

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Coke Youths Win Good Money At San Angelo Show

Coke County entries showed up well in stiff competition at the San Angelo Livestock Show last week. J. Lee Ensor of Bronte showed the champion ram in the Rambouillet breeding class. His stock was from the Ratliff ranch.

Bridges breeding also was outstanding. Young Wayne Bridges showed 1st yearling ewe, 1st group of three, and 4th and 10th yearling rams. He took \$95 in prize money. Tommy Lee got \$15 for 8th yearling ram and 17th ewe lamb.

In the fat lamb show Mary Beth Schooler placed 30th, Jesse Ray Ensor, 41st and Dee Arrott, 44th with their heavy fine wool entries. Morgan Russell was 37th with his light wt. fine wool lamb.

In the baby beef show, Jimmy Arnold of Silver, took 4th and \$60 in prize money. Leslie Nell Wink placed 17th and got \$25. The calves will be shown at Abilene March 28.

Lamb entries in the Abilene show include Morgan Russell 2, Mary Beth Schooler 3, and Dee Arrott 1.

### SENIOR CLASS PLAY

Robert Lee High School seniors are winding up final rehearsals for their class play, "The Robe," to be presented the night of Friday, March 18. It will be the first public function in the new school auditorium. The following night, March 19, the seniors will give their play at Silver. Advance ticket sales for both performances are now being made and indications are that there will be good turnouts both in Robert Lee and Silver. The Seniors are also selling space for their full page advertisement to appear in The Observer next week. Most people feel this form of goodwill advertising is highly beneficial.



**ENGAGED**—Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel of Robert Lee announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carolyn, to Marvin Simpson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Sr., of Robert Lee. Plans are for a late May wedding.



## Notes From The Oil Field

Murray & Head No. 1 Velman Denman drilling Wednesday below 5,023 feet. No shows to date although samples were taken from sand streaks just below 5,000 feet.

Miami Operating Co. No. 1-A A. B. Sheppard, wildcat southwest of Robert Lee, drilling Wednesday at 5,940 feet in shale.

Humble No. 2 Weaver, wildcat 7 miles south of Robert Lee, 4,240 feet in shale and sand.

W. W. Paul of Silver went to Dallas Wednesday of last week to receive treatment for a shoulder ailment. Mrs. Paul returned home Sunday and said her husband may be in the hospital there some time. Walter is a pumper at Silver for Sun Oil Co.

### DISCUSS SWIMMING POOL

The matter of building a park with swimming pool and other recreational facilities was discussed at a meeting of the Commissioners Court Monday. Appearing on behalf of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development were Fern Havins, Robert Vaughan, Fred McDonald, H. S. Lewis, Jr. and J. E. Quisenberry. There was no formal request filed, while the discussion concerned feasibility of such a project, its upkeep, etc. County officials and local organizations will study the proposition further. It was pointed out that Coke County has few recreational privileges for its young people and that the county is financially able to handle such a project as other West Texas counties have done.

## Stake Wildcat West of Town

Staboard Oil Co., Midland, will drill a deep wildcat in Coke County, five miles west of Robert Lee and five miles west-southwest of the Munn (Canyon sand) field. It will be the No. 1 Effie Roe.

The project will be drilled with rotary to 7,500 feet, a depth which is calculated sufficient to reach the Cambrian. Operations are to begin immediately.

Location, on a 151.5-acre tract, is 2,875 feet from the southwest and 660 feet from the northwest lines of 490-J. Klier survey.

### BRONTE WILDCAT

Hanley Co., Midland, No. 1 Taylor, et al, was spotted as a Coke County wildcat five miles south of Bronte.

Having a proposed depth of 6,800 feet with rotary, location is 1,980 feet from the west and 660 feet from the south lines of Section 2, B. A. Taylor Survey.

### WHITT LOCATION

Plymouth Oil Co. No. 1 Mrs. F. A. Whitt will be a new project three miles east of Silver in the Jameson-Strawn Field.

Slated for 6,300 feet with rotary, it spots 1,636 feet from the south and 467 feet from the west lines of Section 11, Isaac Reed survey.

## BCD Favorable To County Fair

The matter of promoting a Coke County Fair next fall was discussed at a Board of Community Development luncheon Wednesday. Presented by County Agent Jack Waide, the project received favorable reaction from BCD members and was referred to the Agricultural committee headed by Fern Havins.

