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LOCAL FIRMS MAY RECOVER ON BAD CHECKS

A half dozen Robert Lee business firms, who were "taken in" a few weeks ago for the sum of \$193 by a "hot check" fellow, stand a good chance of getting their money back.

Clyde J. Turbeville, 50, who was brought back from New Mexico to answer the bad check charges, was given lenient treatment at a hearing before County Judge Jeff Dean here Tuesday.

He was fined \$5.00 and costs for passing a \$40.00 worthless check at the Conoco Service Station, owned by T. C. Coffey. The information was filed by County Attorney Frank C. Dickey, Jr.

Turbeville was given an additional 10 days in which to pay off Mr. Coffey and other checks which are held by Baker's Grocery, Roach's, Henry's Barbecue and the Y-Courts Cafe.

Turbeville's wife and two sons reside in Abilene. He has a brother in Dallas, from whom he hopes to obtain the money to pay off the checks.

He came into Robert Lee about the middle of January, said he was a driller on a rig which was moving into the county, and needed some credit. He had deposited a worthless Fort Worth check in the First National Bank at Bronte and proceeded to issue checks on the Bronte Bank.

Later it was discovered the check he deposited was no good, and of course the checks he wrote in Robert Lee were also worthless.

Sheriff Paul Good enlisted help from the Public Safety Department and a pickup order for the man was broadcast over Texas and adjoining states. Turbeville was arrested the next day at Santa Fe, New Mex., and had been held in jail there since.

Extradition proceedings were finally cleared and Deputy Sheriff Frank Keese was dispatched to New Mexico to bring the prisoner back. He was accompanied on the trip by Highway Patrolman Joe Perry and Ollie Eubanks of Bronte. They arrived in Robert Lee Saturday noon.

D. D. Walker reports that his mother, Mrs. J. H. Walker, is seriously ill in Shannon Hospital where she is being treated for a bad heart condition. She is unable to have visitors but appreciates hearing from her old Coke County friends. Little hope is entertained for her recovery. The Walkers resided at Edith before moving to San Angelo a few years ago.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Feb. 18 — B. A. Austin, Mrs. Mable Williams admitted.

Feb. 19 — Jackie Sparks, Mrs. J. D. Harmon, Bonnie Quisenberry admitted. Susie Skipworth, Mrs. J. L. Miller dismissed.

Feb. 20 — Daughter born to Mrs. J. D. Harmon at 7:35 p. m. B. A. Austin, Bonnie Quisenberry dismissed.

Feb. 21 — Mrs. J. P. Gutierrez admitted. Bill Simpson, Freddie McDonald dismissed.

Feb. 22 — Patrick Hugh Lewis, Mrs. Annie Sparks, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey admitted. Morgan Russell, Jackie Sparks dismissed.

SENIOR PLAY POSTPONED

Robert Lee High School seniors have postponed their class play. Scheduled for March 4, the production has been put off until March 18, according to Jack Brock, play director.

This year's play, "The Robe," was dramatized by John McGreevey from the novel by Lloyd C. Douglas.

It has a cast of 22 and parts will be taken by Bill Casey, Garland Davis and James Robertson. Butch Davis, who also is not a member of the class, will have a role in the production.

Business manager of the play is Billie Earl Hester. Victor Collett has been chosen as stage manager and Sherman Williams is co-director. Ben Bessent is the senior class president.

4 Bobcats Killed By Bert Blaylock

Bert Blaylock, rancher residing 10 miles southeast of Robert Lee, trapped four bobcats last week. Three of them were taken Wednesday night and a fourth the following night.

Traps were set near the carcass of a goat which had been recently killed. One of the cats was a big tom whose claws were worn down, but it retained some vicious looking teeth. The animal weighed 33 pounds on the scales at David Key's feed store.

Mr. Blaylock brought the animals to Robert Lee and received a bounty of \$12 each which the county pays.

He reports the bobcats will sometimes kill a full grown goat, and they would have proven disastrous to his spring crop of lambs and kids.

A full time trapper was employed in the county a few years ago, resulting in the bobcats being pretty well cleaned out. There has been little trapping in this area recently because furs and pelts have such a small value.

COKE COUNTY RAISED \$3,628 IN POLIO DRIVE

Collections of \$19.80 the past week were announced by Fred McDonald, Jr., in making his final report of the March of Dimes campaign.

Mr. McDonald, who served as chairman for the west half of Coke County, accounted for collections of \$2,344.49. Silver again went way out in front with donations of \$1,349.35. Edith reported \$337.40 and Robert Lee \$657.74.

Bronte and the east half of the county collected \$1,283.52, to swell Coke County's grand total to \$3,628.01.

Mr. McDonald wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to John T. Stewart of Silver and Lewis Heuvel of Edith for heading up the successful campaigns in their communities and is not forgetful of the ladies who handled the drive in Robert Lee. Without such a wonderful group of workers, we could not have achieved this fine showing, Mr. McDonald said.

Dr. John Harris of Bronte, county chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, also wishes to express his thanks publicly to all those who made this year's March of Dimes drive the best in history.

