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## **'55** Rainfall Was **Only 11.9 Inches**

Landowners and operators cooperating with the Coke County Soil **Conservation District applied many** good conservation practices during 1955 in face of the continued drouth that gripped parts of West Texas. Their practices are a part of their complete coordinated soil, water, and plant conservaion plans that they have developed to treat each acre of their land according to its needs

According to A. V. Sheppard, work unit conservationist of the Soil Conservation District, there was applied in the Coke District. 1953 acres of contour farming, 22,180 acres of deferred grazing, 3854 acres of brush control, 40.1 miles of field terraces, 11.5 miles of diversion terraces, 18 farm ponds constructed, 700 acres of land pitted, 58 acres of land put into irrigation, 480 acres of cover cropping and 55 acres of land cleared for cultivation.

Artificial boundaries are man made and of little significance. Soil erosion knows no boundaries and obeys no landlord.

Drouth has hampered the application of conservation work during the year. Rainfall received varied over the district. Parts of the district received 5 to 6 inches of rain. Unofficial rainfall records kept by the Soil Conservation Service at Robert Lee shows the following amounts of rainfall by months:

<b>JANUARY</b> 0.0	T T D A D	tending the meeting at varnadore	and its affiliated organization, the	RESEARCH FUNDS NEEDED
FEBRUARY 1.4	L. T. Pate, Former	Cafe were several visitors. They	Eastern Star Chapter.	Funds are also needed to con-
MARCH 0.0		included Travis Hicks, former		inue the National Foundation's
APRIL 0.3	Resident, Dies	county agent, Bill Briggs, associat-	Phone Strike	work in scientific research. That
MAY 3.5	itestucite, Dies	ed with the S. E. Adams insurance		program has already produced the
JUNE 1.7	Funeral services for L. T. Pate	agency, C. R. Madden, new admin-	Ends; More Pay	Salk vaccine, which is 60-90 per
JULY 1.6	were held at 2 p. m. Thursday in	istrator of the hospital, and James		cent effecitve against the three
AUGUST 0.0	Robert Lee Church of Christ.	Coffman, assistant county agent.	For Employees	types of virus known to cause po-
SEPTEMBER 2.4		Mr. Madden told the group that	r or maprojees	lio. Additional research may turn
OCTOBER 1.0	mer longtime resident of Coke	Coke County Memorial Hospital fs	SAN ANGELO - General Tele-	up still better medical weapons.
NOVEMBER 0.0	County, died at 5 p. m. Tuesday	well equipped throughout. It is	phone Company of the Southwest	
<b>DECEMBER</b> 0.0	in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in	giving first class service and he	employees were back on their jobs	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton of
<b>TOTAL</b> 11.9	Abilene.	hopes it will soon be on a paying	this week after a six-day strike	Comanche and Mrs. Price Yantis
		basis.	throughout the Company's five-	of Bangs visited here Sunday with
Twenty three landowners and	Burial was in Robert Lee Ceme-	School Supt. B. C. Goodwin gave	state territory ended with signing	their uncle, Joe Dodson. The latter
operators became district coopera-	tery under direction of Clift Fu-	an interesting talk. He said there	of a new contract between General	has been hospialized for several
tors wih the district during 1955.	neral Home.	was some discussion that high	and the Communications Workers	months and his condiion has not
The agreements were on 23,815	A farmer, Mr. Pate moved to	school pupils at Silver might come	of America last Friday (Jan. 6).	improved.
acres. To date 338 landowners and	Clyde 10 years ago. He was mar-	to Robert Lee another year. Mr.	The new contract, which will be	
operators are cooperating with the	ried to Miss Katie Stroud in 1923	Goodwin pointed out that Robert	in force 15 months, includes the	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickey, Sr.
district on 350,829 acres. This is 74	at Robert Lee.	Lee would be happy to have them,	following major changes over the	returned early last week from a
percent of the acres in the Coke	Survivors include his wife; two	but that it was strictly a matter	old contract:	combined business and pleasure
County Soil Conservation District.		for Silver people to determine	1. Wage increases totaling \$175,-	visit of several weeks in Mexico
Landowners and operators becom-	of Denver City and Mrs. Ruth Bar-			City.
ing disrict cooperators in 1955	ker of Corpus Christi; two sons,		the wage adjustment granted in	,
were:	L. T. Pate Jr. of Odessa and Jim		November, 1955, results in an hour-	