A. V. Sheppard introduced Miss LaVerne Darter, who spoke on the Driver Training Course she teaches in Robert Lee High School. She said safe driving concerns everyone. Since all young people to drive, it is the problem of the public to teach them to be safe drivers. Some youngsters don't know the safe way, Miss Darter pointed out, and adults should set good examples.

Fifteen high school pupils are enrolled in the safe driving class. They have daily study periods and each pupil must have at least 8 hours supervised driving during the term.

Miss Darter asked the public to drive in a normal manner when approaching the drivers training car on the streets. Don't take advantage of the young person behind the wheel, she requested.

# Jas. Thomason Dies in Crash

### BAKER'S GRAND OPENING

Baker's Grocery & Market, which has been enlarged and extensively remodeled, will stage a Grand Opening event for three days, Friday, Saturday and Monday. Old and new customers are invited to come in and look over the store with its attractive displays of merchandise. Special prices for the three days are to be found in a double-page advertisement in this issue of The Observer. Mr. Baker has been in the grocery business in Robert Lee for many years and his efforts have been highly successful. Before launching the recent remodeling project Genie bought the property from Ed Rawlings of Bronte.

### RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Annual Red Cross drive for funds gets underway in Coke County during the coming week, and efforts will be made to complete the campaign by April 1. Charlies Boecking of Bronte, chairman of the county Red Cross chapter, announces that Claude Work will head the annual drive. Mr. Work resides in Bronte. He and his wife operate Estelle flower shops in Bronte and Robert Lee. Coke County's quota for Red Cross funds this year is \$985.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

March 2—Robert Henderson, Ben Powers, Susie Skipworth admitted. Robert Henderson, Mrs. L. H. Rodgers dismissed.

March 3—Robert Strube admitted. Larry Rabb, Ben Powers dismissed.

March 5—Mrs. Oscar Collett, Mrs. Sam Jay admitted. Mrs. Delmir Sheppard dismissed.

March 6—Robert Strube dismissed.

March 7—Mike Lomas, Mrs. C. L. Hallmark admitted. Mrs. Chas. Bessent, Mrs. Oscar Collett dismissed. Clinton Ficher transferred to San Angelo hospital.

## Open Bids Mar. 22 For New Highway To Water Valley

Bids will be received March 22 by the State Highway Department in Austin for construction of 10 miles of new paving leading southwest of Robert Lee.

It will be the first leg on a new road going to Water Valley and will be known as Farm to Market Highway No. 2034.

State funds will be used on the project, except for the right of way and fencing which was done at county expense.

Considerable relocation has been made for the route which takes off from Highway 208, a mile south of Robert Lee, and continues past the Fred McCabe place on the Divide.

H. L. Bailey of Sterling City is resident engineer in charge of the project for the Highway Department.

James A. (Whistle) Thomason, 31, was killed early Tuesday in a car accident near Spearman. Former well known Robert Lee resident, Mr. Thomason and his family had been living in Spearman the past year where he was employed by Baker & Taylor Drilling Co.

The fatal accident is thought to have occurred about 1:30 a. m. quite a distance out from Spearman on the Canadian road. "Whistle" had accompanied a friend, Bill Brandt, in the latter's pickup truck. Brandt was a radio and TV expert and had been called into the country to make some TV repairs.

Officers investigating the accident said the pickup ran off the road for some unknown reason and both men were thrown clear of the machine. Mr. Thomason was dead when help arrived. Brandt sustained serious injuries.

After learning of the tragedy several Robert Lee relatives left immediately for Spearman. They included Thomasons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Thomason, also Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Roberts.

The body was brought to Robert Lee early Wednesday and funeral services were set for 2 p. m. Thursday at the Robert Lee Methodist Church, with Rev. Warren Ellis officiating. Funeral arrangements and burial in Robert Lee cemetery were in charge of Clift Funeral Home.

Palbearers were J. W. Denman, Erven Escue, Bert Sheppard, John H. Escue, Neil Adkins and L. E. Higgins. Honorary pallbearers included Billy Bert Duncan, W. T. Bowen, L. C. Owens, Lawrence Ray Powell, Woodson Adkins and Paul Isbell.

