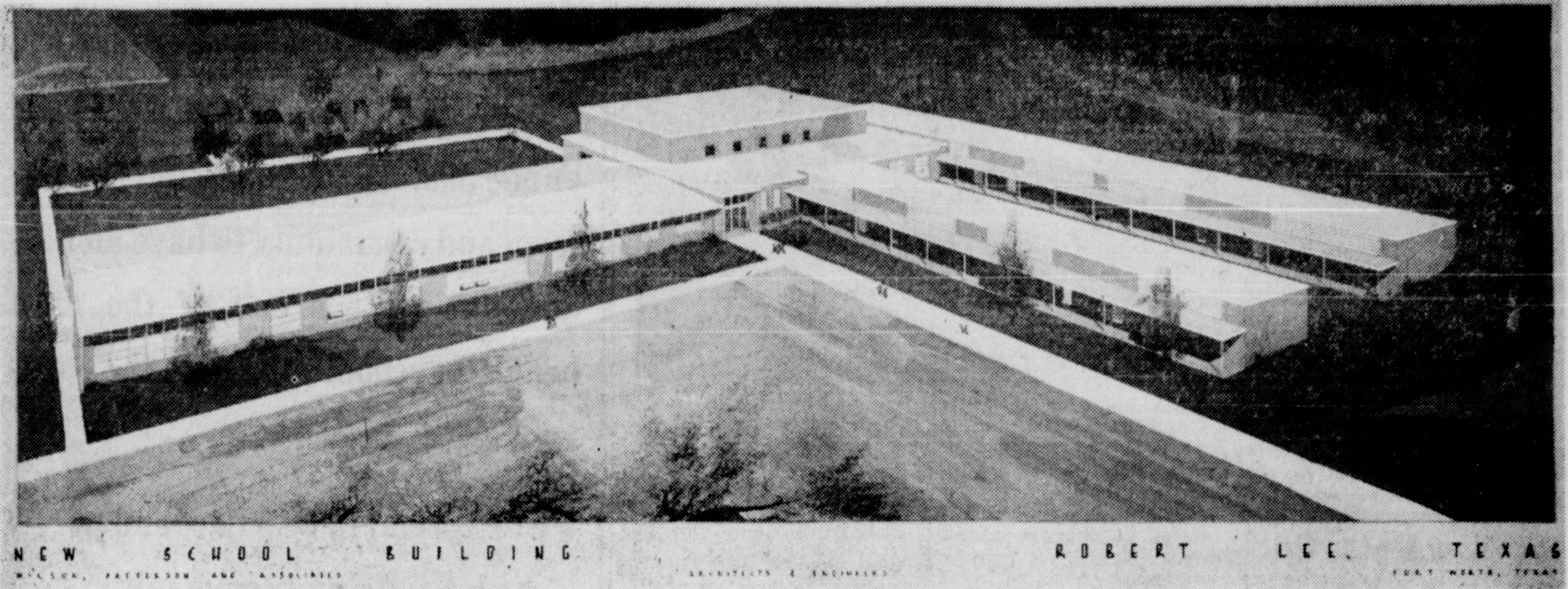


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NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

## Goodwin Tells School Progress For Robert Lee

In a talk before the Board of Community Development recently, Supt. B. C. Goodwin reported on various features of the new building and auditorium.

He said about \$2,000 remained from the \$295,000 bond issue, and trustees were considering removing the top floor of the old high school building and making it into a cafeteria.

Supt. Goodwin urged the public to come out Sunday for the open house and dedication program. Persons will be shown through the building all afternoon from 1 to 5 and the program is set for 2:30.

He was especially anxious for school patrons to inspect the improvements in the old elementary section which has been remodeled for a band hall and girls dressing room.

The new school facilities make it possible to take care of more pupils in future years. Goodwin said attendance had gained and two more teachers could be added next year. Sixty beginning pupils are in prospect for next September.

Supt. Goodwin urged everyone to be on hand Thursday night of this week to discuss a report published by the Texas Research League. Experts were hired by private industry to make a report on what's wrong and what's good with Texas schools. They made seven recommendations which will be discussed Thursday night.

### FURNISH EXTINGUISHERS

Chemical fire extinguishers for the new Robert Lee school building and auditorium were furnished by West Texas Fire Extinguisher Co. of San Angelo. Owned by Mrs. Tom Biggs, the company has supplied the Robert Lee schools with fire extinguishers for a number of years.

### CANCER CRUSADE

Coke County's Cancer Crusade has been delayed, but committees plan to make a canvass during the following week. A benefit ball game at Silver netted a good sum to the campaign, and nearly \$50 was raised in a game at Bronte last week. Coke County's quota for the Cancer Fund this year is \$500.

### SUNDAY BALL GAME

Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters play an exhibition game here Sunday at 3 p. m. against Colorado City. The Colorado City club failed to qualify for entry in the Concho Basin League, so this game will not count in the league standing.

## All Coke Pupils Get First Shots Of Polio Vaccine

Seventy-three pupils from the 1st and 2nd grades at Bronte received their first shots of polio vaccine Monday. Thirty-seven students from Silver and 70 from Robert Lee were inoculated last week. Only enough vaccine for 180 shots had been received, and this has been used.

Since there has been some delay in delivering vaccine for the second shots, Dr. J. D. McDaniel says schools will be notified when another supply is received. Second shots may be given from 2 to 4 weeks after the first.

All vaccine used in Coke County schools came from the Eli Lilly Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., and was approved by health authorities.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

April 21 — Carroll Bagwell dismissed.  
 April 22 — C. G. Walker, Mrs. Sam Fowler dismissed.  
 April 23 — Joe Dodson, Sr., Mrs. Curtis Walker, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard admitted. Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Susie Skipworth, Mrs. Sam Jay dismissed.  
 April 24 — Mrs. Sam Fowler, admitted. Mrs. Curtis Walker dismissed.  
 April 25 — Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Oleta Miller, Mrs. C. E. Mathers, Mrs. Roy Ross, Mrs. Franky Pedcivill admitted. Mrs. A. V. Sheppard dismissed.  
 April 26 — Mrs. Sam Williams, Dave King admitted.  
 April 27 — Mrs. H. E. Ivey dismissed.

# School Building To Be Dedicated

Formal dedication of the beautiful new Robert Lee school building and auditorium has been set for next Sunday, May 1. Open house is scheduled for the entire afternoon, beginning at 1:30. A dedication program begins at 2:30. All residents of the district and friends are invited to attend the ceremonies and inspect the results of the building program, which was made possible by taxpayers of the district who designated their approval of a \$295,000 bond issue on Dec. 17, 1953.

Many persons have not seen the new school plant as yet. Visitors will be shown through the building and refreshments will be served by the P-TA and BCD in the home economics building.

Houston Hill, Inc., of Midland recently completed the building contract and the plant was officially accepted by the school trustees on Feb. 18. Construction work started May 19, 1954. The school is for use of the children of the 262 mile area included in the Robert Lee Independent District.

The building, designed and supervised by Wilson, Patterson & Associates, architects and engineers of Fort Worth, is of a contemporary design, containing approximately \$255,000, including all fees.

It is built of non-combustible materials throughout with the exception of cabinet work, doors and trim. The foundation and floor slabs are reinforced concrete. Exterior walls are faced brick, trimmed in stone and backed up with aggregate concrete tile.

Interior partitions are also constructed of concrete tile with brick wainscoting in corridors and auditorium, and ceramic tile wainscots in rest rooms. Floors are covered with ceramic and asphalt tile throughout and ceilings are gypsum board covered with acoustical tile. The roof is framed in steel and covered with a gypsum deck and a 20-year bonded tar and gravel roof.

The new plant will house grades 1 through 12, inclusive, and is designed so that the High School is

in a separate part of the building from the Elementary School, and so arranged that each section will operate as a separate unit with the auditorium being common to both. There are eight elementary class rooms arranged in two wings with open porch corridors, allowing free travel to and from these grades without disturbing the rest of the school.

These rooms are also oriented to take advantage of the glare free north light, as well as the prevailing southwest breeze. The first grade rooms have individual rest room and cloak room facilities.

There are four general class rooms for High School and also a science room, a commercial department consisting of two rooms for bookkeeping and typing, a combination library-study hall, a visual education room for use of all grades, and an auditorium seating 504 people, complete with stage and dressing rooms.

The office of the superintendent and school board are located in the new building as well, and each unit of the school has its own office, teachers work room, book storage and rest room facilities. There is also a clinic room included in the building.

In addition to the cost of this structure, approximately \$8,000 was spent in remodeling the elementary wing of the old building to provide quarters for the band as well as a new dressing room for girls' physical education. New equipment was installed throughout the entire building at a cost of about \$30,000.

## BIRTHS

ALLEN — Mr. and Mrs. William H. Allen (Bobbie Burns) of Robert Lee are parents of their first child, a daughter born April 24 in Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo. Arriving at 8:08 p. m. Sterling Lynn weighed 8 pounds, one ounce. Grandparents are Mrs. Laura May Cole of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Allen of Robert Lee.

