business to help my friends in Coke.

I want to say that I appreciate more than words can tell your continued confidence in me. It was joy to meet and work with the many friends during my stay in January.

I'll see you March 7 to March 13.

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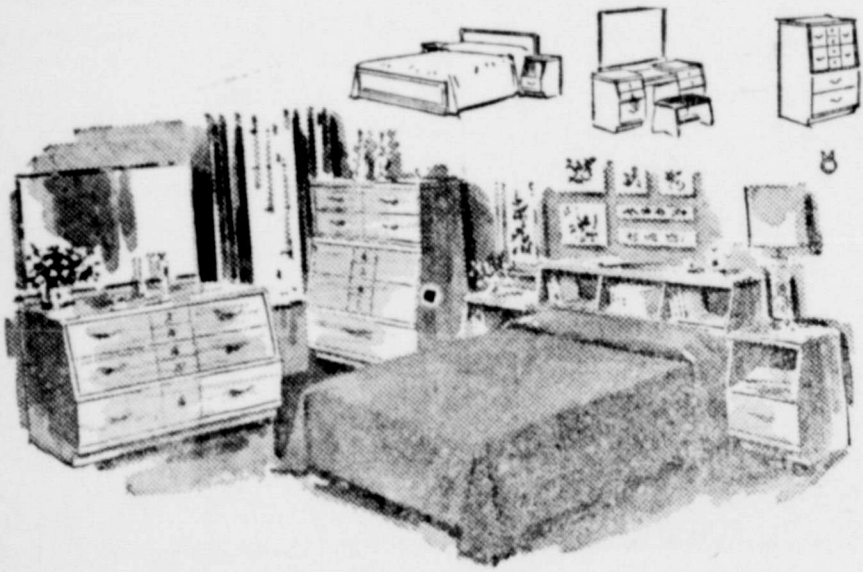
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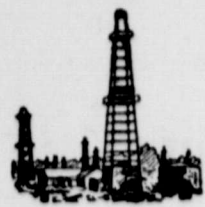
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## Notes From The Oil Field

### PERKINS-PROTHRO

Perkins-Prothro Co. of Wichita Falls completed No. 5-A J. W. Johnson, et al, as a new producer 20 miles northwest of Robert Lee in the Fuller-Coke Strawn Field. It is in Section 25, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 241.8 barrels of 48 gravity oil, flowing through a 12-64-inch choke with 350 - 375 pounds on casing and 900-925 on tubing. Gas-oil ratio was 864-1.

Same operator completed two new wells in the Jameson-Strawn Field. No. 8-C W. C. Blanks, Section 2, Block 2, H&TC Survey, had a daily potential of 264.16 barrels of 48 gravity oil, through a 12-64-inch choke with 675-750 on casing and 1150 pounds on tubing.

It flowed from 332 perforations at 6,282-6,404 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1249-1.

No. 11-A W. C. Blanks, C. H. Hoover Survey 533½, flowed for a daily potential of 251 barrels of 48 gravity oil, through a 12-64-inch choke with 500 pounds on casing and 1050-1075 pounds on tubing. Gas-oil ratio was 1020-1.

### 3 LOCATIONS STAKED

F. Kirk Johnson, Fort Worth, has filed application to drill an outpost and two stepouts to production in the Fuller-Coke (Strawn) Field, 15 miles southwest of Silver.

The tests will be drilled with rotary to 7,000 feet, with operations beginning when permits are approved. They are on a 162.13-acre least on the J. Willis Johnson tract in Section 72, block 2, H&TC Survey.

The No. 3 Johnson, ¼-mile east, is 467 feet from the south and east lines of the northeast quarter; the No. 4 Johnson, ¼-mile east, is 467 feet from the south and 660 feet from the west lines of the northeast quarter; and No. 2 Johnson, ¼-mile east, is 467 feet from the north and 1,667 feet from the east lines.

### HUMBLE PRODUCER

Humble Oil and Refining Co. completed its No. 5-B Lou E. Johnson Estate as a new producer in the Fuller-Coke Strawn Field west of Silver. It is in Section 26, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 336.74 barrels of 42 gravity oil, flowing through a ¼-inch choke with 75 pounds on casing and 675 on tubing. Gas-oil ratio was 774-1.

Murray Petroleum and Texas Gas Exploration Corp. of San Angelo announced two new locations in the Fuller-Coke, South (Strawn) Field. Both are on the Nora Gee lease, Section 119, Block 2, H&TC Survey, and are slated for 7,500 feet with rotary.

No. 1 spots 1,980 feet from the south and 660 feet from the west lines of the section. No. 2 will be 660 feet from the south and west lines of the section.

### SHAMBLIN WILDCAT

Three-quarters of a mile north of the lone producer in the Charles Copeland Ellenburger pool of Coke County, British-American Oil Producing Company will drill a 7,200 foot Ellenburger test as No. 1 W. C. Shamblin, 1,980 feet south and 660 feet from east lines of section 284, block 1-A, H&TC Survey.

Plugged at 5,900 feet in the Fort Chadbourne, West (Cambrian Field was The Ohio Co. No. 1 Arthur S. Hendry, Section 1, Block A, T&P Survey.

### DEEPEST TEST PLUGGED

Hunt Oil Company and Gulf Oil Corp. were preparing to plug the deepest hole ever drilled in Texas.

It is their No. 47 Elsinore Royalty Co. in west Pecos County six miles southeast of Chancellor. The project set a new depth record of 18,673 feet in Ellenburger, which was topped around 18,400 feet.

After finding the Ellenburger

barren, operators plugged back and perforated casing opposite the Permian from 3,810 to 3,920 feet. Swabbing tests through those perforations developed sulphur water.

### PREACHING AT SANCO

Rev. Early of San Angelo will preach at the Sanco Baptist Church next Sunday, Feb. 20, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Early is pastor of the Baptist Church at Brookshire.