James Austin Thomason was born in Robert Lee Jan. 3, 1924. He grew up in this community and served four years in the Navy during World War II. He married Jerry Mitchell of Bronte in March, 1946.

"Whistle" was industrious and honest and made a fine record in oil field construction work and hauling. He was employed a number of years by local firms and for the past two years had been a heavy duty truck operator for Baker & Taylor. After moving to Spearman the Thomasons bought a home of their own.

"Whistle" had a wide circle of friends who join in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Survivors include the wife and two sons, Craig, 4, and Jack, 3 years old; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. (Ned) Thomason of Robert Lee; and a brother, E. J. Thomason of El Paso. His grandmothers are Mrs. J. J. Yarbrough of Robert Lee and Mrs. S. E. Cook of Oxnard, Calif.

Mrs. Henry Payne of Clovis, New Mex., came in the last of the week for a visit with her father, Harve Wallace, and other kin-folks. In company with her father and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowrance she motored to Pecos on Monday for a visit with the Gilbert Wallaces.

# Wreck Fatal To Fred Campbell

Fred Campbell, 42, well known Robert Lee resident, was killed Sunday night in an auto wreck 13 miles south of Robert Lee on the San Angelo road.

The fatal accident occurred about 9 o'clock when Campbell's car failed to negotiate a highway curve. The machine plunged off the grade to the left and went through a fence.

Fred was thrown clear of the car but received injuries which apparently killed him outright. The body was taken to San Angelo and later returned to Clift Funeral Home in Robert Lee.

He was alone and was headed toward San Angelo. The car, a 1954 Ford sedan less than a year old, rolled over several times and was completely wrecked.

Funeral services held at 3 p. m. Tuesday at the Robert Lee Baptist Church were largely attended. Rev. James C. Shipman officiated. Burial was in the family plot at Sanco cemetery in charge of Clift Funeral Home.

John Frederick Campbell was born Aug. 27, 1912, on a farm north of Sanco. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Campbell. His father, who served as a county commissioner, died in 1942. His mother died in 1950.

As a young man Fred was active in sports and was a good baseball player. He engaged in well drilling and dirt moving and did considerable oil field work.

Two years ago he was seriously injured in an auto wreck a few miles south of town. For several weeks he remained unconscious, and it was a year before he was able to be up. He had not fully recovered from those injuries. Recently he had begun construction of a large egg laying house on his farm near Sanco.

Survivors are a brother, Otis H. Campbell of Robert Lee, and two sisters, Mrs. Leona Yarbrough of Abilene and Mrs. Laverda Lassiter of Ft. Worth. He was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe.



## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Most impressive statement I've heard in a long time was made recently by a well known Chicago news caster who said: "No one should complain about growing old. Many never had that privilege."

There's nothing like hard work. And wouldn't it be terrible if there was?

H. A. Springer of Bronte has completed 30 years of service with West Texas Utilities Co. He was the subject of a feature article in a recent issue of Electric Times, WTU magazine published for its employes. Mr. Springer was transferred to Bronte as local manager in 1940 after being stationel in Eden for ten years.

Somebody is always bringing up the argument that Coke County Memorial Hospital don't pay. Do you know of any other department of county affairs that makes money? And furthermore do you know of any other phase of county government that does as much good?

THE HARDEST TIME TO GET THE BABY ASLEEP IS WHEN SHE'S ABOUT 18.

If you are tired climbing—ask the fellow going down how he feels.

The matter of increased telephone rates has to be worked out, and it is aparent that our city officials are proceeding in a calm and peaceful manner. One thing certain is that company men, who have the unpleasant task of presenting the proposition, are entitled to fair treatment. They are gentlemen, and will so be treated in Robert Lee.

The Observer believes the maximum rates asked are so high they are almost prohibitive. We also feel that improvement of rural service is a "must" before any rate increases will be considered. We contend any and all promises,

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even though verbal, made by the old company should be binding on the successors.

Old Sturges (Shorty) wonders if there is any place to put a basement except under the building. Seems like he was referring to a news story in The Observer a couple of weeks ago.

THIS NEWSPAPER IS PRETTY CLOSELY READ. BELIEVE I'D HAVE AN AD EVERY WEEK IF I WAS RUNNING A BUSINESS IN ROBERT LEE.