Calvin Sparks, Dolf Richards, B.	Freeman Pate of Clyde; three bro-		up increase per employee equiva-	HOSPITAL NEWS
D. Griffin, Ira A. Bird, James Bur-	thers, a sister and seven grand-		lent to the wage increases received	HOUT THAT MENU
rus, Mrs. E. S. Cummings, Ward	children.		throughout the telephone industry.	Jan. 4-Mrs. Fred McDonald,
Hill, R. W. Odom ,S. E. Adams,	Pallbearers were C. S. Brown,	Cake Livesteek	2. Different plant areas for wage	Jr., Mrs. R. C. Sawyer admitted.
John Gaston, Bernard Petty, Foy	Lee Roberts, Joe Ed Scott, Mit-	<b>Coke Livestock</b>	schedules were established. The	Son born to Mrs. Tom Luera. Miss
Moore, J. J. Rogers, Roy Casey,	chell Davis, Calvin Wallace and	Show Set for	number of traffic and commercial	Oramarie Stout, Mrs. T. W. Casey,
Frankie Percifull, Will Percifull,	David Lowrance.	Show Set IUI	areas for wage schedule purposes	M. E. Stout dismissed.
Crowley Harmon, Joe Rawlings,		January 23	were reduced.	Jan. 5-Mrs. M. C. Hendry, Mrs.
Arthur Runnion, T. A. Peays, Ken-	DOUBLE WIN FOR BRONTE			Charlie Arnold, C. J. Minucci, Billy
neth Lackey, Charles Sims, Gar-		Coke County Livestock Show will	lodging allowances for unlocated	Mundell, Mrs. Dave King admit-
land Black.	The Bronte Longhorns defeated	be held Monday, Jan. 23, at the	construction personnel of \$1 per	ted. Mrs. A. J. Muston, Mrs. Tom
/	the Robert Lee Steers 37-32 for a	show barn in Robert Lee. An add-	week.	Luera and infant, and Billy Mun-
Man can go broke by having too	20-B North Half Basketball win	ed feature to the show this year	4. Increases from 75 per cent to	dell dismissed.
many livestock, but seldom is man	here Tuesday night. The victory	will be an auction sale of a limited	100 per cent in on-the-job injury	Jan. 6-Mrs. L. E. Cowley, Har-
hurt by having too much grass.	gives Bronte a 1-1 district record	number of lambs and hogs follow-	benefits.	old Congden, Alvin Bessent admit-
	and Robert Lee a 0-2 rating .	ing the show. The auction has	A company spokesman estmiated	ted. Mrs. M. C. Hendry dismissed.
<b>DID</b>	Noel Scott led the Longhorns of-	not been held since 1948.	employees not working lost \$25,000	Jan. 7-Lendy Devoll, Clinton
BIRTHS	fense with 14 points. Freddie Ash-	Fred McDonald Jr. is president	per day in wages during the strike.	Hood, Mrs. Sam Jay admitted.
	worth and Jerrell Harmon of the	of the association. The group was	The strike started when the for-	Mrs. Dave King, H. R. Congden,
LUERA-Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lu-	Steers netted 12 counters each.	scheduled to meet Thursday night	mer Union-Company contract was	Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. dis-
era of Ballinger are parents of a	Bronte also won the girls con-	to work out details concerning the	terminaed by the Union. It was the	missed.
son born Jan. 4 in Coke County Me-	test in an overtime affair. Scooter		first authorized Company-wide	Jan. 8-Mrs. L. E. Cowley, Car-
morial Hospital. Arriving at 12:15	Snead hit the winning basket to		strike in the history of the Com-	men Minucci, Mrs. Sam Jay dis-
p.m. the baby weighed 7 pounds,	give the Bronte lasses a 44-43 win.	week's paper.	pany.	missed.
4½ ounces. The couple has anoth-	The game was ied at 42-42 at the			Jan. 9-Mrs. Oscar Collett ad-
er son who is one year old.	close of regulation time.	Bob Hickman is back at his home	Mrs. Pearl Bilbo of San Angelo	mitted. Lendy Devoll, Alvin Bes-
	Snead was high for Bronte with	at Bronte and is doing nicely after	is a new member of the Varnadoře	sent dismissed.
If You Don't Get the Observer	23 points and Jo Clawson netted 16	undergoing major surgery a few	Cafe staff. She is a sister of Er-	Jan. 10–Mrs. C. D. Stewart, Sam
You Don't Get the News	for the losers.	weeks ago.	nest Varnadore.	Powell, W. M. Proctor admitted.



COMMISSIONERS COURT, 19-46 — The above picture of Coke County Commissioners Court taken Jan. 1, 1946 includes left to right: H. C. Varnadore, S. A. Kiker, Judge McNeil Wylie, T. R. Harmon and Ben Brooks. "They

#### FIND ABANDONED AUTO

Sheriff Paul Good says investigation proved the abandoned car found last weekend west of Edith was owned by a Dallas woman. The 1948 Dodge sedan was discovered in a ravine on the Thompson place near Green Mountain. The discovery was made by a representaive of Coronet Oil Co., who was checking the locality for a drilling site. Sheriff Good in cooperation with state officials learned the car had been stolen early last week from Mexia. The auto was owned by Mrs. Lilly Lanning, an employee of A. Harris Co. in Dallas. She was visiting in Mexia when the car was taken. Insurance company officials were expected here yesterday to get the stolen car.