Mrs. Claude Dean of Weatherford is here for a visit in the home of her son, County Judge Jeff Dean, and family.

## Air Force Seeks Re-Enlistments

According to M/Sgt. Massey, head of the local USAF Recruiting Station, the Air Force's 1955 re-enlistment program is re-emphasizing the prestige, authority, and leadership of noncommissioned officers.

Sgt. Massey said that a recent policy guide was published by USF, calling for NCO job assignments of increased complexity and responsibility, more commensurate with experience and ability.

The directive calls for fuller utilization of NCO's in the supervisory structure of the Air Force through greater delegation of authority.

As an outgrowth of the new policy, more attention is being given by the Air Force to the basic social and economic needs of airmen, including efforts to provide adequate housing for both single and married airmen. It also calls for continuing support to the individual

and his family, emphasizing educational, recreational and social programs and facilities.

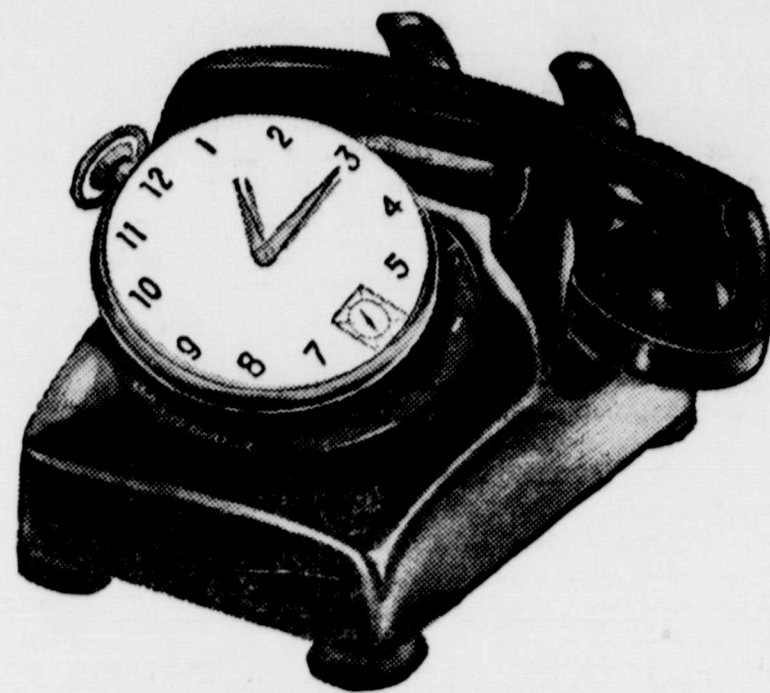
"The policy also recognizes the importance of each airman as an individual and can be interpreted as another step being made by the

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Air Force to carry out Secretary Talbott's desires in achieving a volunteer Air Force second to none," concluded M/Sgt. I. P. Massey.

Further details on enlistments and re-enlistments are available at the Air Force Recruiting Station located at Room 204, Rust Building, San Angelo, Texas.



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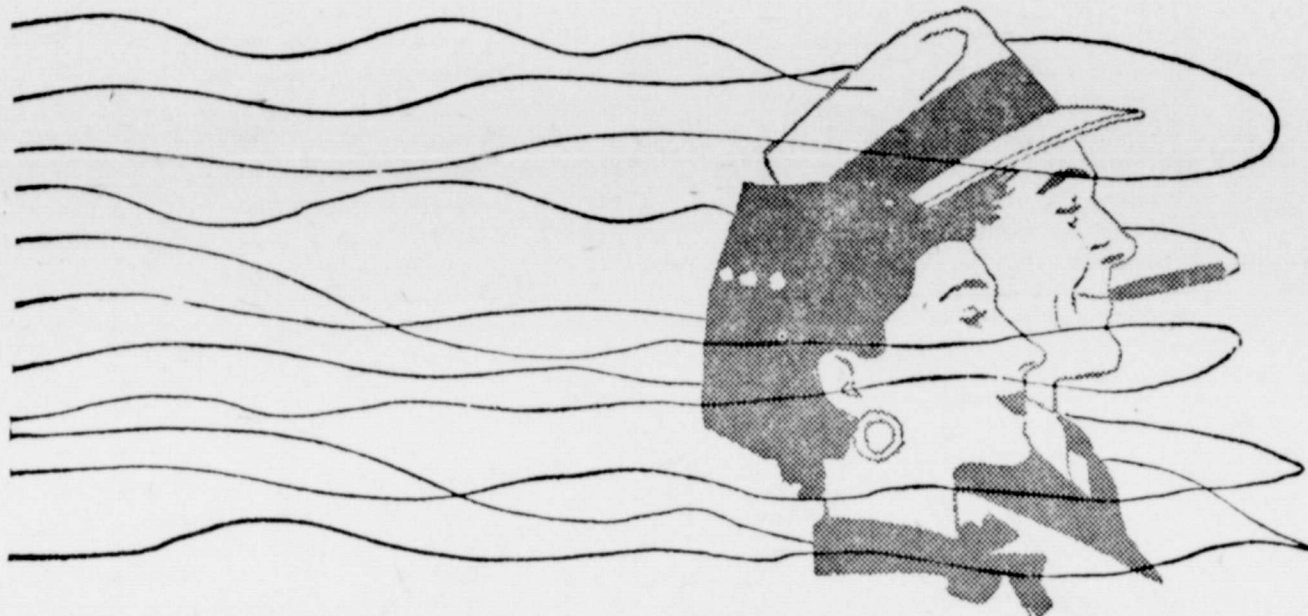
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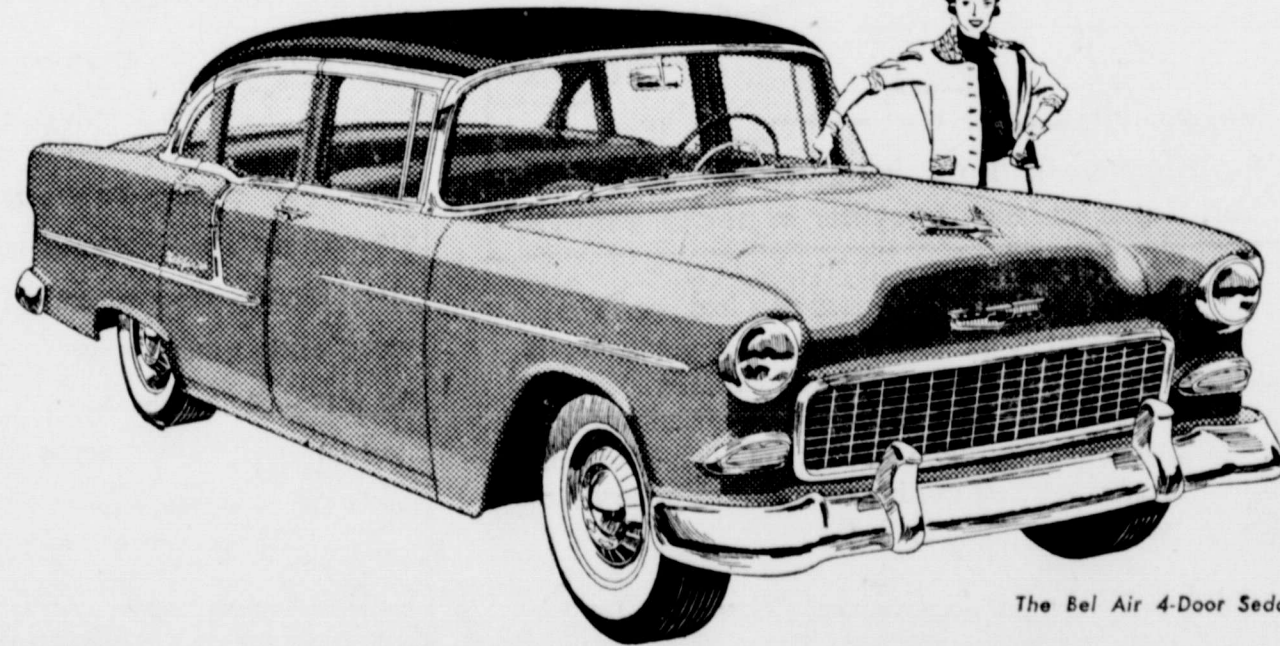
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## GENIE BAKER WILL ENLARGE FOOD MARKET