## Askins Studies '55 Chevrolets At GMC School

Foy Askins recently attended the General Motors Training Center at Garland, Texas, to learn advanced automotive service techniques which he will use in his work at Vaughan Chevrolet Co., Robert Lee.

Mr. Askins spent three days at the Garland school, one of a nationwide network of training centers being set up by General Motors to keep employes of its car and truck dealerships abreast of new mechanical developments and service techniques.

A service manager with Vaughan Chevrolet Co. for seven years, Askins selected the 1955 Product course, taking advanced study in model changes.

Robert Vaughan, head of the company, said he sent Askins to the Garland center to give his customers the benefit of improved service techniques taught there.

The Garland training center, with more than 25,000 square feet of floor space, has eight specialized shop classrooms, for use by the Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, GMC Truck and Coach, Fisher Body and United Motors Service divisions of GM. Each division supplies a highly trained instructor for its courses at the center, which is managed by L. S. Kuehn.

GM officials expect a total of 5,000 mechanics to attend the center each year. Similar attendance is expected at other training centers when they are completed.

Harlow H. Curtice, president of General Motors, explained that the purpose of the centers is "to insure that the people who buy our cars and trucks will continue to receive efficient and satisfying service." He said that "the centers will make it possible for dealer service personnel to keep up to date on a systematic basis with improved service methods and technological advances such as air conditioning, power steering, power brakes and other major improvements."

TRY A WANT AD



SGT. T. C. COFFEY, JR.

## Coffey Returns To Air Force

Staff Sgt. T. C. Coffey, Jr. has re-enlisted in the Air Force for six years. He signed up Feb. 21 and will be stationed at Goodfellow Field at San Angelo.

He is a supply sergeant and will have quarters on the base for his family.

Coffey recently completed a 4-year enlistment and spent more than 2 years at a supply base in England. He married an English girl and they have one child.

Sgt. Coffey and his family returned to the States early last summer. He was stationed at Westover AFB in Massachusetts before getting his discharge last fall. He had been out of the service only 85 days when he re-enlisted.

## Elwood Snyder Took Part In Ft. Hood Drill

FORT HOOD, TEX. — PFC Lynn E. Snyder, whose wife, Johnnie, lives at 1803 W. 13th st., Odessa, Tex., is a member of the 4th Armored Division's "Aggressor Force," which recently held mock attacks on 1st Armored Division troops in an army training exercise at Fort Hood, Tex.

The "Aggressor Force" complete with a fictitious national history,

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government, language and military organization, gives regular units an opportunity to maneuver against a realistic enemy.

Private First Class Snyder, a mechanic with Headquarters and Service Company of the division's 553rd Armored Infantry Battalion is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Page, Robert Lee. He is due for

discharge this month upon completion of two years of army service.

Mrs. Lois Russell of Altus, Okla., is a guest in the homes of Mrs. J. E. Roane, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane and the O. B. Jacobs family. Mrs. Russell is a sister of the late Ed Roane.

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## NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS

Beginning with the March 25th meter reading rules will go into effect as set forth in an ordinance passed by the City Commission on January 25, 1955, and duly published in the Robert Lee Observer thereafter for two consecutive weeks.

By order of the City Commission of the City of Robert Lee, Texas.

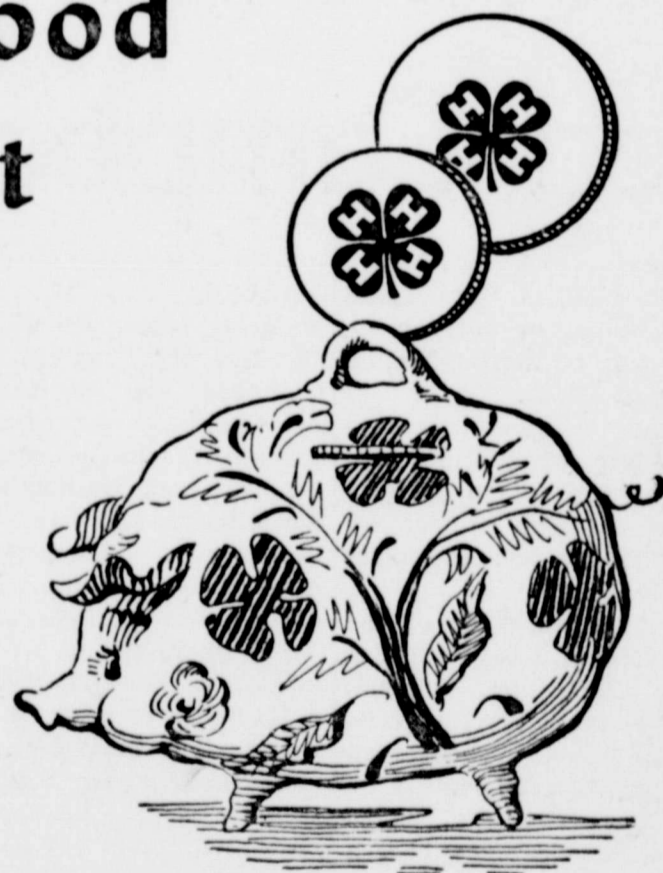
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## Two More Homes Start This Week In Robert Lee