BRISK START IN HOME BUILDING IN ROBERT LEE

Two new homes and a duplex are under construction in Robert Lee. A couple of other homes are expected to be started very soon, indicating considerable residential expansion in the city this year.

An excellent house, in the \$11,000 class, is being built for the Carl Brocks, two blocks north of the school house. It occupies a 10-foot lot, west of Burl Childress. The site was purchased from G. C. Allen.

McDonald Lumber Co. is the contractor on the home being constructed on a GI loan, and Mr. Brock is doing the work himself, assisted by Onie Bessent. It will be completed within another month.

The Brock home has two bedrooms, one with an outside entrance, connecting halls and bath, a large living room with dining alcove, large kitchen with built-in cabinets and appliances, and a breakfast nook. A breeze-way to be converted into a den connects with a garage which is large enough to provide considerable storage space.

J. C. Harvey and son, John B., are building a new home for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt. It occupies a site facing the highway in the west part of town and is just north of the Wyatt rock house. The residence includes two bedrooms and bath, also a half bath, large living room, combined dining room and modern kitchen, laundry room and attached garage. It is in the \$8,500 class.

Harveys expect to start soon on new GI homes for Foy Askins and Walter McGallian. They will be located in the north part of town on lots purchased from Frank Dickey and R. S. Crum.

A duplex in the west part of the city between the Melvin Bahlman and T. W. Farris homes, is being constructed for Mrs. T. E. Rives, Sr. The Rives farm house in Friendship community was torn down and some material from it is being used in the new project.

It will have two 4-room apartments with separate baths. Mrs. Rives will occupy one and the other will be for rent. The work is in charge of Mrs. Rives' sons, Pat and Tom, and a son-in-law, Bascom Hartgrove, of Maryneal.

Joe Garrett, 43, Dies at Carlsbad

Joe S. Garrett, 43, died Saturday at 5:15 a. m. at Memorial Hospital in Carlsbad, New Mex. He had been ill two years with an internal cancer. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Carlsbad Church of Christ.

His wife is the former Pauline Conner, of Coke County. The family lived in Carlsbad the past 20 years where Mr. Garrett was a mechanic at a potash refinery.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Berry of Odessa, and Gloria Conner, and a son, Joe M. Conner of Carlsbad.

Kinfolks from this locality who attended the funeral were Mrs. Ethel Green of Robert Lee, Garland Green and family of Colorado City, Russ Mathers and Mrs. Garland Smith of San Angelo, J. D. Green of Big Lake and Mrs. T. S. Augustine of Sterling City.

Trustees Accept School Building

Robert Lee's new school building was completed last week. The structure was turned over to the school trustees Friday afternoon by the contractor, Houston Hill, of Midland.

Moving operations were carried on over the weekend and classes were taken up in the new building Monday.

All members of the school board were present Friday to make a final inspection of the building. They include Wilson Bryan, president, J. C. Harwell, Bryan Gartman, Jack Cowley, A. V. Sheppard, Bob Godwin and Raymond Schooler. Supt. B. C. Goodwin, who has supervised much of the building program, was a member of the inspection party.

Leather Goods Factory Adds Shoe Repairing

J. & W. Leathercraft Co. of Robert Lee is now operating a boot and shoe repair department in connection with their leather goods manufacturing business.

They recently purchased the Barker Shoe Repair Shop in Sweetwater and moved the equipment to Robert Lee. Gilbert Freeman and his wife of Big Spring are new employees in the J & W shop. Mr. Freeman will be in charge of the boot and shoe repairs. He has had 18 years of experience in that line of work.

Aubrey (Farmer) Jones and his brother-in-law, D. D. Walker, are now sole owners of the Leathercraft concern. They have shipped out 500 dozen coin purses and handbags this month.

The company are wholesale manufacturers of ladies hand tooled sandals, bags and purses. They turn out three styles of sandals, one of which is colored and three different purses.

Their biggest customers are McClellans, J. J. Newberry and the Anthony Department stores.

J. & W. also sell their goods at retail here and take special orders for various leathercraft items.

SINGING NEXT SUNDAY

A Singing will take place next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in the Robert Lee Church of Christ. Visitors are expected from Bronte, Blackwell, Silver and San Angelo. The public is invited.

Mrs. D. M. Millican continues to show improvement at Coke County Memorial Hospital where she has been a patient more than three weeks.

BIRTHS

HARMON — Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harmon (Mary Jo Caston) of Robert Lee are parents of their first child, a daughter, born by Caesarean section at 7:35 p. m. Feb. 20 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, one ounce and has been named Mandy Jo. Grandparents are Mrs. Bessie Caston and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harmon.

gram, was a member of the inspection party.

Sub-contractors were T. R. McAden, representing Mack's Plumbing Co. of Midland, who handled the heating and plumbing work, and Dudley Westbrook, owner of Westbrook Electric Co. of San Angelo, who had charge of the electric installation.

Edward L. Wilson and Joe Cunningham, represented the architectural firm of Wilson, Patterson & Associates. Also present was F. M. Johnson, inspector on the project for the architects, and J. I. (Dusty) Rhodes, general superintendent of construction for Mr. Hill.

Formal dedication of the new building with an open house for visitors has been tentatively set for Sunday, April 17. The school district is compiling an illustrated brochure to be distributed at that time, and a special edition of The Observer will be published that week marking the school house dedication.