Gene Baker has purchased the building where he operates his grocery and market from Ed Rawlings of Bronte. Included in the deal are the tourist court cabins.

The site involves real estate 100 x 150 feet on the northeast corner of the block. It is one of the most valuable locations in Robert Lee, being at the head of Main street and on Highways 208 and 158.

Rawlings constructed the store building and courts in the spring of 1947, soon after the oil play opened in the Jameson field at Silver. Mr. Baker leased the property and has built up a flourishing business.

He has started extensive improvements. The main store building will be extended to the west, giving him a room 40 x 60 feet to take care of his increasing business. Cabins in the rear will be used as warehouse space.

The six other cabins will be remodeled. Four of them are to be

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turned into 2-room apartments for permanent tenants, while two will remain as single room cabins for transients.

Roy Taylor is in charge of construction work. It will be rushed to completion and Mr. Baker hopes to have his store improvements finished within two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rives of Odessa and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives of Robert Lee visited over the weekend in Gatesville with Cpl. and Mrs. Donald Mauldin and little son, Donny. Mrs. Mauldin is the former Melva Rives. Donald is stationed at Fort Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims were in Dallas over the weekend. Mrs. Sims, owner of Olene's Beauty Shop, attended a convention of hair stylists at the Adolphus Hotel. She had the pleasure of meeting her aunt, Mrs. Rex Barton of Pampa, who was also attending the convention.

## Shoots Wife, Fined \$50 For Being Drunk

James J. Pipkin, 47, paid a fine of \$50 and costs in the JP court of E. C. Davis here Monday. He pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication.

Pipkin, who is employed as a carpenter on the new gasoline plant southwest of Silver, moved his family here three weeks ago from Bowie. They reside in one of Mrs. J. J. S. Smith's rent houses in the south part of town.

Authorities say the man got drunk Saturday and a family ruckus took place. He shot his wife twice with a .32 Colt revolver and one bullet missed her. Pipkin took his wife to the hospital where it was learned her wounds were not serious. One bullet grazed her right thigh and another caused a slight chest wound.

Sheriff Paul Good arrested the man and held him in the county jail over Sunday. Pipkin said the shooting was accidental.

## LET CONTRACT FOR \$22,426 ON SILVER BRIDGE

Harry Newton, Inc., road and bridge contracting firm of Graham, Tex., will construct the new bridge over the Colorado River, 6 miles southwest of Silver. Newton was awarded the contract on his low bid of \$33,426.71 submitted to the Commissioners Court Monday afternoon.

Three other bids opened were as follows: Trinity Road & Bridge Co., Dallas, \$34,506; Austin Bridge Co., Abilene, \$38,777; and C. H. Harrison, Waco, \$39,456.

W. W. Greif, engineer employed by the county, said he was well pleased with the bids. Earlier estimates were that the bridge might cost as much as \$37,000.

W. G. McDonald represented Newton at the letting. The company is at present building two small bridges on Highway 208 in Tom Green County and will start work very soon on the Silver Bridge. Their contract allows 120 days, but McDonald said they would complete it in much less time.

The new bridge will meet Texas Highway Department specifications. It will be 200 feet long and 26 wide and will be of steel and concrete construction. Steel piling will be used as supports instead of the old plan of concrete. Mr. Greif said the piling will be driven into a solid rock foundation under the river bed.