# Grant Higher Phone Rates in Robert Lee

Several months of discussions between Robert Lee city commissioners and General Telephone Co. of the Southwest ended the past week, with a two-step rate increase granted and a promise of dial service for Robert Lee.

In January, the company had asked rate increases in some cases of more than 100 per cent. They were granted interim increases up to 50 percent. Higher dial rates will go into effect when the system is installed.

Phone officials said dial equipment would be in operation on or before the end of the year. Interim rates became effective with the current month's billings.

Negotiations for the new rates and the date of establishment of dial service were completed at a commission meeting last Thursday night. Rates for Robert Lee are the same as agreed upon in Bronte recently. Bronte was promised a dial system by March 31, 1957.

A phone company spokesman said preliminary dial studies have been completed, but that extensive rebuilding of facilities within the

city and rural areas must be done before service can be established.

Rural lines where service is poor will not be affected by increased rates at this time. City officials refused to consider any kind of a raise in rates until rural lines were improved. Service is very bad on 9 of the 11 rural lines.

The agreement reached with the phone company is set out in an ordinance published in this issue of The Observer. In case the company does not live up to its agreement the ordinance can be rescinded.

Present, interim and dial phone rates for Robert Lee follow:

	Present Rates	Interim Rates	Dial Rates
<b>BUSINESS</b>			
One party	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$9.50
Two party	\$3.65	\$6.00	\$7.50
Extension	\$1.35	\$1.50	\$1.50
<b>RESIDENCE</b>			
One party	\$3.00	\$4.50	\$4.75
Two party	\$2.65	\$3.50	\$4.00
Four party			\$3.50
Extension	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Four party residence service will be offered with the establishment of dial service.			



LET'S LOOK INSIDE—Contractor Houston Hill opens a classroom door so school trustees can take a look inside. Left to right are F. M. Johnson, inspector, Mr. Hill, Wilson Bryan, Jack Cowley, Bryan Gartman, Bob Godwin, J. I. (Dusty) Rhodes, construction foreman, Architect Ed. Wilson and his assistant, Joe Cunningham, J. C. Harwell and T. R. McAden. The latter had a sub-contract for heating and plumbing.

## Set New Rates On Phone Service

### ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, The General Telephone Company of the Southwest has presented information indicating that present revenues at Robert Lee are not adequate, and

WHEREAS, application has been made for relief from this condition by an adjustment of its rates for local service, and

WHEREAS, under the conditions, said proposed schedule of rates appears to the City Council as reasonable and just, and necessary to insure continued expansion and improvement of telephone service to the citizens of Robert Lee, and

WHEREAS, General Telephone Company of the Southwest has undertaken to establish dial telephone service in the Robert Lee, Texas, exchange on or before December 31, 1956.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS:

Section 1: That the General Telephone Company of the Southwest is hereby authorized to place into effect on its first billing date following the passage of this ordinance, the following schedule

of rates for the present service and such other charges and rates for Miscellaneous Services as are included in its Texas General Exchange Tariff, a summary of which is attached:

Class of Service	Monthly Rates
<b>BUSINESS</b>	
Individual line service	\$4.50
Two party line service	\$6.00
Extension	\$1.50

<b>RESIDENCE:</b>	
Individual line service	\$4.50
Two party line service	\$3.50
Extension	\$1.00

Section 2: That the General Telephone Company of the Southwest is hereby authorized to place into effect the following schedule of rates upon the establishment of dial service.

Class of Service	Monthly Rates
<b>BUSINESS:</b>	
Individual line service	\$9.50
Two party line service	\$7.50
Extension	\$1.50

<b>RESIDENCE:</b>	
Individual line service	\$4.75
Two party line service	\$4.00
Four party line service	\$3.50
Extension	\$1.00

Section 3: That nothing in this Ordinance contained shall be construed as in any manner, now or hereafter, limiting or modifying the right and power of the City Council under the law to regulate the rates charged by the General Telephone Company of the Southwest for its service within the City of Robert Lee, Texas.

Passed and approved this the 21st day of April, 1955.

J. S. Ferrell  
Mayor, City of Robert Lee, Texas.

ATTEST:  
Mrs. Sam Jay  
City Secretary.

ATTEND THE SCHOOL DEDICATION, SUNDAY, MAY 1

### GRADE SCHOOL OPERETTA

Much interest is directed to the annual Operetta to be presented by Robert Lee grade school pupils next Thursday night, May 5. The musical production, entitled "Make Believe Magic," is a royalty piece and is said to be cleverly arranged. Pupils from the 1st through the 6th grades will take part in special costumes. Mrs. Jeff Dean, music teacher, is directing the operetta. Admission will be 20c and 35c and proceeds go to the P-TA for school improvements.

Joe Dodson, Sr. was re-admitted to Coke County Memorial Hospital on Saturday for further medical treatment.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To the faculty, board members and the citizens whose foresight and public pride made it possible for our town and community to have an adequate as well as one of the most beautiful school plants in the country.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To our old home town friends and neighbors on completion of their beautiful new school. We did the best we could in years gone by with what we could afford.

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## Preparation Of Wool Stressed At Field Day

Approximately 80 ranchers and members of local shearing crews attended the wool preparation field day held at Robert Lee Thursday, April 21.

The field day was planned by a committee of local ranchers who have been working with the county agent in an effort to plan a program which will enable Coke County ranchers to make more money out of their sheep.

The field day held Thursday stressed the importance of preparation of wool for marketing and as such represents only one phase of the program now in the planning stages. The planning committee consists of the following men:

Bill Bynum, Walter King, Carl Hurley, Le Drew Arrott, Bob White, Marvin Corley, J. W. Teague, Johnny Ruth, Cowley Harmon, Ed Ratliff, Gerald Allen.

Also Tom Wiginton, Nolan Pentecost, Joe Rawlings, Raymond Schooler, Ira A. Bird, Louis Bridges, Carl Munn, W. E. Burns, James Arrott and Ben Boykin, Jr.

Jim Gray, sheep and goat specialist with the Texas Extension Service, was the main speaker. He stressed the importance of keeping the wool clean which can be done by wetting down the shearing pen, keeping the shearing boards swept clean and protecting the bags from the dirt after they have been packed. The flat packed bag was recommended over the round backed bag because when the seam on the bag is opened, much more of the wool in the bag is immediately visible to the buyer and it has a more desirable appearance. The flat bag can be obtained by tromp-

ing only the seams and by placing two fleeces in the bag at a time on the seams.

Proper shearing was discussed at length. No one can do much with a fleece that was not sheared properly. The fleece should come off of the sheep in one piece and as free from double cuts as possible. Le Drew Arrott gave a shearing demonstration and numbers of local shearing crews sheared several sheep.

Gerald Allen of Robert Lee and C. E. Arrott of Bronte furnished 38 head of sheep for the demonstration. The sheep were divided into 4 groups before shearing and ranchers were asked to guess the total fleece weight of each group. David Key furnished prizes for the winners. The object was not especially to how accurate the estimates would be, but only if ranchers could determine the highest shearing groups accurately. James Arrott had closest esti-

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mates on two groups and St. George Tucker and Floyd Fancher won on the other two groups. Prizes for those who did not pick them up at the field day are available at Key Feed Store.

## Roswell Burial For Link Lofton

Services for O. L. (Link) Lofton, 50, former well known Robert Lee resident, were held last Thursday afternoon at Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell, New Mex. Burial was also at Roswell.

Mr. Lofton died at 9 a. m. Tuesday after a two days' illness. Word of his illness and death was forwarded to relatives by a friend of the family, Ed Clemmons, who resides in Roswell.

Owen Lincoln Lofton was born

at Robert Lee Dec. 12, 1904. He grew up in this community, but had been away most of the time for many years. "Link" spent several weeks in Robert Lee this spring, leaving here early this month.

His brothers, Glenn Lofton of Barstow, Calif., J. K. Lofton and wife of Blythe, Calif., and A. L. Lofton and wife of Robert Lee were in Roswell for the funeral. Also a son, Paul Lofton, who resides at Loving, New Mex.

Carolyn Kemp of Bronte won first in high school junior declamation last week at the interscholastic league regional contest in Brownwood. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kemp, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Sr., of Robert Lee.