Two more new residences were started here this week. They are being built for Foy Askins and his brother-in-law, Walter McGallian.

The sites are located across the street from each other in the north part of town. The Askins house is located on a lot purchased from Frank Dickey, while R. S. Crum formerly owned the McGallian lot.

Both houses will be constructed under GI loans and are in the \$10,000 to \$11,000 class. Contractor is J. C. Harvey & Son of Colorado City, who have built several houses here in recent months. They purchased their material from McDonald Lumber Co. and use local labor.

John S. Bruton is also negotiating for a GI home in the same locality. J. C. Harvey, Jr. said approval on the Bruton project was expected within the next week or two.

## County Agent's Column

### NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

National 4-H Club Week is an excellent time to examine the objectives and methods of this organization. The 4-H Club motto "To Make the Best Better" pretty well explains what we hope to do.

Through the years the 4-H club program has grown until it covers a wide field of activities. The idea being that almost every boy and girl should be able to find an activity in 4-H Club work which is of special interest to him. By encouraging him to study in the field where his natural interest is we hope to develop a better citizen.

Competition is the most important one stimulant to interest that we have and it also teaches a les-

son which helps prepare boys and girls for the adult years. Those of you who attended the County Livestock Show must have noticed that we had a fine group of boys and girls who showed a willingness to compete. The competition was on very high level. This is one of the finest lessons in club work.

We hope they learn to recognize the different types of livestock when they see them. We also hope they learn to tell when their livestock and poultry are doing good and when they are not, but most of all we hope they spend a good part of their spare time in a wholesome manner.

### CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 9.999 miles of Gr., Strs., Base & Surf. from SH 208 south of Robert Lee, southwest 10.0 miles, on Highway No. FM 2034, covered by P 2010-1-1, in Coke County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., March 22, 1955, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman or mechanic employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

Plans and specifications available at the office of H. L. Bailey, Resident Engineer, Sterling City, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

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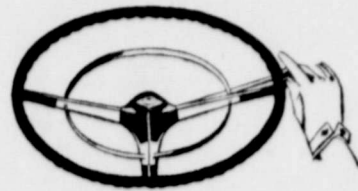
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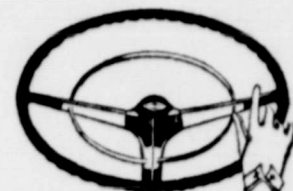
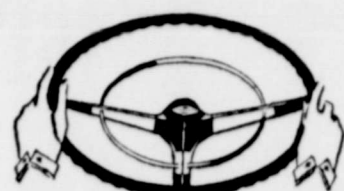
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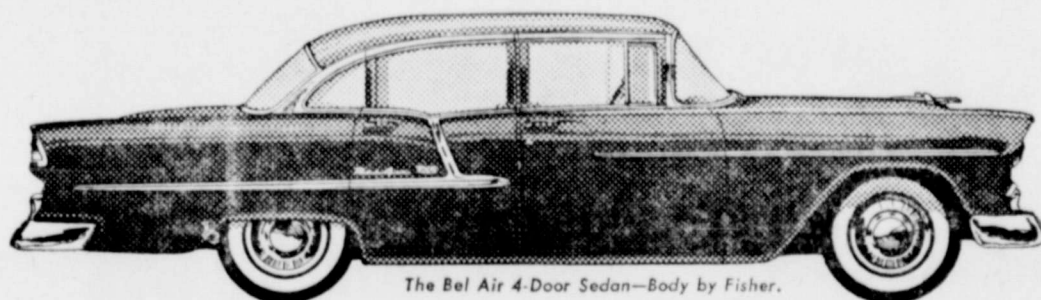
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STOKELY'S NO. 2½ CAN  
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 CABBAGE, Firm Green Heads - - - - - Lb. 5c  
 CARROTS - - - - - CELLO BAG 10c  
 GREEN ONIONS - - - - - 2 BUNCHES 15c  
**Spuds 10 lb. Mesh Bag 49c**