During the proceedings Friday afternoon The Observer publisher was highly impressed with a general feeling that the school district was getting an excellent building. Architects and school officials were high in their praise of Mr. Hill and his sub contractors. On the other hand the contracting firms gave due credit to the architects for planning such a wonderful structure. Everybody said they received good cooperation throughout, and it was a happy conclusion to a successful building program begun last May 19.

Installing curtains and back drops of the auditorium is still going on this week. It was a separate contract, as was the installation of 504 seats in the auditorium.

Mr. Hill's contract includes remodeling the elementary wing of the old building. The first grade room will be partitioned into four small music practice rooms. Across the hall will be a physical ed room for girls. The other four rooms will be made into a large band rehearsal hall with acoustical ceiling and walls.

The Observer will reserve more detailed description of the new building until dedication time. Two wings to the northeast provide rooms for the elementary grades. The high school occupies the wing to the south with a corridor running the entire length of the building. The new auditorium is in the rear and is connected by a corridor leading from the front doors.

Supt. Goodwin reports the school has purchased a 30-foot strip from Delmir Sheppard to provide additional parking space in front of the building. The ground is being graded and leveled and Commissioner J. W. Service plans to aid in paving at least a good portion of the parking area.

Robert Lee Independent School District voted \$295,000 bonds for the new structure. The general contract was for \$245,000. Alterations and additions increased the amount by about \$3,000. Architects are paid a 6% fee. School officials say they will complete the job without exceeding the bond issue.

Buffet Supper Honors OES Grand Officers

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen entertained with a buffet supper Friday Eunice Connell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Chauncey Penix, Worthy night, Feb. 18, honoring Mrs. Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Other grand officers present were Mildred Penix, Grand Warder of Graham, Thelma Bennell, District Deputy Grand Matron of San Angelo, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hughes, member of the Board of Grand Trustees of Mertzon, Lillian Groesbeck, Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, Section 3, of Crystal City, and Berdie J. Easterling, Past Worthy Grand Matron of Del Rio.

Saturday, Feb. 19, the O. E. S. School of Instruction was held in San Angelo with members from Robert Lee Chapter attending.

Sunday the Robert Lee Chapter gave a tea in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams, honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and other grand officers.

LOCAL NEWS

S. R. Young returned Wednesday of last week to his home in Robert Lee from a stay of more than two weeks in Shannon hospital where he underwent major surgery. He is making a satisfactory recovery.

Weekend guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo were Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay and daughter, Jan, and Mrs. Steward Evans of Alpine and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen and children, Kathy and Bebo, of Snyder. The ladies are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bilbo.

Visitors at the Jameson gasoline plant at Silver on Wednesday were C. W. Webber of Philadelphia, Pa., chief engineer of the gas division of Sun Oil Co. He was accompanied by John E. Walke, division engineer of Dallas. Mr. Webber will speak Friday at the Permian Basin oil and gas convention in Midland.

Coke County Memorial Hospital continues to be a busy place this week. Twelve patients were being cared for Wednesday.

Hayrick Lodge

No. 606 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.
R. H. GODWIN, W. M.
H. S. LEWIS, JR., Sec'y.

Future Farmer Week

Beginning February 19 Future Farmer Chapters over 48 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico will be observing Future Farmer Week.

Twenty-six years ago, in Kansas City, a few high school students of vocational agriculture gathered to form a new farm youth organization that had as the first words of its Creed: "I Believe in the Future of Farming." Today that organization, the Future Farmers of America, has more than 370,000 active members affiliated with 9,000 local chapters in 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Future Farmers study vocational agriculture with the definite purpose of becoming good farmers. They put their classroom training into practice with farming programs at home. Their FFA activities teach leadership and good citizenship. We salute the Future Farmers of today, who will be the successful farmers of tomorrow.

National FFA Week comes every year during the week of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. Although considered first as a great general, our first president, and an engineer, George Washington's first love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations, and other soil conserving methods.

Area II, which makes up one of the 10 areas in Texas, has 3,224 Future Farmer members at the present time. The area covers some 44 counties, bordering on Yoakum and Haskell counties north; Val Verde county on the south, and including El Paso County on the west. There are 81 FFA chapters in this area in various high schools, and of the 81 chapters, there are 93 FFA advisors who direct the boys in various FFA activities.

The area II convention which is conducted over a three day period is the first week in June each year. This June the convention will be held in Odessa at the Odessa High School. Area II has set a goal in their program of work for 75 State Farmers this year. This is the highest degree awarded in the State and they have reached their quota each year in producing American Farmer Degrees.

Larry Chattam moved his family here from San Angelo recently. He has a wife and three children and they are living in a Dickey apartment. Mrs. Chattam is shop foreman at Ivey Motor Co.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker are adding an 18 x 24 foot addition to their home, permitting a rearrangement of the interior. E. F. Henry is in charge of the project.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard came down from Spearman for a weekend visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. Bert is a mechanic for Baker & Taylor Drilling Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Cox of Winters were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker. The ladies are sisters. Mr. Cox is a hardware merchant at Winters.