Go After Roads and Get 'Em." was a heading used with the photo. A road building program costing 11/4 million dollars had been outlined, and much of it has since been completed.

## **BCD** Luncheon Well Attended

Sponsorship of soft ball, Boy Scout activities and numerous other community projects were handled the past year by the Robert Lee Board of Community Development. A detailed account of BCD promotions was given at the luncheon meeting by Bart Geer, who has served as secretary of the organization the past two years.

The secretary's report showed a cash balance of \$76.00 on hand with all bills paid. Since the BCD is Robert Lee's only civic organization, it was pointed out that increased revenue from its members will be required this year.

Among the twenty persons at-

#### STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Annual meeting of stockholders of the Robert Lee State Bank was held Tuesday. All but six of the 350 shares of stock were represented in person or by proxy. The bank had a successful year in 1955 and has been showing a steady gain each year. Officers and directors were re-elected. They include R. C. Russell, president; G. C. Allen, executive vice-president; T. A. Richardson, cashier; and Victor Wojtek, Cumbie Ivey, Henry Briscoe and Willie I. Tubb, directors.

## Improvements **At WTU Office** Now Under Way

Extensive improvements are underway this week on the first floor of the Masonic Building occupied by West Texas Utilities Co. A new front is being installed and the entire office will be modernized.

W. D. McAdams, local WTU manager, says modern equipment is to be provided and tentative plans call for a central heating and cooling unit.

Work on the front is in charge of Jack Capps and Martin Casey, while Pittsburgh Glass Co. will install the windows. Entrance to the office has been moved to the northeast corner, permiting a solid comes too late. Some 68,000 pafront of glass in aluminum frames, with black trim.

The building is owned by Haythe top floor is used by the lodge is administered to all.

## **March of Dimes Campaign Will Open This Week**

This community will join with 10,000 others to launch the 1956 March of Dimes on Saturday, Jan. 14. The campaign continuing through Jan. 31, is based on the theme - "Polio Isn't Licked Yet." Fund raising efforts will be directed in Robert Lee, Silver, Edith and the entire west side of the County by Mrs. Gertrude Gray, county treasurer, and a group of volunteer workers.

On Saturday of this week a Blue Crutch sale will be conducted by members of the high school senior class. Thus far no coin containers have been received here.

Mrs. Gray says some important benefit affairs are being arranged. including basketball games and other events to be anounced next week. As usual Silver is expected to rally behind the campaign. In past years Silver residents have far exceeded Bronte and Robert Lee in their support of the March of Dimes.

Millions of dollars in March of Dimes funds are needed to aid thousands and thousands of polio patients for whom the Salk vaccine tients all over the country are now on the rolls of the National Foundation, and many more will be rick Masonic Lodge No. 696, and stricken before the Saik vaccine

## THE OBSERVETTE

Published by Students of Robert Lee High School

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## **FHA Notes** Doris Sparks and Marta Geer

Freshman H. E. girls prepared luncheons for their six weeks grades last Wed. Two teams had one dollar each to spend on luncheon and one had \$1.50. The luncheons they prepared were very good and drew some very good grades. The F. H. A. met Thursday afternoon for their regular meeting. Jackie Sparks called the meeting to order and business was taken care of. A very nice program was brought by the Freshman girls. Everyone especially liked the song. The boys taught them the hythmn but the words were changed.

Candy was sold Tuesday at noon to acquire funds for the F. H. A. Chapter.

## CAROLYN'S QUIPS

Friday night six Junior girls: Carol, Carolyn Lee, Carrol, Joyce, Mary and Jo Alice spent the night with Carolyn Simpson. This time some Bronte boys came over to dance.

Mary and Ben went to the show Friday night.

A "surprise dance" was given at the Wildcat Schoolhouse for Doris Sparks Saturday night. It was well attended.

Mary Francis Wylie gave a dance last week. Everyone had a good time.

Dates at church Sunday night were Dian and Tom, Martha and Byron.

LOST: Freddy McDonald's football jacket to a girl from Silver. FOUND: One chain from Silver around Ferddy's neck. WONDERING:

Why Jo Alice was so angry when a certain girl from Ballinger came

The atmosphere is a bit tense around high school this week. Students are preparing to close out shop on the fall semester. There can be heard many lamentations. The mid-night oil is beginning to flow, and the cramming is taking place. As the teachers review the facts that were given during the semester, many long faces are saying, "Oh, where, oh where was I when that was given?" Well, cheer up kids, all's well that ends well, and who will worry about tests and such a hundred years from now?