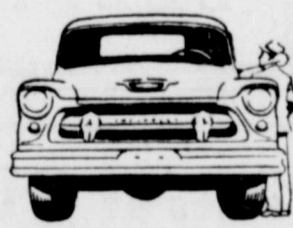
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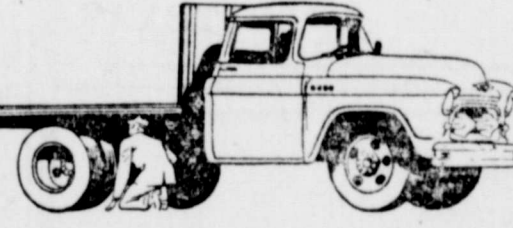
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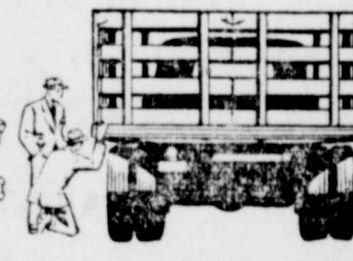
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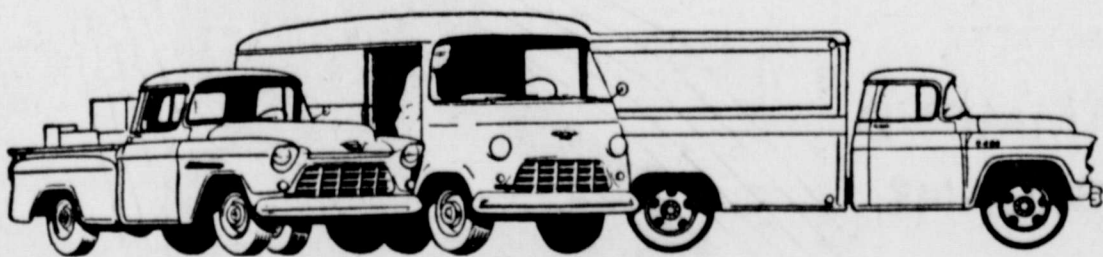
### 4 New 18,000 lb. max. G.V.W.!

Get this hefty capacity in new 2-tonners and get real savings on operating costs!



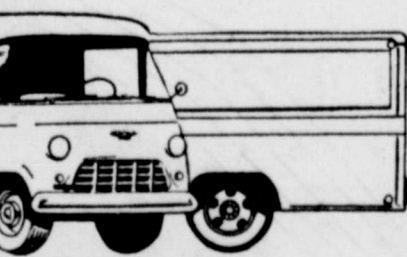
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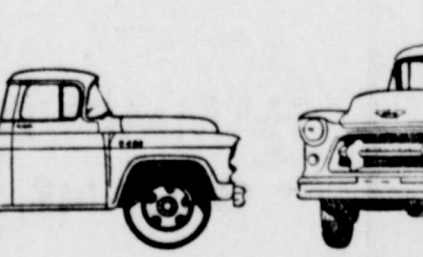
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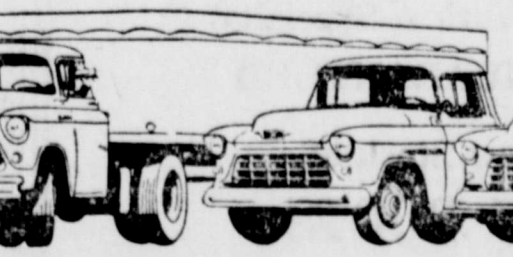
### 7 New Overdrive! Truck Hydra-Matic!

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**SIX SCHOOL BUSES IN USE**—A battery of six school buses are required to transport pupils to and from school in the Robert Lee Independent District. Reading from left to right the drivers are Jack Gray, P. E. Webb, M. E. Petross, Jack Brock, Mrs. Finis Harmon and Mr. Harmon. The first four are on the teaching staff, while Mrs. Harmon is in charge of the lunch room. Mr. Harmon is also bus mechanic and sees that they are serviced.

**HOUSE WARMING**

Fifty friends and neighbors gathered Tuesday night for a surprise "house warming" for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr. The event was planned by Mrs. Paul Burns, Mrs. Leon Byrne and Mrs.

Floyd Harmon. A variety of nice gifts for their home was presented to the couple. Punch and cookies were served and games and visiting were enjoyed. The Service family now reside a few miles southwest of Robert Lee on

the farm they purchased last year from A. B. Sheppard.

**PERSONALS**

Bobby Roberts came down from Spearman for a visit over the weekend with relatives. He is employed on a Baker & Taylor rig at Spearman, while his wife remained in Robert Lee where she is a member of the senior class.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Spears and Linda Kay and Miss Jean Owen of Odessa came down over the weekend to visit their grandmother, Mrs. T. E. Rives, Sr. The latter is living with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Trimble.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson and sons, Tommy and Jerry, of Pawhuska, Okla., were over night guests Monday in the home of Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave King. They came here from Odessa where they visited Harry's parents over the weekend.

First grade pupils, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Sam Powell and a number of mothers, enjoyed a sight seeing trip in San Angelo Wednesday. They took lunches and held a noon picnic in the park.

Mrs. Mabel Williams has shown some improvement the past week. She has been hospitalized some time from critical illness following a stroke.



**SHINING CORRIDORS**—Custodian Sam Fowler is shown at work in one of the new school corridors. This view was taken in the high school wing with new steel lockers lining both sides. Mr. Fowler is doing a good job but will have to have some help from now on.

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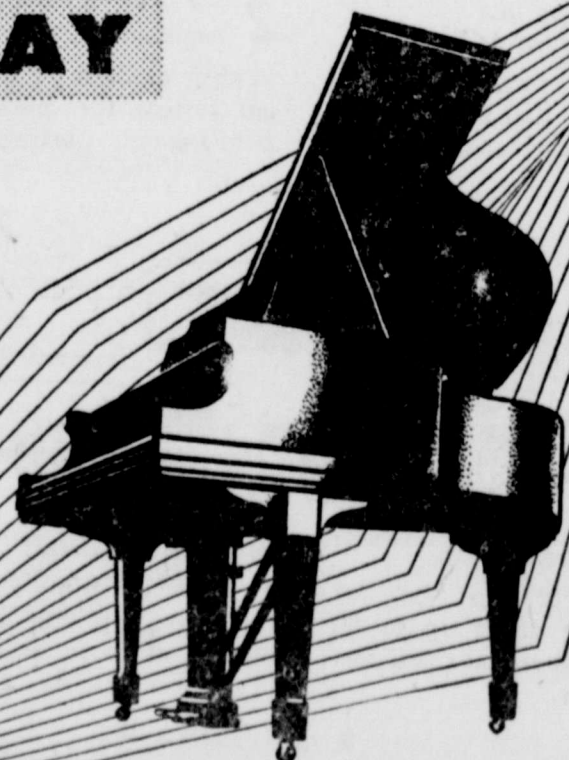
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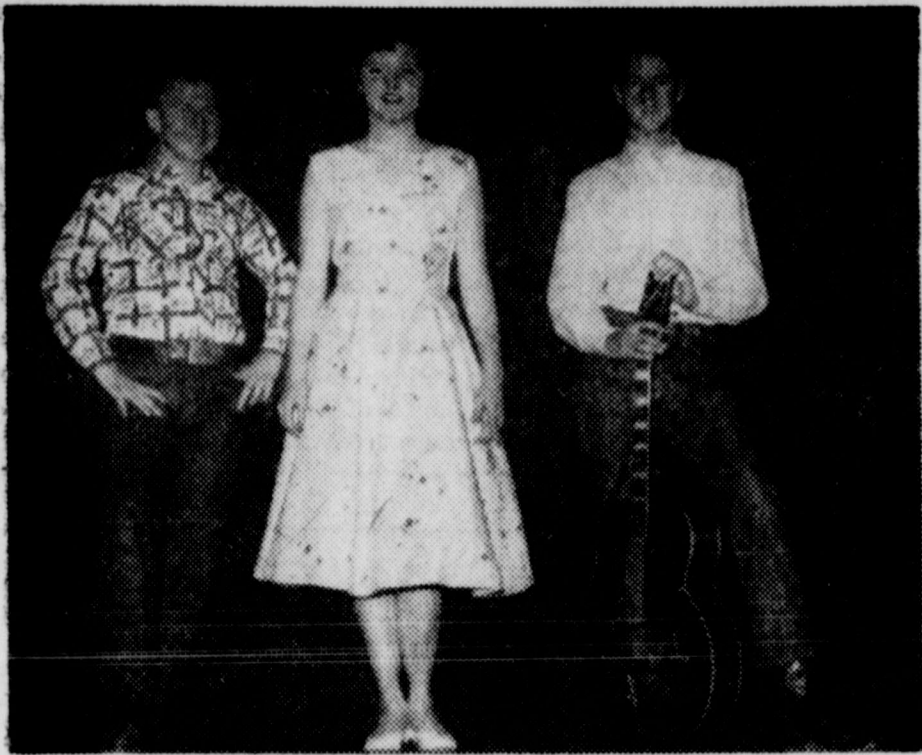
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**SILVER ENTERTAINERS**—Pictured above are Jerry Jameson, Patty Sue Gallier and Charles Kennedy, a trio which performs under the name of The Silver Stars. (Story on another page.)

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Sam Jay resumed her duties as City Secretary Monday after a week's illness when she was treated at Coke County Memorial Hospital. During her absence Mrs. Mitchell Davis was in charge of the office.