Mrs. Frank Smith brought her husband home Wednesday from Christoval where he received treatments the past two weeks. He then entered Coke County Memorial Hospital here for observation and treatment.

Lloyd Sparks left Sunday after a ten days visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Suarks. He recently completed naval boot training at San Diego and will report at Long Beach, Calif., for duty on a destroyer.

B. F. Jeffries was called to Arkansas the last of the week by the illness of his father.

Commissioner Ed Hickman of Edith has purchased the Mrs. Mayme Littlefield residence in the south part of town. Mr. Hickman plans to improve the property which he bought as an investment proposition. Mrs. Littlefield is now Mrs. E. E. Watson and resides in Abilene.

Ernest Clendennen of Silver has been a patient the past week at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo where he is undergoing treatment for kidney stones. His condition is reported as improving.

The \$8 billion invested and plowed back into the oil industry in the past five years has increased production and reserves by one barrel for every four produced in 1945.

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LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

The northern zone leadership training school is being held in the Robert Lee Methodist church Wednesday and Thursday nights.

47 persons enrolled for the school Wednesday. Three courses are offered: Children's work, youth work, and the work of the local church, these being taught by Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Sr., Mrs. Boyd Harris of Eden and Rev. Warren Ellis, respectively. Rev. Bruce Medford of Sterling City is presenting the new turn-over chart prepared by the Board of Evangelists on beliefs and work of the Methodist church.

Ladies of the Young Adult Class

are serving supper for members of the school. Classes begin at 5:20 each evening.

Shop Robert Lee first!

FOR GENERAL INSURANCE

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At Robert Lee State Bank

BOOT AND SHOE

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We are equipped to handle all kinds of Boot and Shoe Repairing, also Re-Dyeing and Re-Finishing. Prompt Guaranteed Work.

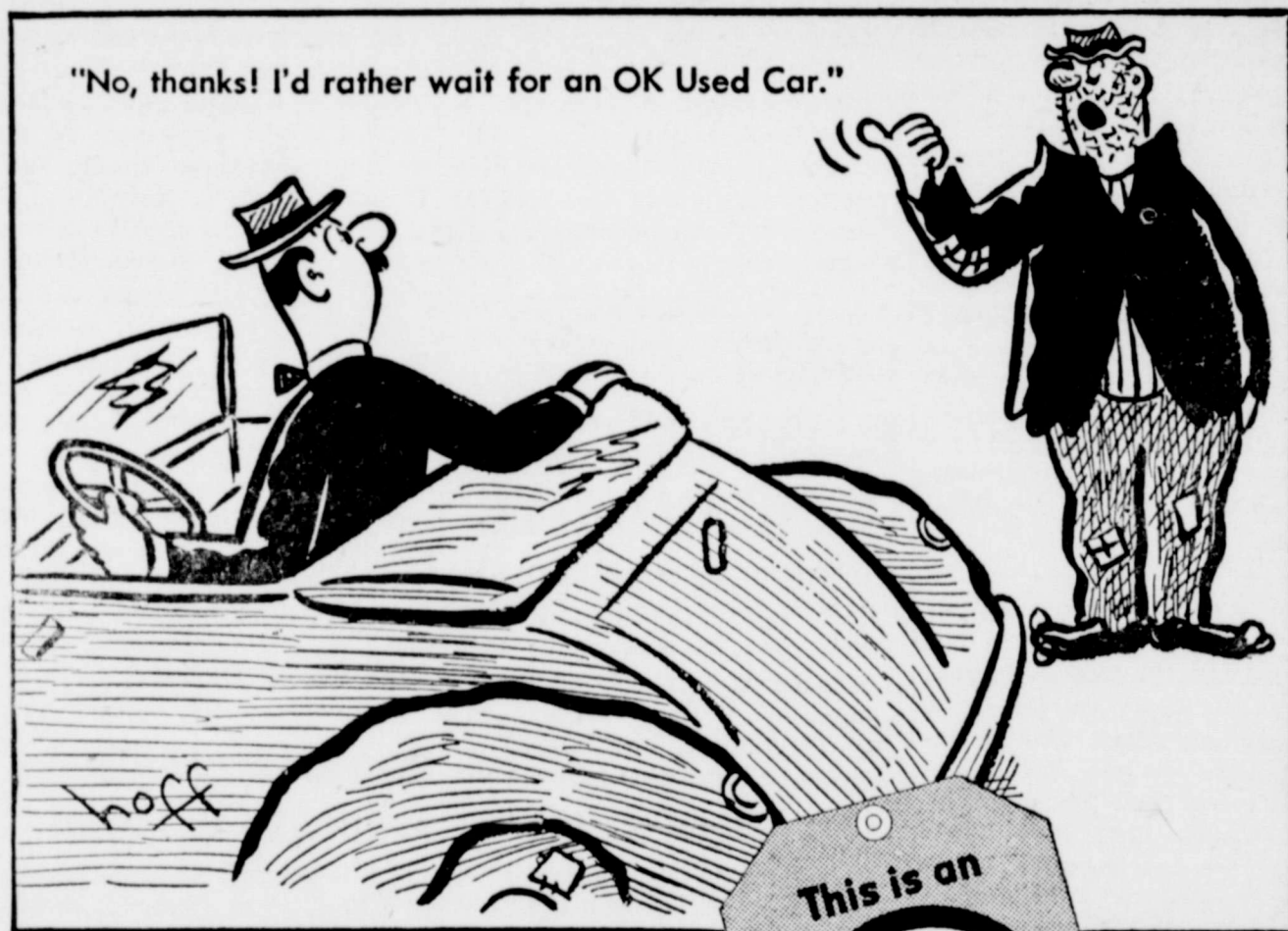
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Robert Lee, Texas