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SNOW CROP 10 OZ. PKG.  
**CHOPPED SPINACH** - 19c  
SNOW CROP 10 OZ. PKG.  
**GREEN PEAS** - - 19c  
SNOW CROP PKG.  
**CHOPPED BROCCOLI** - 19c

HORMEL LB.  
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J. A. BROWN



ALVIN JONES



CAROL JONES

### 3 Robert Lee Young Men At Lackland AFB

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas —(Special to The Observer) — Three Robert Lee young men are completing their Air Force basic military training courses at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

They are J. A. Brown, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, and Alvin 20, and Carol Jones, 18, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones.

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the site of Air Force military training for men and women, headquarters of the Human Research Center, and home of the USAF Officer Military School.

Basic military training prepares recruits for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

#### MOONBEAM 4-H GIRLS

Last Wednesday, March 2, the Moonbeam 4-H Girls met in the Science room of the new building. Mrs. T. M. Wylie and Mary Frances, her daughter, gave a demonstration on making a cabbage salad. Mrs. Faye C. Roe discussed with the girls several contests: Share the Fun, Milk Products, Vegetable Demonstration and the County Dress Revue.

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### Polio Shots For All Coke Pupils In Grades 1 & 2

Full cooperation with health officials in planning for possible polio vaccinations in Coke County elementary schools was pledged today by Jeff Dean, county superintendent of schools, following a meeting with doctors and school officials.

"If the Salk polio vaccine is found effective and is licensed, we will be prepared immediately to start vaccinating all children in the first and second grades of every public school in Coke County," said Judge Dean.

The vaccine will be furnished to Health Departments by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis without cost for the product. It will be part of a \$9,000,000 supply purchased with March of Dimes funds.

Judge Dean said meetings will be held shortly with principals and teachers concerned, to discuss with them details of the program. All plans must be finished in advance of the possible starting date for vaccinations.

Meetings for parents in elementary schools also will be held to explain the program. No eligible children will receive vaccine unless their parents first sign a form requesting it. These forms will be distributed through the schools on a date to be announced later.

It is necessary to get the program lined up as soon as possible. There will be three vaccinations and the first should be given early in April. With two weeks intervals it will be possible to complete the series by mid-May.

Dr. J. D. McDaniel of Robert Lee will be in charge of vaccinations for Robert Lee and Silver children, and Dr. John R. Harris will direct the vaccinations at Bronte.

Watch for more publicity next week.

#### 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.  
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## Heavy Footings In Prospect For New Court House

Excavating for the 40 x 75-foot basement of Coke County's new court house is about completed. A. Z. Sturges, construction superintendent, said pouring of concrete will start very soon, since a shipment of re-enforcing steel has arrived.

A total of 32 concrete pillars will be used as footings. Some of them are as large as 6 feet square

and will extend as deep as 9 feet under the basement floor. Earth formation at the building site discloses 8 to 10 feet of clay, a layer of dry sand, some gravel and then hard pan on which the footings are seated.

Suggs Construction Co. of Midland is the contractor. They announce a sub-contract for electrical work has been let to Westbrook Electric Co. of San Angelo. Tucker & Son of Big Spring has the sub-contract for heating, plumbing and air conditioning.

Wyatt C. Hedrick of Ft. Worth is the architect and is being represented on the project by J. P. McSwain of Abilene. Mr. McSwain will be on the job daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican were here for a weekend visit among relatives and friends. They attended the Rodeo in San Angelo Friday and the following day went to Odessa to visit Buddy's sister, Mrs. J. D. Blair, Jr., and family. Buddy has a good ranch job at Mountain Home near Kerrville.

Mrs. A. Z. Sturges was here from Midland a few days this week with her husband, who is superintendent in charge of construction of the new court house.