Mrs. Henry Payne arrived Friday from Clovis, New Mex., for a two weeks' visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends. She is a daughter of Harve Wallace.

### Hayrick Lodge

No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.

R. H. GODWIN, W. M.  
H. S. LEWIS, JR., Sec'y.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and daughter, Mrs. Lavelta Diemert, notored to Portales, New Mex., for a weekend visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Martin and family. They experienced worse dust in the Portales area than was prevalent in Coke County.

Genie Baker returned to his store Monday and is well recovered from serious burns received three weeks before in a butane explosion at one of his tourist cabins. Accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, Genie drove to Clyde last Thursday to visit his parents.

Mrs. Lillian Caraway and children, Zella and Tommy, spent Sunday in Big Spring with the former's mother, Mrs. R. M. Williams.



## Notes From The Oil Field

Kewance 1 Byrd, still a location. Delaware Drillers, Inc., San Angelo, has the drilling contract. The location is on W. G. Byrd instead of C. N. Byrd as stated in The Observer last week.

Murray 1 Lee, still a location. Murray Mims, 2,635 feet in shale with lime streaks.

Plymoth 1-230 Millican, 4,465 feet in shale and lime.

Seaboard 1 Roe, 7,170 feet in lime.

## Coming Events

### Robert Lee Public Schools

April 29 — Band takes part in Interscholastic Contest at Abilene.  
May 1 — Dedication of new School and Auditorium.

May 5 — Mrs. Jeff Dean presents operetta. Sponsored by PTA.

May 13 — Junior-Senior banquet.

May 15 — Baccalaureate Sermon.

May 20 — Commencement.

May 23 — Eighth grade Graduation.

May 25 — Last day of School.

Jerome Sheppard began work this week as a mechanic in the Vaughan Chevrolet Co. shop. Jerome has been working on a drilling rig for a number of years.

## 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

**FOR SALE** — 1940 school bus, new Ford V-8 motor, venetian blinds, gas range, suitable for living quarters, \$350. Inquire at Observer office. 49w3p

**WELDING SHOP** — Now open in the Millard Meek building near Mac's Grocery. Bring in your farm and ranch work. Open every day except when I am in the oil fields. All kinds of welding. — C. C. JOHNSON, Robert Lee, Texas. 48w2p

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**Flour** **\$1.65**

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**Coffee** **79c**

JACK SPRAT

2 CANS

**Pork & Beans** **19c**

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**CORN, 12 Oz. Can - 2 for 27c**

ADAMS

**ORANGE JUICE, No. 2 - 2 for 29c**

SLAB

**Bacon** **lb. 43c**

MIDWEST

**Bacon** **lb. 43c**

LONGHORN

**Cheese** **lb. 43c**

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State No. 1684

Report of Condition of

### Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business April 11, 1955.

A state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by Federal Reserve Bank of this district.

#### ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection.	337,263.55
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	493,050.00
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	134,986.00
Corporate stocks (including \$2,550.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	2,550.00
Loans and discounts (including \$554.56 overdrafts)	429,908.16
Bank premises owned \$1.00; furniture and fixtures \$1,768.08	1,769.08
Other assets	357.65
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,399,884.44</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,154,666.86
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	9,437.17
Deposits of states and political subdivisions	92,701.95
Deposits of banks	40,079.43
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc)	6,102.50
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$1,302,987.91</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,302,987.91</b>

(Not including subordinated obligations shown below)

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	35,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	9,396.53
Reserves (and retirement account for pref. capital)	2,500.00
<b>Total Capital Accounts</b>	<b>96,896.53</b>

**Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts** 1,399,884.44

This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$35,000.00.

#### MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 333,325.00

I, T. A. Richardson, vice president and cashier of the above named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. T. A. Richardson.

Correct-Attest: G. C. Allen, L. C. Ivey, Victor Wojtek, Directors.

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of April, 1955.

Frank C. Dickey, Jr., Notary Public

**LEGAL NOTICE  
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: John H. Brunner, defendant, and the Unknown Heirs and/or LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES of each of the following named defendants, deceased: Mrs. Lou Whiteside; W. C. Whiteside; Leah Hubbard and her husband, Ralph Hubbard; Marcel Jensen Whiteside; Elmer F. Whiteside; J. C. Whiteside; Mamie White and her husband, Pat White; Mrs. James R. Dougherty and husband, Dudley T. Dougherty; John H. Brunner; Leah Hubbard; Ralph Hubbard; Mamie White, Pat White; Mrs. James R. Dougherty; and Dudley T. Dougherty, defendants. GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs' Petition filed in this suit, such appearance to be made at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, said time for appearance being Monday the 6th day of June, A. D., 1955, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Coke County, Texas, at the Court House of said Coke County in Robert Lee, Texas.

Said Plaintiffs' Petition was filed in said court on the 21st day of April, A. D., 1955, in this cause, numbered 2030 on the docket of said court, and styled Ollie Christensen et vir, et al, Plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. Lou Whiteside et al, Defendants, wherein Ollie Christensen; E. G. Christensen; Ester Hawkins; J. Les Hawkins; Lois Hill; W. O. Hill; Vivian Griffin; Dewey Griffin; Erma Folley, H. S. Folley; Jewel Malone; V. D. Malone; Imogene Simpson; Oren Simpson; Elton Gilliland; and John A. Coffee, are plaintiffs, and said named defendants and said UNKNOWN HEIRS and/or REPRESENTATIVES, are defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit and the claim of the plaintiffs therein are as follows: to-wit:

Plaintiffs sue in trespass to try title for continued possession and for fee simple title to land in Coke county, Texas, hereinafter described, and for cancellation of instruments inwriting of record and through, and by which defendants claim interests, though neither of the said defendants has right, title or interest in or to said land, as

is more fully shown by plaintiffs' petition on file in this suit.

Said land is all of the North One-half of the Southeast Quarter of Section No. 287, in Block 1-A, of the H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

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

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at my office in Robert Lee, Texas, this the 21st day of April, A. D. 1955.

Attest: Weldon Fikes, Clerk of the District Court, of Coke County, Texas.

By Winnie Waldrop, deputy (Seal)

Publish Apr. 29, May 6-13-20.

**Silver Group  
In Demand As  
Entertainers**

The Silver Stars, a trio of young people residing at Silver, are making quite a reputation in the entertainment world. They performed for the Production Credit Ass'n stockholders in Sweetwater April 20 in the morning and that night appeared on a program of the West Texas Pharmaceutical convention at Cactus Hotel in San Angelo.

Last Saturday the Stars took part in the Jaycee Carnival in Colorado City. They have made a number of appearances and have received invitations for several future engagements, one of which is in Snyder.

The group includes (left to right) Jerry Jameson, Patty Sue Gallier and Charlie Palmer. Their specialties are pantomime numbers and impersonations. Jerry was the first to enter the entertainment field when he appeared twice on T-V in December. Patty Sue joined him in January and Charlie in February.

Patty and Jerry are students in the Silver school, while Charlie attends junior high in Colorado City. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gallier, Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Jameson and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Palmer.

Bob Edwards of Silver made the above photo.

**JUDGE STILL IN HOSPITAL**

Judge Jeff Dean remains at M. D. Anderson research hospital in Houston where he is undergoing extensive examination. In a phone call to Mrs. Dean Tuesday night, Jeff said all medication had been dispensed with while blood tests were being made, and that he was experiencing a lot of pain and discomfort. The Dean family's many friends are in hopes that the cause of his ailment will be found and a successful treatment may be prescribed.

**Soft Ball Game  
For Cancer Fund**

The first soft ball game of the season in Robert Lee has been scheduled for next Monday night at 8, when Bronte and Robert Lee all-star teams will compete in a contest for benefit of the Cancer Crusade which is now underway.

Howard Varnadore is rounding up the Robert Lee club and expects to have a strong lineup.

Some repairs and improvements on the lighted field will be taken care of the latter part of the week, and other games will be scheduled for the near future.

Persons attending the opening game Monday night will be asked to donate to the Cancer Fund.

Dave King received a bad foot wound Tuesday evening when he stepped on a rusty nail at his home north of Edith. He is being treated at the hospital here.



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## SILVER NEWS

### FIRST BALL GAME

Sun soft ball team opened the season here Monday night, winning from the Bronte All-Stars by a score of 11 to 9. Silver was behind several scores until the sixth inning when Johnny Stewart put the game on ice with a home run with the bases full.

Nathan Corbell hurled for Silver and Stewart was behind the plate. Bronte used five pitchers. The game was played as a benefit for the Cancer Fund.

### SCHOOL BANQUET

Seventh and eighth grade pupils were honored with a banquet at the school lunch room last Thursday night. The affair was sponsored by Miss Violet Brown, Mrs. O. W. Newell and Mrs. Charles Kennedy. School trustees were guests. Decorations were carried out in a gypsy theme.