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Home Demonstration Club Activities

BY MRS. FAYE C. ROE
Coke County HD Agent

On Tuesday a Leather Craft Leaders Training was given in the Council room of the Agricultural Building. Miss Gladys Waldrop, Hayrick, and Mrs. George Conner, Silver, gave the demonstration. Billfolds were hand tooled and laced by these ladies:

Silver: Mrs. Fred Thies, Mrs. W. E. Stevens; Sanco: Mrs. Jack Alard, Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr., Mrs. Nolan Pentecost; Green Mt.: Mrs. C. E. McArthur, Mrs. Fred Ashworth, Mrs. Glen Waldrop; Hayrick: Mrs. J. W. Labenske; Friendship: Mrs. Tom Rives and Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr.

Joyce King, the Extension Service secretary and I also made billfolds.

Mrs. Tom Rives, Council Chairman, and I visited in the Green Mountain community last Friday in the interest of the WHD Club. It is always a pleasure to be able to sit and talk to club ladies as we did with Mrs. C. E. McArthur, Mrs. Tyrus Davis and Mrs. Finnell Smith. Plans are being worked out for their club meeting on March 1.

I was in the Olga community again this week. The WHD Club met in the home of Mrs. Bob White to complete organization. These new members were added to the roll: Mrs. Billy Burwick, Mrs. Addie Thorn, Mrs. L. B. White, Mrs. Frank Brownfield and Mrs. George Stoepler. The regular meeting date was set for the 2nd and 4th Friday.

Since National 4-H Week is March 3-13 I would like to give the 4-H recommendations as my second topic from the WHD Council recommendations:

The 4-H Committee recommends:

1. Continue to encourage keeping of record books and each leader make a sample record book for her group.
2. Publicize 4-H activities so interest will be stimulated in members and communities.
3. That each Home Demonstration Club help entertain their adopted 4-H club at least twice a year, or when called upon.
4. Study ways for developmental needs of 4-H boys and girls.
 - a. Sound bodies
 - b. Healthy personalities
 - c. Good characters
 - d. Proper citizenship
5. That club members help with

4-H club programs when needs arise.

The 4-H Committee in Council are: Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr., Mrs. Jahew Jameson, Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. George Conner, Mrs. John Miller, Miss Gladys Waldrop.

Edith Store Is Still Running; Trade Picks Up

Edith Rt.
Robert Lee, Texas
Feb. 23, 1955

Observer Office
Robert Lee, Texas
Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I have noted in your write-up of the closing of the Edith post office several errors or omissions that might be detrimental to our business out here. We feel sure that they were unintentional and that you will gladly correct them. I do not believe that you mentioned that the store is continuing in business. You probably did not know this, but the impression would be that the whole thing closed out. Many people know better by now but I would appreciate a correction.

Also, since you got my name wrong. I am Thelma Killam, not "Lillian Killam. My husband, Fred Killam, is with me in the running of the store. We are putting in a lunch counter also. Later we will have some advertising for you, but right now there is enough to do in getting this new business launched. Our idea is to get some truck trade, etc. I will appreciate a correction with a little write up including information enclosed.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Fred Killam

Why We Must Conserve Our Soil and Water

By Joy Lynn Wilkins

Thousands of years ago the earth was created by a Divine Being and people were placed here with an abundant supply of soil and water. From the soil would come their food, clothing, and shelter. Today many tons of soil are gone because, the people whom God intended to conserve it, have neglected their duty. Everything that is necessary for us to live comes from the soil. Without the soil and water our civilization could not exist. Many tons of soil are lost each year by wind and water erosion. Much of this can be avoided by practicing the correct way of farming and ranching. This means holding more rainfall on the land to save moisture for crops. It means farming on the level ground around the slopes to prevent soil washing. It means growing more soil building crops. It means protecting range land and pastures from overgrazing. This is necessary to stop soil erosion.

"Give us this day, our daily Bread." These words are familiar to everyone yet we are prone to forget the source of the Bread. If we continue to waste the soil through carelessness, what will happen to the generations of people to come? Where will they get the necessities for life? If we practice soil and water conservation now, we are paving the way for the later generations, assuring them of the privileges we enjoy so much today.

We must protect and conserve our natural resources because, af-



Joy Lynn Wilkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wilkins, and a sophomore in Bronte High School, won first place honors in the essay contest sponsored by the Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District. The essay is a part of the Fort Worth Press Contest and all essays entered in the local contest have been mailed to the state contest.

ter all, they do not belong to us. They are only loaned to us and we should show our thanks by taking care of them.