## Neels Moving To Arkansas Farm

D. A. Neel and son, Loran, are moving after the middle of the month to Arkansas where they have purchased an 86-acre farm at Velonia, 26 miles north of Little Rock.

The place has about 35 acres of grass and the remainder is farm land.

The Neel place at Edith, consisting of 70.9 acres, was recently sold to Lake Smith at a reported price of \$4,500. Loran advised The Observer they had disposed of the various items of machinery and equipment recently advertised, and they had nothing more to sell.

Mr. Neel came from Water Valley in the spring of 1937 and bought the Edith Store. That fall he moved the business to its present location, and a year or two later bought the 71-acre farm.

Bill Hardin has been transferred from Dallas to Amarillo where he will be manager. He has been with the concern seven years. Mrs. Hardin and daughter, Linda, spent ten days here in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker, Sr. while Bill was making the move.

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March 11, 1955

## NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the old city lake property, approximately 240 acres, is now open for offers on oil and gas lease. Persons interested may contact the City Secretary at the City Hall in Robert Lee, Texas.

By order of the City Commission.

**MRS. SAM JAY**  
City Secretary

## 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.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** — 3 large rooms, 3 piece bath, butane, just redecorated, 2 blocks from post office. — J. C. Strickland, 312 Iris, San Angelo.

### NOTICE

My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission.

—Fred McDonald, Jr.

**LOST** — Blue parakeet, child's pet, tame and talks. Answers to "Baby." Finder please notify Mrs. Ellison, Phone 46.

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

**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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**MY PLACE** north side of Robert Lee, for rent or lease; also 3 tractors for sale cheap. — Boyd Yarbrough, Rt. 2, Snyder. Phone 36129. 41w2p

**FOR SALE** — House to be moved. Very cheap. — Ellis Eubanks. 41tf

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 16 & 17  
 Walter Brooke, William Redfield in  
**"CONQUEST OF SPACE"**  
 (In Technicolor) Also Cartoon

**Silver Oil Field  
 Blaze Fatal To  
 Cecil Bentley, 24**

Cecil Bentley, 24, died late last Thursday at a Colorado City hospital from burns received the previous day in an oil well blaze. He was employed by the Halliburton Company which was engaged in treating a well for Stanolind on the Chappell lease, west of Silver.

The fire injured several others and caused extensive damage to the drilling rig and Halliburton equipment.

Funeral services for Bentley were held Saturday at Electra, his former home. Cecil was a truck driver and had lived in Silver two years. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Helen Dillard of Electra, whom he married last August.

Robert Cook, 30, of Winters, another victim of the explosion, underwent an operation for removal of his right leg Monday night. Three others who were badly burned are recovering.

**FUTURE HOMEMAKERS**

A group of Robert Lee Future Homemakers attended an area meeting in Big Spring Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5. During the sessions Cynthia Hall was elected president, and other area and state officers were chosen.

Representing Robert Lee chapter as voting delegate was Doris Sparks. Others attending were Sue Goodwin, Jeannie Brown, Nettie Bob Bell and Miss Dixie Taylor, the sponsor.

The group were overnight guests in the Crawford Hotel. They attended meetings Saturday before returning to Robert Lee that afternoon.—Janelle McGilvray, Reporter.

**JOHN C. HARVEY, JR., WEDS**

John C. Harvey, Jr. of Robert Lee and Miss Shirley Oliver, popular Colorado City young woman, were married Saturday night, March 5, in Weatherford. Mr. Harvey and his father are building contractors and have several projects under way here at this time. The young couple are living in a trailer house for the present, but expect to build a home soon in the S. R. Young addition in the west part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis B. Hicks are here from Hollywood, New Mex., while the former is assisting more Coke County people with their income tax returns.

**TUBB HOUSEWARMING**

A large group of friends and neighbors honored Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tubb with a surprise house warming Tuesday night. Hostesses were Mrs. B. B. Pierce and Mrs. Ethel Green. Mrs. Howard Eaton and Mrs. O. E. Kresta assisted in serving cake and coffee. The honored couple were presented with many beautiful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Tubb recently retired from their farm and are living in the former Roy Casey home which they purchased.

**BASEBALL WORKOUT**

Cold weather prevented baseball practice last week but a workout is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon if weather is favorable. Players and fans held a meeting Wednesday night, and enthusiasm was expressed over prospects of a crack Rabbit Twister club. Several new player possibilities are in prospect.