The welcome address was given by Peggy McCallie, with a response by Hale Kincaid, board given by Bob Edwards, school board secretary. Several selections were sung by a quartette composed of Linda Dean, Robbie Dean, Susan Hughes and Sandra Higginbotham, with Mrs. Jake Higginbotham as accompanist.

### GOODWILL DINNER

The Colorado City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a goodwill trip to Silver Friday night, when they have invited everyone at Silver to be their guests at a dinner. Methodist ladies will serve the banquet at the school house and from 600 to 800 persons are expected. Later in the evening entertainment will be provided at Sun Recreation Hall.

R. D. Allen underwent major surgery last Friday at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. He was transferred there after several days of treatment and examination in Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee. Latest word indicates that Mr. Allen is comfortable and that his condition is good.

W. A. Preston, Sun pumper, underwent surgery last week at a San Angelo hospital. He is making a good recovery and returned to his home here the first of the week.

C. G. Walker returned to his work Tuesday as a Sun pumper after being a medical patient for ten days in Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee.

Mrs. C. E. Mathers entered the hospital in Robert Lee Tuesday evening for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson of Silver have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Jean, to Joe Russell Ash, son of Joe H. Ash of Bronte. The couple will be married June 3 at the ranch home of the bride's parents near Silver.

Robby Mack Tunnell has returned to his work at the Jameson gasoline plant after a two weeks' vacation. He and his family spent the period with relatives at Van.

Mrs. Billy Ray and daughter, Elizabeth, left Tuesday for a month's stay with relatives at Baxterville, Miss.

Norman, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Butcher, underwent a tonsilectomy Saturday at a San Angelo clinic.

Mrs. J. A. Bryant has returned to her home in Haynesville, La., after a week's stay here with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Gilbert, and family.

Mrs. D. M. Perkins of Wichita Falls has concluded a visit here in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Shimer, and family.

J. D. Duplissey, former Sun Pipeline foreman here, was a Silver visitor Tuesday. He is now assistant general superintendent

with headquarters in Beaumont. He came here with Thurman Green, Sun Pipeline safety director.

Ed Taylor attended a Sun Pipeline Employees Association meeting in Corpus Christi last week. He left this week for a similar meeting in Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shoemaker are parents of a daughter, Emily Lynn, born April 18 in Delhi, La. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. The family has an older daughter and a son. Mr. Shoemaker is a Sun roustabout derrickman at Silver.

Randy Sausser, Sun roustabout, enjoyed a week's vacation last week and visited his fiancee in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Evans and son, Larry, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., came last week to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen. Mrs. Evans remains here, while her husband and son returned home Sunday.

Serving as members of the petit jury panel in federal court at San Angelo this week were Carl Brock, Melvin Childress and J. D. Boykin.



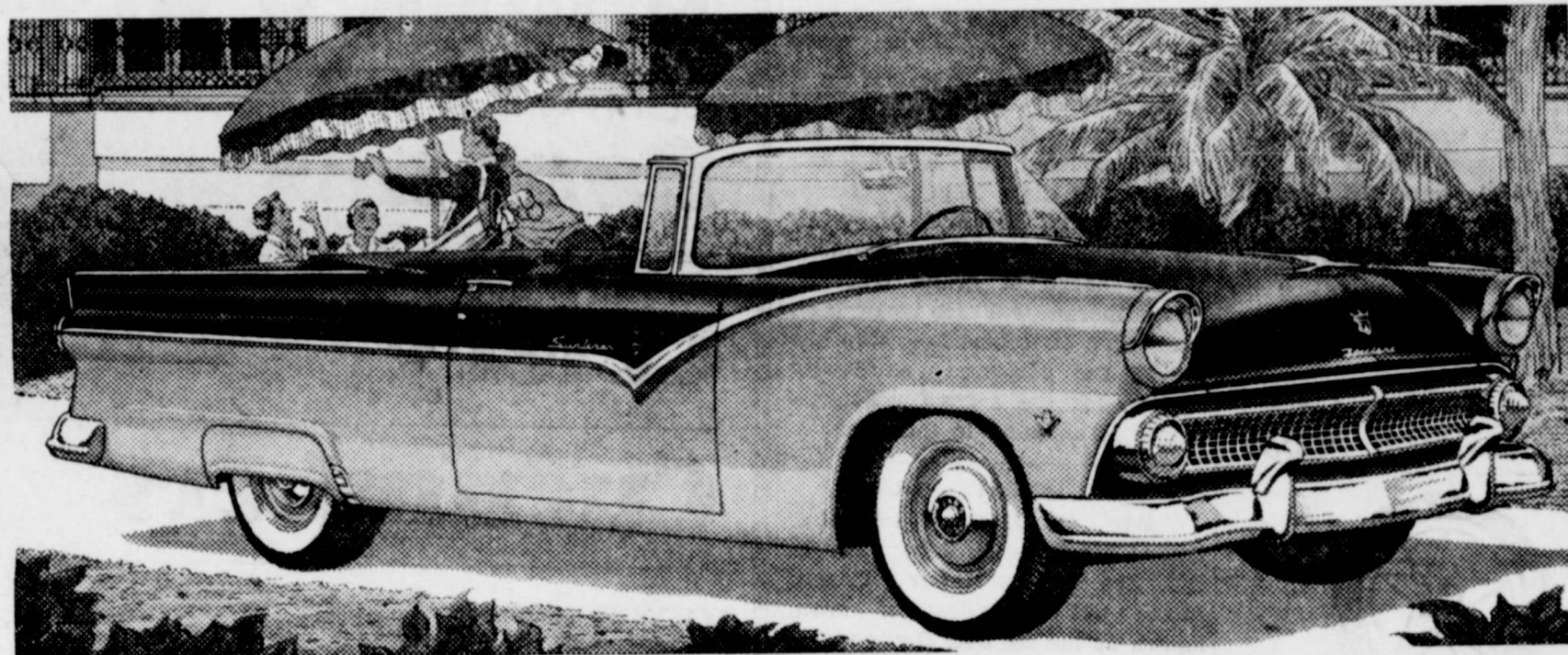
JUST LOOK AT THAT!—Houston Hill poses in front of the new Robert Lee school building with others who were active in the project. Left to right are Hill's foreman, Dusty Rhodes, Supt. of Schools B. C. Goodwin, Ed Wilson, Hill, T. R. McAden, Joe Cunningham and F. M. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Yarbrough and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker of Bronte returned Sunday from a few days stay in East Tex-

as. They visited the ladies' father, who is critically ill in a Greenville hospital where he underwent major surgery a few weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton of

Comanche visited here Sunday with their uncle, Joe Dodson, Sr., and their sister-in-law, Mrs. Howard Eaton. The former is postmaster at Comanche.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**—Many extra meetings and long hours were devoted to the building program by the school trustees. They have done a good job and saw to it that the district got full value for money spent on buildings and equipment. Left to right are A. V. Sheppard, Supt. B. C. Goodwin, Bob Godwin, Wilson Bryan, president, Raymond Schooler, Jack Cowley, secretary, and J. C. Harwell. Bryan Gartman, board vice-president, is not in the picture. Messrs. Sheppard and Harwell have retired from the board after a number of years of outstanding service. They have been succeeded by Will Percifull and Bert Blaylock. The board has its own meeting room and they are shown above sitting around their large table.

**Co-Ops Escape Paying Taxes**

An interesting film showing the inequality of federal taxes was shown here Wednesday by Maurice Nixon, manager of Western Cotton Oil Co. of San Angelo. The program was sponsored by the BCD and its program chairman, Fred McDonald, Jr. Following a luncheon at Henry's Barbecue BCD members went to the high school auditorium to view the interesting movie. A large group of high school students were also present.

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The film is sponsored by the Public Information Committee of the Cotton Industry. It points out how cooperatives and other concerns compete with private industry but under present laws do not have to pay their just share of taxes.

**OES FRIENDSHIP NIGHT**  
Robert Lee Chapter Order of Eastern Star entertained visitors from 13 surrounding chapters at a Friendship Night observance Thursday night of this week. A buffet supper was scheduled for 7 o'clock at the chapter hall. Special guests expected were Mrs. Thelma Bennett of San Angelo, district grand deputy, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Hughes of Mertzon, member of the board of grand trustees. The gathering will also honor Mrs. Ione Allen of Robert Lee, who has served the past year as deputy matron for the section which includes 14 chapters in this area.

**REAL ESTATE TRADE**  
Calvin (Buckles) Sparks has traded his home in Robert Lee to Bill Roe for the latter's 67-acre farm, just southwest of town, known as the old Jeff Davis place. The families exchanged homes this week. Mr. Sparks will continue in the plumbing and air conditioning business he started recently. He will make some repairs on his farm home and hopes to do some irrigation farming another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley were happy to have six of their children and most of their grandchildren with them for a reunion last Sunday.