The new bridge is part of a road improvement program in Precinct 1 for which \$245,000 bonds were voted last summer. It will connect a new highway now under construction around the Silver Loop, with a new road leading from the bridge southeast toward Edith. Purpose of the project is to give a better outlet to the rapidly developing oil field southwest of the river in the extreme northwest corner of Coke County.

Mr. Greif announced he is chang-

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ing the route south of the river because of drainage problems, but expects to have his survey complete within a couple of weeks.

Also included in the Precinct 1 program is several blocks of paving in Robert Lee in the areas of the hospital and school house.

Mrs. D. M. Millican is showing much improvement this week at Coke County Memorial Hospital. She has been treated for a stroke.

## School Building Completion Set For This Friday

Robert Lee's new school building is being completed this week and will be formally turned over to the Board of Trustees at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Houston Hill of Midland was the contractor on the project which includes elementary and high school departments, as well as an auditorium to seat more than 500 persons.

Bonds of \$295,000 were voted by the district early last year. Contractors began work last May 19.

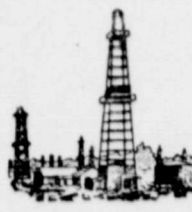
Mr. Hill's firm recently was awarded school building contracts in Midland amounting to \$624,000. Included are two grade buildings and a wing on another. Hill also has a contract to construct a new building for the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. in Midland.

Equipment will immediately be moved into the new building where classes are to be held next Monday.

Formal dedication of the new school will not take place until mid April.

## Notes

### From The Oil Field



Miami Operating Co. No. 1-A A. B. Sheppard, wildcat 11 miles southwest of Robert Lee, drilling below 2,000 on Wednesday. Surface casing was seated at 650 feet. Fox Drilling Co. is the contractor.

Sun A-7 Central National Bank, southwest of Silver, planned to run potential test this week. Empire Drilling Co. was released and moved rotary to Sun 1 W. D. Rayburn, 6 miles west of Sweetwater. It is a 5/8 miles northeast outpost to Pennsylvania production in the Rowan & Hope field.

## FOR SALE MACHINERY

Model "C" AC Tractor and equipment .....	\$650.00	Martin ditcher .....	\$5.00
Ranch Style Trailer Home, Sleeps 4 .....	\$200.00	Spring tooth harrow .....	\$5.00
2 disc breaking plow for AC tractor .....	\$150.00	Spike tooth harrow .....	\$2.00
3 disc breaking plow (large tractor) .....	\$100.00	New rotary hoes .....	\$20.00
Tandem disc harrow, 5 1/2 foot .....	\$100.00	Cotton stripper sled .....	\$20.00
.....		Cotton sprayer & tank .....	\$30.00
.....		Cotton poison, gallon .....	\$1.00
.....		Cotton trailer, 4 wheel .....	\$175.00
.....		Army cart, 2 wheel .....	\$5.00
.....		Wire cart, 2 wheel .....	\$2.50

## TOOLS

Anvil .....	\$2.50	Bench vise .....	\$1.00
Hammer .....	\$1.50	Post vise .....	\$5.00
Forge Blower .....	\$2.00	Handsaw (3) .....	\$1.50
Shaker grate .....	\$0.50	Barrel gasoline pump & hose .....	\$2.00

## FOR THE HOME

Dining Table .....	\$5.00	Wall telephone .....	\$5.00
Platform rocker (large) ..	\$15.00	Electric radio .....	\$15.00
Wash stand .....	\$2.00	Radio & new battery .....	\$20.00
Army cot .....	\$2.50	Chair cushion (2) .....	\$1.00
Electric roaster (large) ..	\$20.00	Chest of drawers .....	\$2.00
Steam pressure cooker .....	\$5.00	Bed davenport .....	\$5.00
Glass canning jars, 3 dozen ..	\$1.00	\$400.00 Refrigerator with deep freeze .....	\$150.00

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\$100 battery brooder 600 size ..	\$35.00	Metal cattle feed trough (4) ..	\$1.50
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Metal cattle water trough ..	\$5.00	Pipe, pieces, foot .....	5c
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### COMPLETE 3RD WOJTEK WELL; SET WILDCAT

Union No. 2 Wojtek has been completed as the third producer in the new Canyon sand field three miles north of Robert Lee. It gauged 169.69 barrels of 42.6 gravity oil daily through one-inch choke and perforations from 4,860 to 4,965 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 360-1.

Location is a south offset to Randle No. 2 Wojtek, an east offset to Randle 1 Wojtek, discovery well. Union 1 Wojtek, south of the discovery was a dry hole.

One location east of the discovery, Superior No. 1 Wojtek has installed pump and brought in storage facilities. No test has been run.

#### DENMAN WILDCAT

Murray & Head have staked a wildcat on Mrs. Velma Denman in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of Section 374. It is 1 3/4 miles north and 3/4 miles east of the Wojtek discovery.

Operators have a farmout from American Republics whose lease on the 320 acre tract expires Feb. 21. Phillips owns the John Gunnels 160 acre lease to the south and Cities Service has the lease on W. M. McCutchen adjoining on the east.

Kenner Bros. have the drilling contract and moved in rotary this week. Lee Akin is handling tools. The contract calls for a depth of 5,000 feet.

Stroud Roberts came in for a weekend visit with relatives and friends. He spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Joe Ed Scott, and family at Bronte and was a Sunday dinner guest of his uncle, Earl Roberts. Stroud is employed by Bayroid, oil well logging concern, and is stationed at present in the Kermit area.

Rev. Fred Blake and family visited Robert Lee friends Wednesday and while here purchased a new Ford from Ivey Motor Co. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Buck) Ivey. Rev. Blake is now pastor of the Klondyke Baptist Church in Dawson County.