All that we are, except for our spiritual and physical heritage, comes from what we eat, drink, and breathe. The soil in which our food is grown largely determines our health, our intelligence, and our character. We must conserve our God given heritage.

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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, 5½ 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

FARM AND RANCH

\$100 battery brooder 600 size ..	\$35.00	Metal cattle feed trough (4) ..	\$1.50
\$15 infra red brooder 250 size ..	\$10.00	Wooden feed trough	\$1.50
Metal chicken water trough ..	\$1.50	Aeromotor sails & tail	\$5.00
Metal cattle water trough ..	\$5.00	Pipe, pieces, foot	5c
700 x 16 — 6 ply tube & wheel	\$35.00 (two)	(tractor)	\$3.00
600 x 16 — 6 ply, tube ..	\$6.50	600 x 16 — 4 ply, tube (tractor)	\$3.50 (two)
650 x 16 — 6 ply	\$6.50	Metal concrete mix box	\$4.00
400 x 19 — 4 ply, tube ..		Wood sideboards for pickup ..	\$7.50

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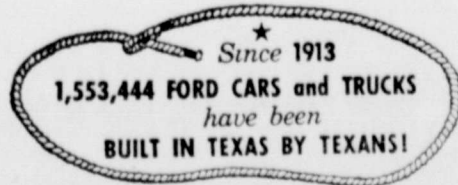
and handling ease. And for '55 it gives still more comfort . . . because springs are set at an angle to cushion road shock from the front as well as straight up. That reduces road-joint jar.

THE THUNDERBIRD INSPIRED FORD'S LONG, TRIM LOOK

The Thunderbird—Ford's personal car that created such a sensation—has left its distinctive mark on the Ford cars for 1955. You'll find its sweeping straight-line fenders . . . its lower, flatter look . . . its all-around windshield . . . its impressive grille and visored headlights . . . reflected in every '55 Ford.



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Sterling Gets Producer From Strawn Sand

(Reprint from Sterling City News-Record.)

A significant Strawn sand discovery has been completed in northeast Sterling County.

Discovery well is W. M. & A. P. Fuller, Midland, No. 1 W. R. Davis in 73-2-H&TC, 15 miles northeast of Sterling City and two miles west of the Fuller-Coke, South field.

The strike indicates that the same Strawn formation from which the vast Jameson and Fuller-Coke fields produce, making 5,885,951 barrels of oil in 1954, penetrates far into Sterling County/

The well was finaled for a daily flowing potential of 353 barrels of 41 gravity oil plus 4.1 barrels of basic sediment, no water. Gas-oil ratio was 322-1.

Production was through a 1/4-inch choke and perforations between 6,874-6,950 feet in 5-inch casing cemented at 7,000 feet, the total depth. Top of pay was picked at 6,874 feet on elevation of 2,308 feet. Pay section was fractured with 21,000 gallons.

Tubing pressure was 650-625 pounds, with packer on the casing.

Operator has requested discovery allowable and suggested that the field be designated as the Fuller-Sterling field.

GREEN MT. MUSICAL

The Green Mountain Junior Grand Ole Opera is scheduled for Friday night of this week at the Green Mountain community center, west of Edith. Everyone is invited to attend and some good entertainment will be provided, according to Eddie Garvin, who serves as master of ceremonies.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this means of thanking all my friends for the kind words of encouragement, the visits, the get well cards, while I was in Robert Lee Hospital. Also to thank Dr. McDaniel and the hospital staff for all they did for me. Especially do I thank Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts for all their kindness. I will always be indebted and grateful to all. — Charles Cooper.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO:

R. W. LAWLER

GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 4th day of April, A. D., 1955, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Coke County, at the Court House in Robert Lee, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 17 day of February, 1955.

The file number of said suit being No. 2018.

The names of the parties in said suit are: LETHA LAWLER as Plaintiff, and R. W. LAWLER as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 17th day of February, A. D., 1955. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this the 17th day of February A. D., 1955
WELDON FIKES, Clerk
District Court Coke County, Texas

By Winnie Waldrop, Deputy.
Publish Feb. 25, March 4-11-18.

MIDDLE AGED FACING MORE HEALTH FOES

From a health standpoint, life after forty begins to be more complicated for the average individual. According to information from the State Department of Health, the principal health foes confronting people in middle age are heart disease, cancer, kidney disease, high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, apoplexy, diabetes, and arthritis.

Middle aged people of today are healthier than were those of preceding generations, and the present generation, when they reach middle age, should enjoy even better health than their parents of today.

Medical care in middle life has two important phases. The first is going to the doctor at regular intervals for a complete physical checkup, whether or not there have been symptoms that suggest the need for medical attention. The second is the prompt attention to any illness which may mean the difference between prompt recovery and continued good health and prolonged invalidism. It is difficult to say which of these phases is the more important.

It is logical that men and women who faithfully pursue the habit of regular health examinations and who follow the advice arising from them tend to live longer, more satisfactorily, and freer from disease than those who simply take a chance and go to the doctor only when pain or disability forces them to give up their normal activities. Many diseases of middle age respond to treatment in early stages whereas if neglected until

later stages they often cause permanent invalidism and even death.

For persons over forty especially the State Department of Health recommends regular physical examinations and prompt medical attention for any and all illnesses.