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# Dedication

**Robert Lee School Building**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2:30 P. M.**

## Program

High School Band .....	Jack Gray, Director
Invocation .....	Rev. Warren Ellis Pastor Robert Lee Methodist Church
Welcome .....	Bob Vaughan
Introduction of Guests and Recognition of Former Board Members .....	B. C. Goodwin Superintendent of Schools
Introduction of Board Members .....	Weldon Fikes
The Bridge Builder .....	Owen Cosgrove Minister Church of Christ
Dedicatory Address .....	Mr. W. T. Walton Vice-President Hardin-Simmons University
Benediction .....	Rev. James Shipman Pastor First Baptist Church
Ushers .....	Senior Boys

**Common Schools Consolidated to Make  
 Robert Lee Independent School**

Valley View	Graham Valley	Green Mountain
Lometa		Sanco
Wildcat	Paint Creek	
	Friendship	



W. T. WALTON

### Walton Speaker At School House Dedication May 1

ABILENE — (Special to The Observer — W. T. Walton, vice-president of Hardin-Simmons University, will give an address at Robert Lee May 1 at the dedication of Robert Lee's new school building. Walton is recognized as one of the top public speakers in the Southwest.

He is active in religious and civic activities of the University, Abilene and West Texas.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Dean Walton attended the University of Texas Law School, received a degree from the Yale Divinity School, and has done graduate work at the University of Texas.

He was president of Ranger Junior College from 1935 to 1941. At Hardin Simmons University, he has also served as business manager, assistant to the president, and has worked as a member of the Bible and Education departments.

## CONGRATULATIONS—

To the good people of Robert Lee School District on their fine new building



## A FINE IMPROVEMENT

We join other residents of the Robert Lee School District in expressing our gratitude over completion of our beautiful new building and auditorium. All of us are proud of this wonderful improvement.

**ALAMO THEATRE**

# GOOD SCHOOLS Are Highly Important

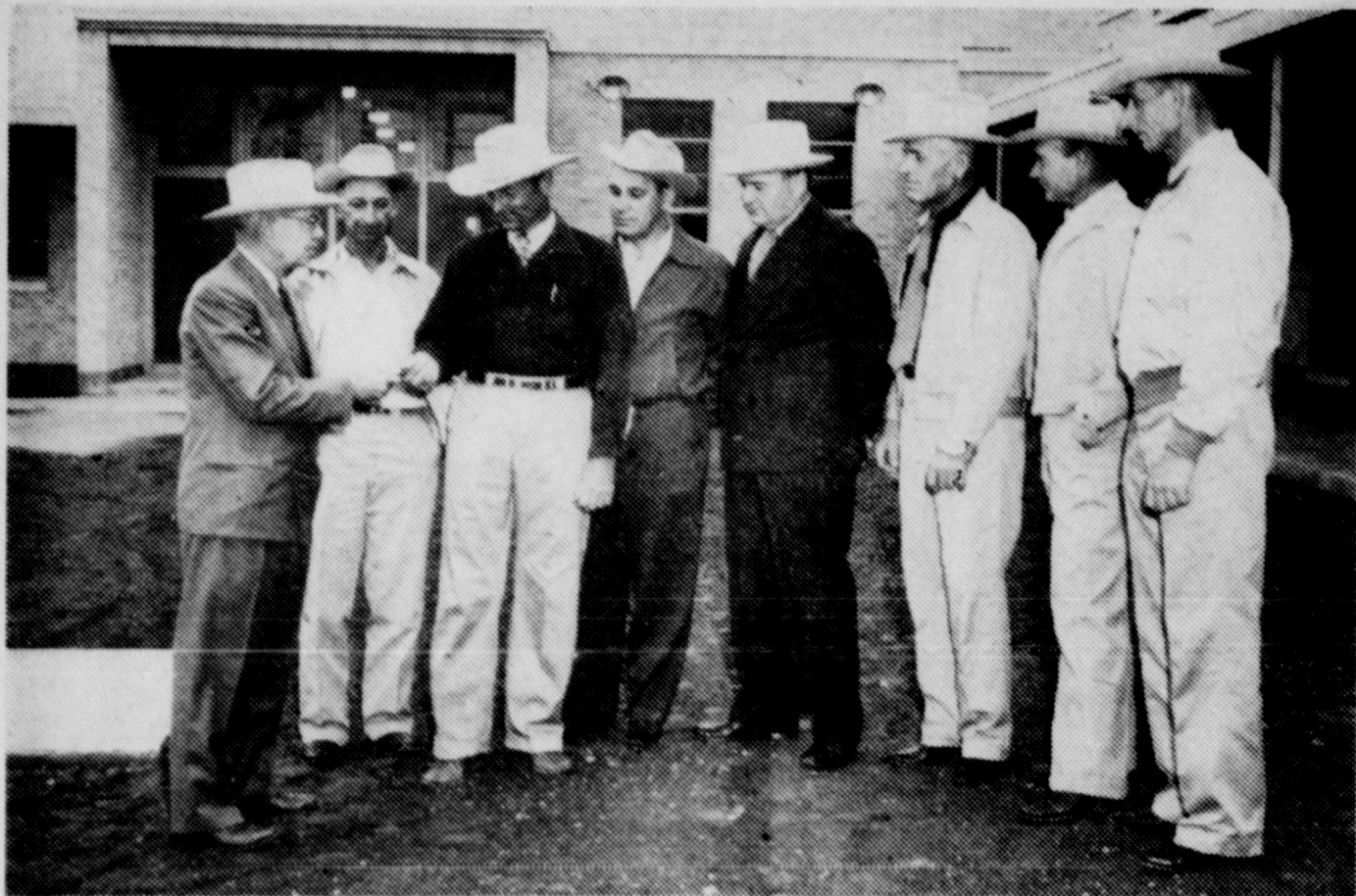
A good school ranks along with good Churches and good Homes as the backbone of a community. The Robert Lee School District is proud of the beautiful new school plant which was recently completed and will be dedicated May 1.

In 1948 the assessed value of the district was \$1,508,518 when tax collection amounted to \$22,187. Due to consolidations and oil development the taxing value jumped to \$4,642,887 in 1954 and \$67,089 was collected in taxes.

The new school building and auditorium may rightfully be considered one of the community's most important assets.

## Robert Lee State Bank

Capital and Surplus \$85,000.00



TURNING OVER THE KEY—Contractor Houston Hill hands key to new school house to Board President Wilson Bryan as other school board members look on. The building was accepted by the trustees on Feb. 18. Left to right are Hill, Raymond Schooler, Bryan, Jack Cowley, A. V. Sheppard, Bryan Gartman, Bob Godwin and J. C. Harwell.

### Westbrook Did Electric Work On School House

One of the principal sub-contractors on the new Robert Lee school was Westbrook Electric Co. of San Angelo, who did the wiring and installed electric fixtures.

Lighting throughout the entire plant is furnished from 3-ring incandescent bulbs, surrounded by a silver bowl which gives an indirect

lighting effect. The San Angelo firm also installed a clock and bell system to all rooms.

Buster Ficklin served as Westbrook's foreman on the school house job, and will also be in charge of wiring for the new Coke County court house where Mr. Westbrook has the electric contract.

Mr. Dudley Westbrook was employed 20 years by West Texas Utilities Co. before he engaged in the electrical contracting business for himself ten years ago.

He has a number of projects go-

ing at this time including the new \$400,000 Tejas Motel in San Angelo, Meade's Bakery, San Angelo College science building, school additions at Rio Vista, Crockett, Santa Rita and San Jacinto, National Guard Armory, new Presbyterian churches in San Angelo and Sterling City and a new school plant in Big Lake.

Mr. Westbrook employs 12 men and has six light trucks.

ATTEND THE SCHOOL DEDICATION SUNDAY, MAY 1

### New School Has Built Up Roof Of Asphalt & Gravel

West Texas Roofing Co. of Big Spring had the roofing contract on the new Robert Lee school. The roof applied here was a built up asphalt and gravel, and is one that will give many years of service. It has a long guarantee.

The firm also was employed to put new roofs on the old elementary wing which has been turned into a band hall, and the gymnasium.

H. D. McElrath is owner of West Texas Roofing Co. which specializes in built up roofs for schools and industrial buildings, and also constructs all types of residential roofs.

### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cox have received word that their son, Ted, is shipping out from Fort Bliss on Saturday for duty in Germany. He has been in the service four months, and after completing basic training was assigned to the Anti-Aircraft Artillery at Ft. Bliss.

In renewing their subscription recently, Mrs. J. D. Blair, Jr. of Odessa writes: "We always enjoy the paper very much."

Mrs. J. W. Denman and son, Mike, returned Monday to their home at Spearman after a weeks' visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends. She reports that J. W. continues to improve and is working again.

### Terrill Mfg. Co. Sold Millwork For School House

All doors, cabinet work and interior wood trim used in the new Robert Lee school house was furnished by Terrill Manufacturing Co. of San Angelo.