### Stanolind Finals Three New Oilers West of Silver

Stanolind Oil and Gas Co. has completed three wells in the Jameson-Strawn field of northwest Coke County. All of them are on the J. E. Chappelle lease, a part of the old Spade Ranch, west of Silver.

No. 42 Chappell, Section 25, blk 15, SP Survey, was finished for a daily flow of 304.73 barrels of 41 gravity oil, through a 16-64-inch choke with 625 pounds casing and 825 pounds tubing pressures. Production is from 196 perforations at 6,367 to 6,484 feet, treated with 20,000 gallons of acid.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,652-1. No. 43 Chappell, Section 25, Block 15, SP Survey, had a daily potential of 234.8 barrels of 41

gravity oil, through a 16-64-inch choke with 250 pounds on casing and 450 on tubing. It flowed from 138 perforations at 6,430-6,527 feet. Pay was treated with 20,000 gallons of acid. Gas-oil ratio was 688-1.

No. 39 Chappell, Section 15, Block 15, SP Survey, had a daily pumping potential of 26.66 barrels of 44.5 gravity oil from 52 perforations at 6,228-63 feet. Pay was topped at 6,227 feet. Total depth was 6,330. Pay was washed with 20,000 gallons of acid.

#### STAKE P-P LOCATIONS

Perkins-Prothro Co., of Wichita Falls, announced 12 new projects for the Fuller-Coke (Strawn) Field in northwestern Coke. All are on the J. W. Johnson, et al, lease and have proposed depths of 6,900 feet with rotary.

## Want Ads

**PARAKEETS** — Normal, all colors, \$2 each for young, \$7.50 pair for breeders. Write for price list of Rares or come by and see them. C. B. Jacobs, Silver, Texas. (Tubb Camp.) 39 tf

**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

**FOR RENT** — Two bedroom and bath home, across from football field. See the owner, Palmer Leeper.

**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.

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#### NOTICE

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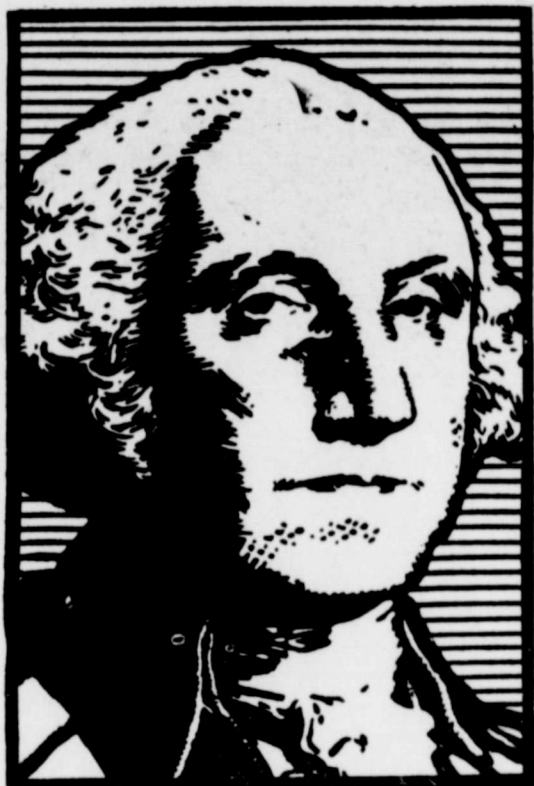
**NOTICE** — I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cess pools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte, for this service. Also do plumbing. — A. L. ROGERS. tfc

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**FOR SALE** — My two good residences, one four blocks southeast of court house. They are being offered at a low price. If interested write to the owner, Billie Hatten, 3222 "A" West Kansas, Midland, Texas. Phone 4488-1 days or 28909 after 7 p. m. 39tf

**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



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**TOMATO JUICE - 46 Oz. Can 25c**

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**PICKLES, Sour or Dill - Qt. 23c**

MISSION  
**SODA WATER, 12 Oz. - 3 Cans 25c**

LB.  
**Pig Liver 25c**

BAR-B-QUED LB.  
**Beef Ribs 69c**

LB.  
**Slab Bacon 43c**

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## Methodist Church Notes

Next Sunday afternoon a group of young people under sponsorship of Mrs. Jack Waide will go to San Angelo to attend the annual San Angelo District Youth Rally. Registration will begin at 2:30 and the program will extend through the night service with Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston as guest speaker.

Bishop Smith will also be speaking each night next week in the First Methodist Church, San Angelo, in their annual Preaching Mission.

Wednesday and Thursday nights, Feb. 23, 24, the Northern Zone Leadership Training School will be held in the Robert Lee Methodist Church.

Three courses will be offered. One for Children's Workers and parents of children, instructed by Mrs. Marvin Simpson. A course on Youth Work by Mrs. Boyd Harris of Eden, and one on the organization and work of the Local Church by Rev. Warren Ellis.

Also Rev. Bruce Medford of Sterling City will present during the assembly period each day a review of Methodist beliefs and activity. There will be no registration fee for attending students.

Next week, February 20-27 which opens the Lenten Season, is the Week of Dedication throughout Methodism. Members are invited to set aside a certain period during each day for Bible study and prayer to be continued through Lent. On Sunday, February 27, they will be called upon to rededicate their lives to the purposes and tasks of the Christian in today's world. Through offerings presented that day special missionary projects both at home and abroad are made possible.

TRY A WANT AD

### COTTON ALLOTMENTS

If you want to plant cotton in 1955 and do not have a cotton allotment you may apply for a new cotton allotment by February 25 at the county ASC office. Both operator and owner must sign the application. To be eligible for a new cotton allotment you must not have an interest in any other cotton on any farm, this provision applies both to owner and operator. You must also derive more than 50 percent of your income from the farm to be eligible also. Don't forget the deadline if you are interested as the county committee will review all requests on the above mentioned date.