The first disaster relief operation participated in by the American Red Cross was the great Michigan Forest Fire of 1881.

MOVE TO SPEARMAN

Vincent Hanna came down from Spearman the last of the week to join his wife and son, Jerome. The Hannas completed sale of their home and its furnishings to Mrs. Flo Miller. They departed Sunday for Spearman where Vincent is a drilled on a Baker & Taylor rig. Mrs. Miller and her children are now occupying their new home.

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A new feature has also been added to the Fat Stock Show — The Club Calf Sale, Saturday, Mar. 5, at 12 noon. These calves are being sifted and are only top quality calves. Tickets are reduced if bought before Wednesday noon, March 2nd. \$10.00 season grandstand tickets for \$8.00, \$8.00 season bleacher tickets for \$6.00, and Thursday only grandstand tickets for \$1.50. Tickets may be purchased at the B. C. D. office, in the Cactus Hotel, or write Box 712, SanAn gelo.

From a local interest standpoint, exhibiting from Coke County are: Mary Beth Schooler, James Harmon, Larry Hudson, Kenneth Wink, Larry Lindsey, Benny Corley, Dee Arrott, Morgan Russell, Wayne Bridges, Eddie Glenn, Jesse Ray Ensor, Curtis Walker, Leslie Nell Wink, Butch Arnold, Jimmy Arnold, Tommy Lee, Richard Spencer and Brenda Corley.

In 1954 the International League of Red Cross Societies was enlarged to 73 members with the recognition of the National Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies of Afghanistan and the German Democratic Republic.

Three out of every five students enrolled in elementary and secondary schools are currently serving as volunteer members of the Junior Red Cross.

Many of the 89 million new automobiles and truck tires needed to keep America rolling next year will be made from oil-derived synthetic rubber.

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas Feb. 25, 1955

SC District News

Mel Husa, economist, and Norman Leach, hydrologist, of the Soil Conservation Service, made a field examination on the Kickapoo Creek Watershed in the Coke Soil Conservation District to make a report as to the feasibility for flood prevention structures. C. N. Webb, chairman of the Coke Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, has announced.

The field examination included a trip over the watershed to look at flooding damage, possible dam sites, the cost, and possible benefits to be derived from such treatment. The examination included discussing flood damages with land owners on the watershed as well as businessmen in Bronte. Webb pointed out.

Arthur Runion, Marvin Simpson, Joe George Wilkins completed seeding Madrid sweetclover last week. The seeding of sweetclovers for a soil improving crop is a part of their complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan as district cooperators with the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

Now is the time for landowners to begin to plan and prepare their seed bed for seeding grass on cropland to be reseeded or overseeded of poor condition rangeland. A. V. Sheppard, local conservationist, has pointed out. The preparation of the seed bed is just as important in seeding native grasses as the seedbed for seeding cotton and grain sorghums, Sheppard said.

A good cover of sorghum has proven to be the most successful seed bed preparation for seeding native grasses. The sorghum litter removes many of the hazards of native grass seeding in West Texas.

Pitting land is another seed bed that is giving success to establish native grasses in the Coke Soil Conservation District.

Frankie Percifull, J. A. Percifull and Charlie Arnold are planning to seed several acres of native grass this year as a part of their soil conservation plan.

All new seeding should be de-

ferred the first growing season. Following total deferment, grazing should be controlled for several years.

JOHN MCDANIEL IN WRECK

John McDaniel, 19, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel of Robert Lee, experienced an auto mishap about 10 o'clock Tuesday night. The accident occurred six miles north of San Angelo, when John was returning home from attending a Naval Reserve meeting. It was thought he dozed off for a moment and lost control of his car. The machine went off the highway and through a fence, but did not turn over. The young man was hospitalized in San Angelo overnight and returned to his home here Thursday. His injuries were minor and he will likely return to school Friday. He is a member of the senior class.

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.

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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.

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

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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. tfe

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FOR SALE — My two good residences, only 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

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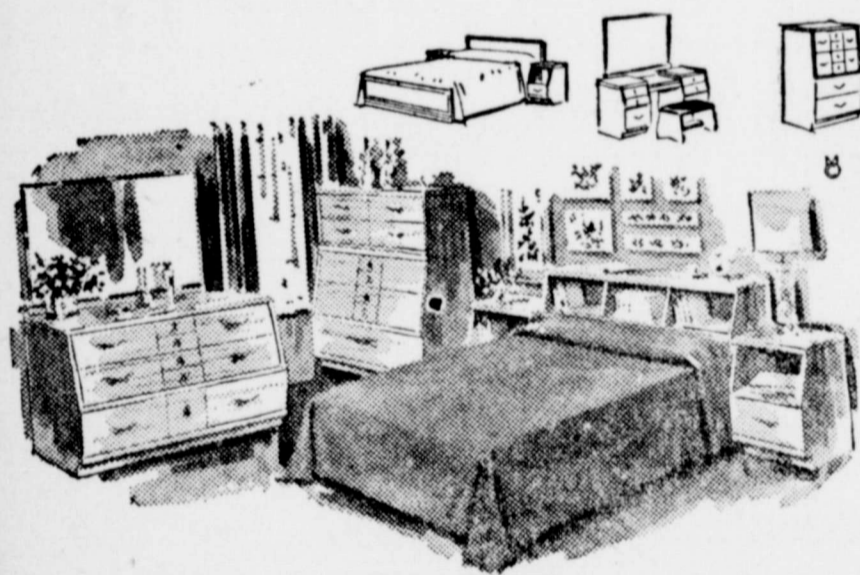
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COURT CASES DECIDED WITH WOMEN ON JURY

Several Coke County women were called for jury service in District Court here this week. They did all right, too, and the court procedure was carried out in a normal manner even though lady jurors were being used for the first time in the history of Texas.