The company does all its work in its San Angelo plant. The finished product is then delivered to the job where it is installed by the general contractor.

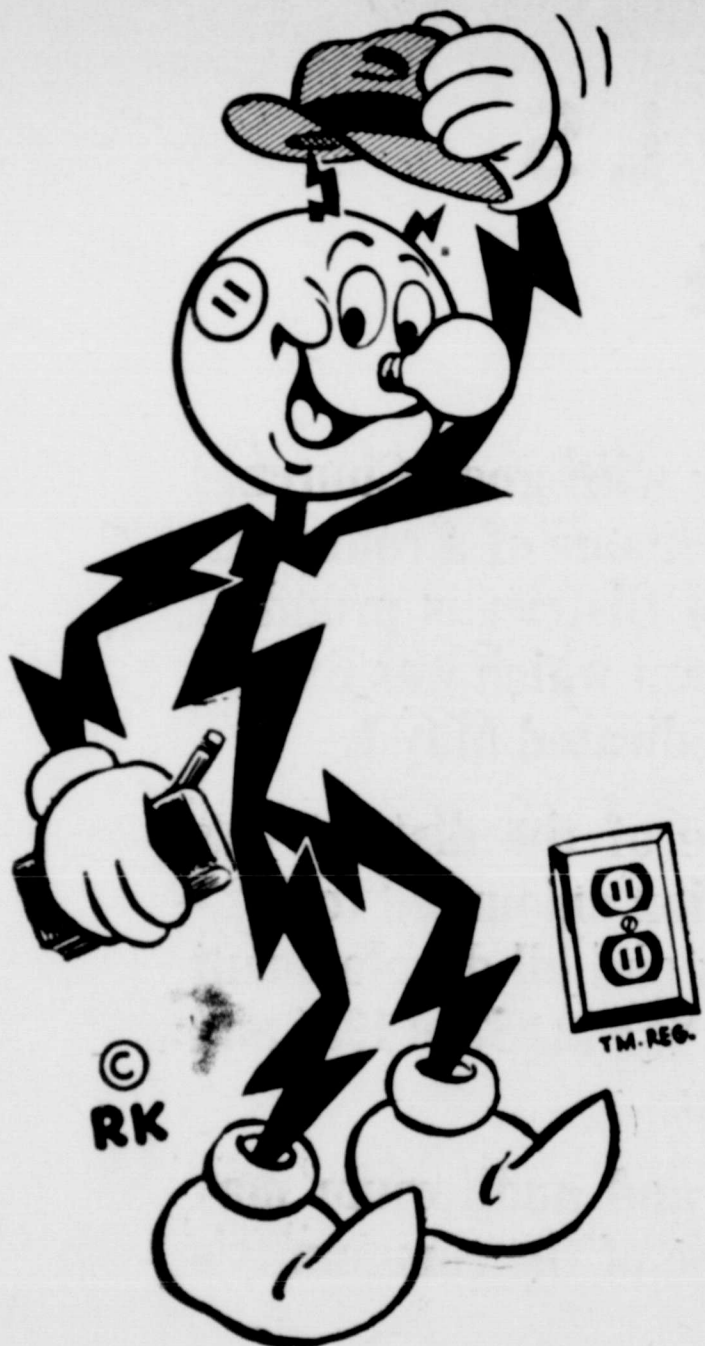
Clarence Terrill, the owner, started from scratch in San Angelo eight years ago. His business has increased steadily and he now has 35 employees.

Mr. Terrill says that 90% of his business is derived from school building construction. He is now supplying millwork to perhaps fifty different cities in Texas, including Austin, Ft. Worth, Dallas and Lubbock.

This is Terrill's second major contract in Robert Lee. He furnished doors and cabinets for the new Coke County Memorial Hospital completed a few years ago.

#### SILVER 4-H CLUB

The girls 4-H club of Silver met in the school library April 18 at 10 a. m. The meeting was called to order in due form, the pledge recited by members, roll call answered and minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Leaders present were Mrs. Roe and Mrs. J. Jameson. Demonstrations were given by Mrs. Roe, Carolyn Shimer and Patricia Conner.



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We are proud to serve this new school...  
proud to be a part of this growing town... proud  
to serve the progressive people of the area.

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# **A Report To The People**

Back nearly a year and a half ago citizens of this community began talking about a new school building. The need was very definite, and with a greatly increased taxing valuation, it was apparent that the improvement could be afforded by the the school district.

A Citizens Advisory Committee was organized to investigate the matter. Discussions were held concerning the kind of building needed and estimated cost of same. This committee was responsible for shaping up the entire proposal, and their services were highly valuable.

In January, 1954, voters of the Robert Lee Independent School District approved a bond issue of \$295,000 for constructing a new school building and auditorium.

After the bonds were approved your board of trustees assumed the responsibility of carrying out the wishes of the voters. Working with Wilson, Patterson & Associates, architects and engineers, detailed plans were decided upon and a contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Houston Hill, Inc., of Midland, Texas.

Throughout the entire period of construction we received excellent cooperation from the architects, Mr. Hill and his sub-contractors, and everyone connected with the project. We feel that the school district has received its money's worth in new buildings and equipment, and the cost has been kept within the prescribed bond issue.

The public is invited and urged to attend the Open House and Dedicatory program next Sunday afternoon, May 1. Please come and inspect your new school plant. We are proud of it and hope you will be, too.

**The Board of Trustees**

**ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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# Congratulations

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TEACHING STAFF—Fifteen on the staff this year, but increased enrollment will add two more teachers next year. Seated, left to right, Miss Eunice McLure, Miss Martha Taylor, H. S. Prin. M. E. Petross, Supt. B. C. Goodwin, Elementary Prin. P. E. Webb, Mrs. Goodwin, Miss LaVerne Darter. Standing, left to right, Coach James Mancill, Jack Brock, Mrs. Sam Powell, Mrs. Lillian Eastland, Band Director Jack Gray, Mrs. Jeff Dean, Mrs. Viola Gramling and Mrs. P. E. Webb.

### Notary Publics May Qualify In Clerk's Office

Secretary of State A. M. Muldrow has announced that all persons who now hold Notary Public Commissions and that all such persons must qualify by filing an oath and bond with the County Clerk of their residence between June 1, 1955 and June 10, 1955. The law specifically requires County Clerks to approve Notary bonds and individuals should not send money or requests for commissions direct to the Secretary of State. All Notary matters can only be received by the Secretary of State after the County Clerk acts thereon.

Any person who has not here-

before been a Notary Public should apply to his County Clerk between May 1, 1955 and May 23, 1955, if he desires to have this application given prompt attention in the State Department, as the rush of reappointing all old Notaries may slow up the ordinary process of making new appointments and issuing commissions.

Secretary of State Muldrow said, "Each person applying for a commission as a Notary Public must be at least 21 years of age and a resident of the County for which he is appointed; exact names and permanent addresses should be given to the County Clerk in applying for a commission, as location of the Notary may be necessary long after he has notarized a particular instrument."

### LUMBER FIRM CHANGE

Redwood Lumber Co. has purchased the business and assets of McMillan Lumber Co., including its several branches in various cities in West Texas. Mr. Hugh McMillan retains his business in Odessa while other stockholders took over the other plants. Midland will be headquarters of the newly formed Redwood Lumber Co. Norval Jackson remains as manager of the Robert Lee branch and there are no changes in ownership and personnel, except the withdrawal of Mr. McMillan. The lumber yard and plant in Robert Lee is leased from Sumner Cragin.

ATTEND THE SCHOOL  
DEDICATION, SUNDAY, MAY 1

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

April 29, 1955

## The BEST Is None Too Good

We are all interested in providing good educational facilities for our children. Patrons of the Robert Lee School District are now happy that the most modern building which can be designed has become a reality in this community. Let's all turn out Sunday, May 1, for the open house and dedicatory program.

## McDonald Lumber Co.

—FRED McDONALD, JR., Owner

## A Fine New School

FOR THIS COMMUNITY

Will Be Formally Dedicated

Sunday, May 1

It's a splendid achievement and offers children of the Robert Lee District the best and most modern facilities that are to be found anywhere.

We are very happy about it.

Mr. and Mrs.  
Bruce Clift



**SUPERINTENDENT**—B. C. Goodwin, superintendent of the Robert Lee schools, is shown at his office desk in the new building. He is completing his seventh year in the position and has a contract for three more years. The building program required much extra time from Mr. Goodwin and he will be ready for vacation time when the first of June arrives.

### Home Demonstration Club Activities

By Faye C. Roe

County Home Demonstration Agent

The Coke County 4-H Food Contests were held Saturday, April 23, in the Home Economics Building of the Robert Lee School. Below is a list of the winners:

Junior Team winners were, under 13 years of age, —

Sandra Higginbotham and Susan Hughes of Silver who prepared a cottage cheese salad.