### HANNAS SELL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hanna have sold their modern home, a block west of the Baptist Church, to Mrs. Flo Miller. Furniture was included in the deal. The Hannas are moving to Spearman where Vincent is employed as a driller for Baker & Taylor. They purchased the place 6 years ago from M. G. Hannaford, former Robert Lee school superintendent. Mrs. Miller, whose husband was a dump truck contract hauler for D. S. & R. Construction Co. when he died suddenly a year ago. Mrs. Miller has continued to operate her fleet of trucks.

### WHD COUNCIL MEETING

The Womens Home Demonstration Council met Feb. 8 in the council room in the agents office. Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr., president called the meeting to order. All clubs were represented including the new club of Olga. Opening exercise was by Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. Council recommendations were all adopted. Standing rules were read by Mrs. A. D. Fields. Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. gave a report on T. H. D. A. affairs. There will be a leather craft training school Feb. 22 at 9 a. m. Recreation was by Mrs. Pat Rives of the Friendship club. Meeting adjourned on time. — Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Reporter.

## Joy Lynn Wilkins Wins First in Soil Saving Contest

Joy Lynn Wilkins, polio victim and a sophomore in the Bronte High School, won first place honors in the essay contest sponsored by the Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District. Of the fifty-nine essays entered in the contest, Joy Lynn's essay was selected as the top essay by five men and one woman. Judges did not know who wrote the essays when they were judging.

Wanda Kirkland, also of Bronte, won second, and Carolyn McDaniel of Robert Lee won third.

The local essay contest is a part of the Fort Worth Press Contest and all essays entered in the local contest have been mailed to the state contest.

"Why We Must Conserve Our Soil and Water" was the title of the essay written by high school contestants.

Other essays that were in the running for top honors were written by Jo Clawson, Sue Goodwin, Diane Bell, Robbie Godwin, Joe Russ, Sherman Hartes, Rose Marie Sawyer, Doris Marie Sparks and Sammie Joe Duncan. The judges commented that the quality of the essays was very good and that they spent considerable time selecting the top three from a group of twelve top essays.

The Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District expressed their appreciation to the superintendents and English teachers in the Robert Lee and Bronte schools for their cooperation and interest in the contest.

## 1200 Lamb Entries For Angelo Show

The San Angelo Fat Stock Show & Rodeo which is being held March 3, 4, 5, and 6, can boast that two of its livestock shows are the largest in Texas and perhaps in the world. The Fat Lamb Show has 1,200 entries and the Junior Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Show 250 entries.

Other junior shows are the Fat Steer, Hereford Breeding Cattle, Delaine and Corriedale Breeding Sheep, Market Broiler and Turkey show, and 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest. An additional feature is the Club Calf Sale when 50 Hereford and Angus calves will be offered for sale by auction. The Angus and Hereford associations are sponsoring this sale and promise that none but top quality calves will be permitted to sell.

Friday, March 4, is School Day, and all school age children will be admitted to the grounds free of charge and the rodeo tickets will be half price.

There will be a parade at 11 a. m., Thursday, March 3, and a rodeo daily at 2 p. m.

### GETS ARMY DISCHARGE

Sgt. J. W. McMinn was discharged Friday at Fort Bliss after two years of army service. He spent 17 months of the period in Korea. His mother, Mrs. H. C. McMinn, and his wife and their little daughter met him in El Paso and they came to Robert Lee for a weekend visit. His baby was born after he went overseas. Mrs. McMinn is the former Mary Coffey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coffey of Robert Lee. J. W. is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn, who formerly operated a cafe in Robert Lee. They are now in business in Corpus Christi. J. W. and his family and his mother went on to Corpus Christi Monday.

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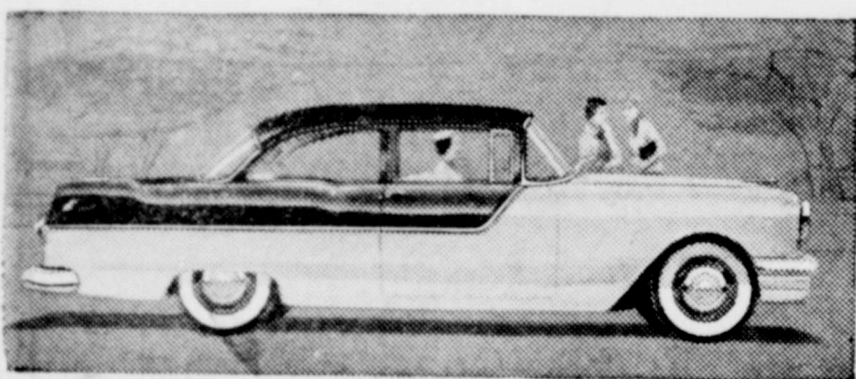
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**GOVERNMENT SECRECY**

The following editorial recently was published in the San Angelo Standard-Times under the heading, "It's No Time for 'Creeping Secrecy' in Public Affairs." The Observer wishes to point out, however, that in Coke County that officials have cooperated in publishing quarterly reports and a detailed annual statement of county finances. The City of Robert Lee, too, publishes a complete financial statement each year and prints full texts of its ordinances. We understand the Robert Lee School District has its books audited each year. The report is evidently filed away somewhere and is not made public.

Here's the S-T editorial:

There has been a mushrooming trend in recent years toward "creeping secrecy" in government—a feeling of public officials that the voters have no right to watch, and therefore judge, the official acts of the man they elect to office.

Public apathy has made it possible for public servants to close their meeting doors to the taxpayers, and to deny them the use of public records. In many Texas counties now it is impossible to determine whether the public treasury is being bled into private pockets, or the county governmental machinery is being allowed to fall into disrepair. The citizens can't attend the "executive" sessions of the elective groups, and he is met with a grumbling assent or even an outright refusal when he asks to look at county records.

In three Texas counties at least one county officer was indicted last year for criminal misconduct of office. Just as dangerous as the possibility of crookedness in office, however, is the idea that exists in the minds of many public officials that the public should not know how its business is carried on.