**TEACHERS CONVENTION**

All Coke County schools will be dismissed Friday of this week in order that teachers may attend the district convention in Brownwood. Robert Lee schools were scheduled to dismiss at 3 p.m. Thursday. Supt. B. C. Goodwin and some of the teachers planned to go to Brownwood for the Thursday night banquet.

Robert Strube suffered body injuries last Thursday when the car he was driving was struck by Mrs. J. S. Gardner's auto. The accident occurred near the H. C. Allen corner. Mr. Strube was hospitalized for three days. He is driver for Ard drilling Co. and resides with his family in Robert Lee.

Carl Grubenman and family came out from Dallas for a week-end visit with Mrs. Grubenman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. Mr. Smith is a medical patient in Coke County Memorial Hospital.

Gene Gibson has resigned as soil conservationist with the Coke County Soil Conservation District, after nearly a year in this county. He has taken a position with Tex Amonia, a fertilizer concern, and will be stationed in South Texas.

Mrs. Jett Hood and her son, Tommy, were in Fort Worth recently, where Tommy underwent a checkup. His physicians advised that he remain at home for six months before taking any treatment. Tommy's vision has not improved, but he has been relieved of headaches and is feeling much better.

**With Our  
 SUBSCRIBERS**

Recent new Observer subscribers are Mrs. L. M. Service, E. F. Henry, Roy Tinkler, Wilton Robertson and W. J. Humphrey of Robert Lee. Also Foy L. Moore of Bronte and C. C. McClusky of Silver.

Mrs. Mary J. Holman, sending a check for \$5.00 for a two-year renewal says she looks forward to the paper every week. She resides in Phoenix, Ariz., and has a new address which is 3235 East Willetta St.

Gilford Lords are back on the list. They recently moved from Midland to Stanton where they have bought a home.

Mrs. F. C. Hearrell is now getting The Observer as a gift from her mother, Mrs. J. N. Buchanan. The Hearrell address is 5421 Orange Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

A. A. Green of Grants Pass, Oregon, subscribed for The Observer when he recently made a visit to his old home town.

A change of address has been requested by Mrs. Lorene Stratford. She and her husband now occupy a new home in Pedro Valley, Calif., a suburb of San Francisco. Mrs. Stratford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fikes.

W. T. Cain made a short visit with former Robert Lee friends while on a recent trip to South Texas. He was reared in the Robert Lee community and now owns a successful automobile agency at Plainview.

W. D. Powers of Paducah is welcomed back on The Observer list of subscribers.

Mrs. R. E. Jay has ordered the Observer sent to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Blaylock, at Eldorado.

Mrs. Melva Winkler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman, writes that she and her husband are now living in their new home at 1452 North 18th in Abilene.

Mrs. Mary Gilmore is now in Ft. Worth after an extended stay here with her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Fields. She will receive The Observer as a gift from Mrs. Fields.

Commissioner Claude Ditmore of Precinct 4 is also a new reader of The Observer. While he is primarily interested in affairs in his own precinct, Mr. Ditmore also represents the entire county. In these days a Coke County Commissioner has many increased responsibilities.

Fagan Parker has sent The Observer as a gift to his mother, Mrs. Bell Parker, 2314 Chestnut St., San Angelo.

So that he will keep informed on the new oil development in the Robert Lee locality, Mrs. Roy Wyatt has ordered a year's subscription for her brother, John W. Richardson, 2109 Fernwood Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

If people will write a note when they send in their subscriptions this can be continued as a highly interesting column. It's worth a try and it's a good way to keep in touch with old friends.

**LOOKING FOR OIL**

Dear Mr. Kirk:  
 It finally dawned on us that we owe you some money. After all, we couldn't do without The Observer. Thanks for being so nice about sending it on. Will try to pay you on time next year. We are all fine and hope you are, too. Had flu at our house for a while. Incidentally, we're glad to see the oil companies wising up and drilling north of town. We may not have much good luck, but we're hoping. — Sincerely, Dora and Harold Springer, 230 East 5th, San Angelo.

Mrs. Paul Brown and Mrs. Marcus Turner of San Angelo visited Monday with their sisters, Mrs. F. C. Clark and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo.

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