Mrs. J. S. Ferrell and Miss Zella Caraway, both of Robert Lee, served on a jury which heard the admage suit of C. R. Richards vs. C. J. Henry. Later in the week Mrs. Otis Smith of Bronte was the only woman selected to hear the suit and John Burroughs and S. E. Adams vs. Ervin H. Halfman.

Mrs. Howard Eaton answered her summons to appear as a possible juror, but was not chosen on either case. She is at present doing special duty nursing from 11 p. m. until 7 a. m. at Coke County Memorial Hospital.

The other two women named on the jury panel for the present term were excused because of illness. They were Mrs. T. A. Richardson of Robert Lee and Mrs. H. O. Whitt of Bronte.

The Richards vs. Henry matter was the outgrowth of an accident June 7, 1953. The plaintiff was helping Henry do some windmill repair work at his ranch near Blackwell. A pickup truck was being used, and Richards claimed he was thrown from the farm truck and pinned between it and a concrete slab. He sustained a leg fracture and other injuries, and alleged that Henry was negligent in handling the pickup.

Richards asked damages of \$15,700. After deliberating about three hours, the jury returned a verdict giving Richards \$325.

A woman attorney, Mrs. Beverly Tarpley of Abilene was also in the case. She handled the plaintiff's side of the matter as a representative of the Abilene law firm of Scarborough, Yates, Scarborough & Black. Mrs. Tarpley is a young woman and a competent lawyer. Two firms defending Henry were Runge, Hardeman, Steib, Smith & Foy of San Angelo, and McMahon

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In addition to Mrs. Ferrell and Miss Caraway, the jury included Sam Gaston, foreman, Alfred Fields, Eddie Patterson, Frank Seltz, Earl Davidson, Carl Hurley, Austin Sandusky, J. H. Ruth, B. D. Gartman, and Roy Casey.

WOULD CANCEL LEASE

The lawsuit of John Burroughs and S. E. (Skinny) Adams vs. Ervin H. Halfman went to trial Wednesday morning. Action was brought to cancel a 3-year lease on 740 acres of land on the Divide, southwest of Robert Lee. Mr. Adams bought a half interest in the property some time back.

The lease signed Jan. 14, 1954, was on a share crop basis with plaintiff to get one-fourth the cotton and one-third the feed crops. It is alleged that Halfman failed to abide by terms of the lease, that he did not reside on the place and did not farm it properly. A field of 200 acres of cotton was cultivated only once, according to plaintiffs' petition and they failed to receive anything from the grazing rights, although 400 sheep and 75 cattle were grazed.

Cancellation of the lease and damages of \$5,000 are being sought. Ralph Logan is handling the suit for the plaintiffs, while Dickey & Dickey are attorneys for the defendant. The case was not expected to go to the jury before late Thursday.

The jury includes Earl Davidson, Franky Pereifull, Ira M. Bird, Austin Sandusky, C. M. Byrd, Grady Vest, B. D. Gartman, Eddie Patterson, Carl Hurley, C. E. McKenzie, David Lowrance and Mrs. Otis Smith.

Other jurors were paid off and excused Wednesday, indicating that no other jury cases will be taken up at this time. District Judge Joe L. Mays is presiding.

MOONBEAM 4-H GIRLS

The Moonbeam 4-H girls met in the eighth grade classroom February 9. It was the first meeting since the Christmas party that was given for the Silver, Bronte and Robert Lee girls. The main topic of the meeting was posture. Also making an achievement record was discussed. A new program for the girls is being planned by Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Mrs. T. M. Wylie because it was hard to give demonstrations in cooking. For this summer, a sewing program is being planned.

Three Robert Lee youths injured in a car wreck near town ten days ago were released from the local hospital the first of the week. Freddie McDonald and Bill Simpson went home Monday and Morgan Russell was released Tuesday. Simpson is wearing a brace for shoulder injuries and is back in school. McDonald expects to return to school as soon as a deep forehead cut is healed. Russell has a badly cut and bruised right knee and is getting around on crutches.

PERSONALS

Susie Skipworth was released from the local hospital Sunday after being treated four weeks for a knee injury received in a basket ball game last Nov. 17. The knee is protected by a cast. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skipworth, Susie returned to school Monday. She is a member of the senior class.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jeffries have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sheppard. Located two blocks north of the school house, the residence was built a few years ago by G. C. Allen.

Mrs. Cumbie Ivey underwent major surgery Wednesday morning at Coke County Memorial Hospital. Her condition yesterday was reported as good.

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