There are now in the legislative hopper at Austin five bills which we consider to be effective blockades to the runaway limosine of bureaucratic secrecy. Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd declared that if they had been on the statute books a few years ago, there could have been no Duval County where, he said it was worth a citizen's life to ask for the audit of county records or challenge the use of public funds.

The bills are House Bill 12, to require publication of commissioners court proceedings; H. B. 13, to require publication of annual financial statements for school, road, soil conservation and other districts; H. B. 18, to require immediate payment for the printing of citations in delinquent tax suits and proceedings for the sale of property to satisfy judgments in favor of governmental bodies; H. B. 29, to require publication of the full text of city ordinances; and H. B. 148, to make changes in the mandatory publications act to fix responsibility for causing publications to be made.

If these five bills become law, it will be virtually impossible for officials to hide behind a curtain of official secrecy. The bills not only prescribe what shall be done, but provide a penalty. An office holder is subject to forfeiture of salary and removal from office if he refuses to carry out his duty of publishing records.

In theory, the trust of public office requires its holders to conduct their duties openly. These bills make it certain that they do.

Floyd Higgins and family have moved to Colorado City and will reside at 1142 Cedar. Floyd is a truck driver for Markham Drilling Co. which has four rigs drilling southwest of Silver.

**Humble To Drill On Weaver Ranch**

Humble Oil & Refining Co. will drill its No. 2 Helen Harris Weaver Estate et al as a 7,00-foot Ellenburger wildcat seven miles south of Robert Lee in Coke County. The prospector is four miles north of the depleted one-well Weaver (Palo Pinto) field.

Location is 660 feet from the south line and 3,360 feet from the west line of 16-Isaac N. Moreland survey, abstract 511.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1 Mrs. Helen Harris Weaver opened the Weaver field in 1953 with a daily pumping potential of 104 barrels of oil through perforations between 5,336-52 feet. The project was drilled to 6,989 feet in the Ellenburger, topped at 6,570 feet. Elevation was 2,180 feet at derrick floor.

The nearest Ellenburger produced is in the Wendland field, four miles to the northwest.

Reports show that soil conservation increases profits 35 per cent.

Ivey Motor Company of Robert Lee reports sales of the following new Fords during the month of January:

- M. H. Barnes, Mainline Tudor.
- D. P. Key, F-800 Truck.
- Dub Moorman, F-100 Pickup
- H. E. Ivey, Fairlane Fordor.
- Sun Ool Co., Mainline Tudor.
- William L. Wynne, F100 Pickup.
- G. E. Nixon, Fairlane Tudor
- Chester V. Medders, Fairlane Tudor.
- Bill Pounds, Fairlane Fordor.
- Paul Good, Fairlane Fordor.
- Mrs. Edna Butner, Fairlane Fordor.
- C. E. Arrott, Fairlane Victoria.
- Don Fields, F-100 Pickup.

**GOSPEL MEETING**

A Gospel Meeting opens Friday at the North Side Church of Christ in Robert Lee and continues through Sunday, Feb. 27. Bro. Alva Johnson of Turkey will be the speaker. He has preached here previously and is held in high esteem by all who know him. Services will start at 7:30 each evening and 10 a. m. on Sundays. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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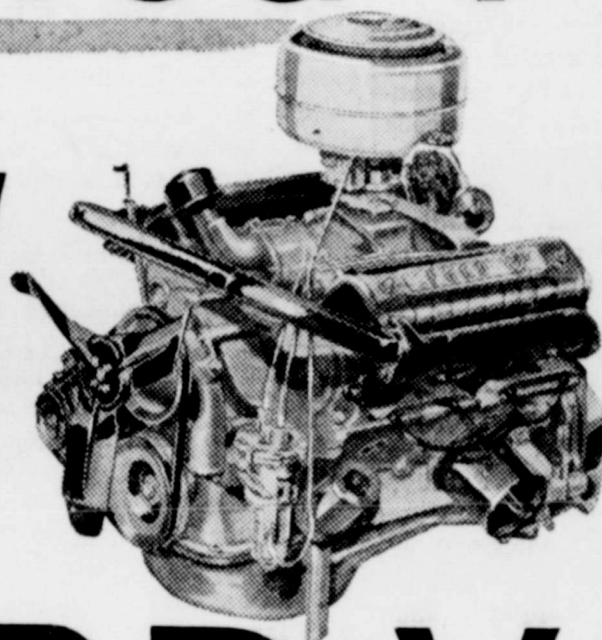
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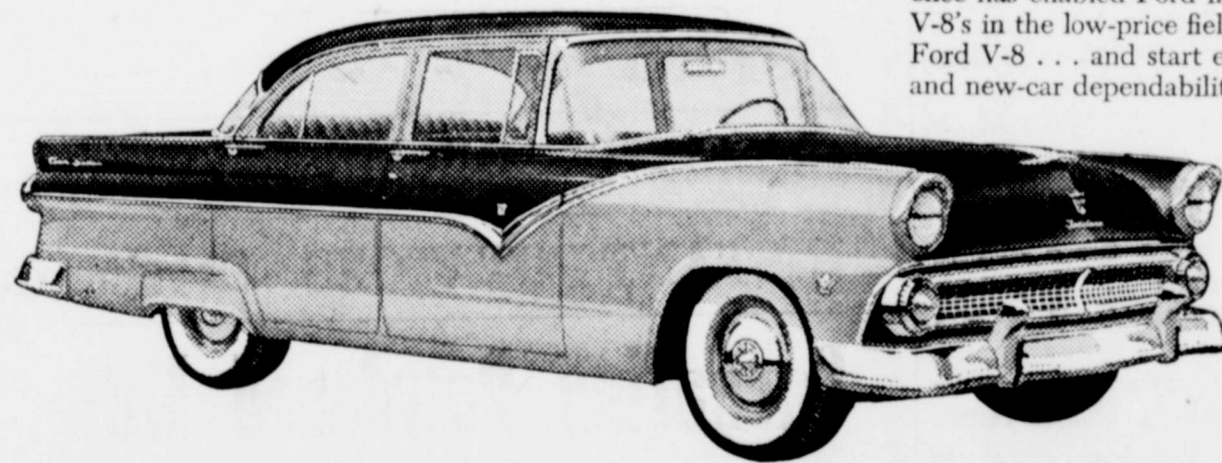
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### 3 ROBERT LEE YOUTHS HURT IN CAR WRECK

Three Robert Lee youths are hospitalized with injuries received about 4:30 p. m. Sunday when the car in which they were riding turned over on Highway 208, 2 1/2 miles northwest of town.