Louise Miller and Kay Humphrey of Robert Lee who also prepared a cottage cheese salad.

Carolyn Parker and Ann Carwile Robert Lee, who prepared a congealed salad.

Individual Foods Winners: —

Marjorie Gladys Rives, Robert Lee, Cream cheese party dip.

Kay Wink, Robert Lee, Cottage Cheese Salad.

Priscilla Wylie, Robert Lee, Lilly Cheese Sandwiches.

Girls who were 13 years and older who participated were:

Mary Beth Schooler and Mary Frances Wylie, Robert Lee, Sandwich Loaf using dairy foods.

Danell Dixon, Bronte, individual "Vegetable Garden Quilt Patch," and Annice Gartman and Leslie Nell Wink, Robert Lee, who cooked snappy cream beans. These girls will take part in the District 7 contests in San Angelo on May 7.

Mrs. Lillian Eastland, Mrs. Jack Brock and Mrs. C. E. Arrott were judges.

Twenty-five 4-H members, mothers and leaders saw the Foods demonstrations.

"Share the Fun 4-H Contest

"Share the Fun" county contest was held Saturday at 1:30 in the Robert Lee Auditorium with some fifty persons in attendance.

Members from the four girls 4-H

clubs in the county took part.

Winners in the class of 13 years and older were: June and Jean Moore, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Moore won first and will compete in the District Contest. The song they chose was "No More."

Mary Francis Wylie and Mery Beth Schooler of Robert Lee won second place with a duel number while Mary Francis placed 3rd and Mary Beth 4th with individual

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numbers.

In the under 13 year group the winners were:

First, Jerry Jameson, Silver.

2nd, a chorus from Robert Lee composed of Jerry Sparks, Lavina McDaniel, Shirlene Strube, Martha Humphrey.

3rd, Susan Hughes and Sandra Higginbotham, Silver.

Others in this group were Mary-

alice Nelson, Silver and Priscilla Wylie, Robert Lee.

The judges were Mr. Jack Brock, Mrs. C. E. Arrott and Mr. S. L. Mullins, Associate County Agricultural Agent.

Monroe McCutchen was over from Bronte Monday looking after business matters and visiting with friends.

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# More Progress . . .

Completion of the Robert Lee Independent District's new school building is another important step in a wonderful program of improvements which have been taking place in Coke County in recent years.

Nothing is more important than a good school, and we are happy that the children of this community will have the advantage of such outstanding facilities that have now been provided for them.

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Robert Lee, Texas

# Houston Hill, Inc. Is Top Contractor

Houston Hill, general contractor in charge of constructing the new Robert Lee school, has achieved outstanding success in the building world.

He comes from two generations of builders before him, and his two sons following in his footsteps will make four generations in the industry. He started contracting for himself in 1927.

Houston Hill and his family also have close ties in Robert Lee. Mrs. Hill was born and grew up here. She is the former Ila Newton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newton. Mrs. Hill is a sister of Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough.

Mr. Hill lived in Waxahachie as a young man and it was there that he met and married his wife in 1921. She had gone there from Robert Lee to work in an abstract office, since an older sister, Mrs. Bessie Wyche, resided there at that time.

From 1927 to 1935 the Hills lived in Colorado City and that was when he began to see some of his dreams come true. From there he went to Coleman and while there he and his brother-in-law, Ernest Newton constructed a school building at Mozelle.

In 1937 he moved to Midland where his business began to grow and prosper with a new city that was just starting its big boom. Until 1941 Mr. Hill's business was largely in residential building, when he decided to enter the field of commercial construction.

After the end of World War II when his sons returned home and took an active part in the business he got his first school building contract in Midland. That was early in 1949. Since that time his firm has constructed seven elementary schools in Midland, two in Odessa, and the Robert Lee school and auditorium. They have also built a junior high school, a colored senior High School and an addition to the

Midland High School.

Other outstanding buildings erected by Hill include the First Baptist Church, Masonic Temple, First Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Westminister Presbyterian Church, First Methodist Church educational building, and the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. office building, all in Midland.

Other structures completed by Hill include Southwestern Bell office buildings in Big Spring and Odessa, drive-in teller addition to the First National Bank and the Mast Clinic in Midland, and two school additions, Andrews County Hospital, Agricultural building and Exhibit Building, all in Andrews.

In March, 1952, Houston Hill, Contractor, was incorporated and the business has since been known as Houston Hill, Inc. Mr. Hill is president and remains at the head of the organization. A son, James Hill, is vice-president and has charge of records, finances, etc.

Jewel C. Russell is secretary-treasurer and also the general superintendent. He has been with the organization since 1944 and is a well qualified and faithful employee.

Another son, Charles Hill, has now re-entered the field of residential building and is in charge of this department. There are eight superintendents who have been with the company from three to eight years, all of whom are considered top men in their field.

J. I. (Dusty) Rhodes served as construction superintendent on the Robert Lee school project.

"It took natural forces from 400 to 1,000 years to produce a single inch of topsoil — this thin line of defense that stands between security and national weakness and decadence." — Dr. Hugh H. Bennett.



**BAND CONCERT**—The crack Robert Lee Concert Band of 60 pieces almost fills the stage of the new school auditorium. Picture shows light fixtures which flood the stage from the top. Also a section of the front seats. The auditorium has 504 seats and the floor is raised gradually to the back. Acoustics in the auditorium are near perfect.

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# Robert Lee School DISTRICT

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## Congratulations - -

To the Robert Lee Independent District on its beautiful new School.

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# **Houston Hill, Inc.**

## **Building Contractor**

**MIDLAND, TEXAS**

**We are proud to have had the opportunity to construct Robert Lee's new school building and auditorium.**

**It was a pleasure to work with your school officials, architects and sub-contractors on the project.**

**We congratulate the community in its happy realization of a most modern and well planned school plant.**

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**JAMES HILL  
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SECRETARY—Mrs. Otto (Charlotte) Wojtek is the efficient school secretary, with an office next to Supt. B. C. Goodwin. She was a teacher in the Robert Lee schools for a number of years.

### Gartman Family Holds Annual Sanco Reunion

The annual Gartman family reunion was held Sunday, April 17, at the Sanco Tabernacle. One hundred and nineteen persons were present for the dinner served picnic style. 108 of the 204 relatives were present.

Those present were: Sons and daughters — Mr. H. J. Gartman, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gartman and Mrs. J. L. Reid, Sanco; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Crocker, Brownwood; Mrs. Vertna Gartman, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scarborough, Moriarty, N. Mex.; Mr. and Mrs. Green Preslar, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman, all of Sanco and Dewey Gartman of Robert Lee.

Other relatives were — Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Gartman, Jane, Nettie, Robert and Bonnie and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hodges of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gartman, Annie Lou, H. J. and Eddie and another daughter, Gracie Jewell and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gartman, C. C., Jr., Barbara, Linda and Terry and Mrs. Mary Ann Fowler, all of Grand Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and Tommy, Silver; Eele Reid of Grannis, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas, Mrs. Rena Frachisuer, David, Kathy, Gwendolyn and Richard and Miss Elain Reid, of Lovington, N. Mex.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim L. Reid, Wilber, Loyal Ray, Berthel and Eldred of Grand

Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid, Ronnie and Marilyn and Dean, Jerry and Larry Frizzell of Sanco and Miss Lvon Reid of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Famborough of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Randle Gartman of Bay City; Mr. Roby Scarborough of Moriarty, New Mex.; Mr. Preston Scarborough of San Diego, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Whiteside, Divide; Mrs. Loma Preslar and Bart Preslar and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie K. Whiteside of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Evans, Jo Alice and Maxie of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Preslar, Kathy and Jackie and Inez Gartman of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thomason, Dewain, Pat and Bobbye and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramage, Ethel, Allen and Robert Lewis, all of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock, Gaylon, Darrel and Sheri and Annice Gartman, Sanco; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman, Dennis, Rhonda and Judy, Silver; and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winkler of Abilene.

Friends having dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Martin, Mike Foster and Billy Blair of Sterling City; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Pentecost and James and June McKinley of Sanco and Patricia Fowler of Robert Lee.

Erven Escue and family have moved from San Angelo to Spearman where the former will operate an oil field truck for Baker & Taylor Drilling Co. Erven has been driving for Lane Bros. Mrs. Escue is the former Rita Braswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell.

### WE'RE PROUD, TOO!

Yes, we are very proud and happy over the beautiful new school building and auditorium which the Robert Lee District has completed.

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# Our New School

## A Great Achievement

With the completion of a fine new building and auditorium, children of the Robert Lee School District will now enjoy educational facilities that are second to none.

We congratulate the citizens who have endorsed this great project, and the school officials who devoted much time and effort to the building program.

## Vaughan Chevrolet Company

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Robert Lee, Texas

# Congratulations

To the good citizens of the Robert Lee School District upon completion of their outstanding new school building.

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