They are Freddie McDonald, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr.; Bill Simpson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson; and Morgan Russell, 17, son of Mrs. Carroll Russell.

Freddie was driving a Chevrolet convertible, owned by his father, when the accident occurred. He seemed to have lost control of the car while attempting to pass another vehicle. The machine turned over a time or two and landed in a borrow ditch.

Bill and Morgan were thrown clear of the wreck, but Freddie was pinned beneath the machine. They were brought to Coke County Memorial Hospital where they may be confined several more days.

McDonald suffered a deep cut on the forehead and a lesser cut on the back of his head, also multiple contusions and abrasions.

Simpson was the most seriously injured. He received a broken collar bone and a cracked shoulder blade, sprained ankle and other injuries.

Russell had two bad head lacerations, an injured right knee and numerous cuts and bruises.

The car was badly wrecked.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral pieces and kind deeds honoring Louie J. Gartman whose body was returned to Llano, Texas for burial from San Bernadino, Calif, where he was residing at the time of his death on January 30, 1955. — Mrs. Louie J. Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gartman and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gartman and Family, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gartman and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sheppard of Vineyard are guests this week of their son, A. V. Sheppard, and family.

### YES, WE CAN - CAN WE FIX IT?

Here are some of the things we HAVE repaired and put back in service here in Robert Lee—Hair Dryers, Irons, Lamps, Electric Clocks, Pop-Up Toasters, Mixers, Fans, Guitar Amplifiers, Vacuum Cleaners, Battery Chargers, Waffle Irons and Percolators.

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### Home Demonstration Club Activities

BY MRS. FAYE C. ROE  
Coke County HD Agent

I am very glad to have the opportunity of visiting with the readers of the Coke County papers each week through this column.

The Friendship Home Demonstration Club is sending a box of household linens to the Clell Varnadores, whose home was destroyed recently by fire.

Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr., county T.H.D.A. chairman, Mrs. Tom Rives, W.H.D. Council chairman, and I were in Menard Monday for the Planning Meeting for the District T.H.D.A. meeting which will be held in Kerrville, April 19. The Theme of Work is "God and Home, The Source of Freedom."

Mrs. Helen Jones and Mrs. E. E. McClusky were leaders for an aluminum demonstration in the Silver Women's Home Demonstration Club. Seven trays have been completed and four are still in the making.

The Olga Women's Home Demonstration Club meets Monday at 2:00 in the home of Mrs. Bob White. Mr. and Mrs. White are building a new home of which they are very proud. Mrs. Billy Bynum is president of the club.

I attended a workshop on Advanced Dress Making in San Angelo last week. Miss Nena Roberson, clothing specialist, College Station, conducted the workshop. Plans were made for the clothing program in Coke County 4-H and W.H.D. Clubs. Eight other agents from this district attended.

Beginning this week I will discuss the Coke County W.H.D. recommendations for 1955. These recommendations are the "plan of work" for both council and the clubs which were planned by the committees in council and approved by the clubs.

The first one is Finance. Their recommendations are:

The Finance Committee Recommendations:

1. That the following budget be adopted for the 1955 council:  
Delegates to T.H.D.A. meetings ..... \$100.00  
4-H ..... 50.00  
Entertainment ..... 40.00  
Advertising ..... 15.00  
THDA Chairman ..... 10.00  
Miscellaneous ..... 25.00

\$240.00

2. That each club contribute and help with concession stand at the livestock show.

3. That two bake sales be held. One in May and one with Achievement Day or at County Fair.

4. That a gift booth be held at Achievement Event with each club member contributing at least one article to be sold.

5. That a Cook book be made.

The Finance Committee of Council is Mrs. Lowell Roane, Mrs. J. W. Labenske and Mrs. A. D. Fields.

J. D. Green and family of Big Lake and Garlan Green and family of Colorado City were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Ethel Green.

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### Open House For Methodist New S. S. Building

The Methodist Church will observe Open House for its new educational building next Sunday at 11:00. Following the worship service all are invited to go through and inspect the class rooms. All furniture has been refinished to match the color scheme of the rooms, with each room appointed according to accepted standards in the field of religious education. There are four rooms to house classes of the children's division: Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior.

The building, 20' x 70', with two rest rooms in addition to the class rooms, and with porch and covered walkway was constructed by Chester Richie of Brady at a cost of \$8200.00.

#### TEACHING CONTRACTS

Administrative teachers of Robert Lee Schools were given one-year extensions to their present contracts at a board meeting last week.

They include Supt. B. C. Goodwin, who has a three-year contract, and High School M. E. Petross and Elementary Principal P. E. Webb, both of whom hold two-year contracts.

Teachers will be elected at the regular trustee meeting in March.

#### SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The Robert Lee High School Senior Class will present "The Robe" on the night of Friday, March 4. It will be the first program to be given in the new school auditorium. Jack Brock is directing the production. "The Robe" is a biblical story and has been widely acclaimed as a moving picture.

S. R. Young appears to be making good progress at Shannon Hospital where he underwent major surgery more than two weeks ago. He is expected to return to his home here before the end of the week.

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