### **Grade School News** By Voleta Harwell

The fourth grade was proud to receive two new pupils this week. They are Donnie McKenzie and Bobby Pena. The sixth grade was also glad to receive Ora Pena and Elida Pena. The third grade has lost three pupils, and Janice Stephens, a second grader, moved to Hobbs, New Mexico.

Naturally, the biggest issue of the week is the mid-term exams. About half of the fourth grade will be exempt because they have not been absent more than one day. The exempion plan seems to have brought attendance up quite a bit. The first grade is glad to report that all of the children are back in school after illnesses.

The second grade seems to be interested in rooting and growing things after a study of stem plants, sweet potato roots, and bean roots. Shirley Ponds, a second grader celebrated her birthday with a party at her home.



The mystery girl of the week is a pert 5'2" tall girl. She has green to the ballgame at Bronte Friday eyes which go perfectly with her brown hair. She weighs only 98 pounds. Her favorite sport is swimming, but at the present time, like so many of us unfortunates, she is playing ping pong. Her favorite color is green. Her favorite food is smothered steak. For a pastime she likes to go to movies. Her favorite subject is History. Her most difficult subject is literature. She detests stuck-up people. Her ambition is to be a secretary in some big office. For our boy of this week, I have chosen a real cute lower classman. His favorite sport is football and his playing this year has surprised everyone, as it was surpassed by no one. His favorite food is steak. He likes to spend his leisure time hunting. His pet peeve is SIS-TERS. He wants to be a welder when he finishes school. His most difficult subject is English. His favorite subject is Vocational Agriculture. He is 6' and weighs 160 pounds. He has brown eyes and blond hair. When upset he can be heard to utter this word: Peckerwood. . . .

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grade level. Any amateur talent in Coke County is invited to enter the contest.

## **Aggies Develop Farm Shop Skill** January 17 - Norton boys and

January 20 - Amateur program Jim Cox and Jerry Harmon have been making valuable additions in the form of welding tables, cabinets, etc. to the vocational agriculture shop. These outstanding shop boys have been instrumental in developing he Vocational Agriculture tion on the basketball teams. shop as a better arranged and more enjoyable place of learning the basic fundmental skills of farm shop.

Various items that have been constructed by these two boys include acetylene welding tables, program will be held in the High arc welding tables, metal and welding cabinets, work benches, blocking tables, etc.

> Jim and Jerry have have completed two years of vocational agriculture and are currently enrolled in V. A. III. Both boys have developed a reasonable amount of skill in the use of arc welders, acetylene welders, heating and bending metal skills, table power saws, skill saws etc.

Jerry is the chapter treasurer and has 2 barrows entered in the tive of this speech course is County Livestock Show Jan. 23.

FRESHMAN NEWS Kenny Sawyer

Jan. 13, 195 Pa

The Freshman Class was pro of its representation on the for ball team this year. The ones pa ticipating were Freddy McDonal that Sam Skipworth, Johnny Jones, Je tion ry Tinkler, Lanenon Stephens, Bo Colle by Cowley, Don Stewart, Mely He Duncan, and William Allen. No unde basketball season is here, a or to Freddy, Don, and Jerry are on t basketball team. The Freshmand girls also have a good representione of

The Freshman Class has lotrue Lanenon Stephens and Joy Dedevel Kinsey, and William Allen may bway leaving soon. trict

little All high school students will bdock gin a study of grammar in th spring semester. Workbooks a provided high school English st seve dents. The price of the workbooi 1946. is 85 cents each. All students an urged to pay for their workbook as soon as possible.

Students entering interscholast league literary events will enjo the speech class during the sprin semester. One-act play, debate extemporaneous speaking, deck mation and ready writing are unit offered in this subject. The object help high school boys and girl 7 grades, and seniors will be con- Jim has 3 fine wool lambs entered improve their ability to speak i public.

# For a penny...

tournament for the girls. First game will be at 4:00 Friday against Winters.

at 7:00.

## **PTA To Sponsor Amateur Program**

IT'S A DATE

girls basketball game here at 7:00.

January 20 & 21 - Lakeview

The Robert Lee P. T. A. will use an amateur program to raise money for its annual project. The School Auditorium at 7:30 p. m., January 20. A committee of parents and teachers will plan and supervise the program. This committee consists of N. B. Geer, M. E. Petross, Mrs. Jeff Dean, Jack

N. Gray, and Jack G. Brock. Anyone wanting to enter the program should contact one of these persons.

There will be prizes for the winners. The divisions will be Junior and Senior. Juniors will be considered as pupils through the first sidered all persons above the 7 in the Show.

night?

Who Mack, Emmit, and Andy meant their K. P. E. P. request for ? Hey, boys, we can't dig your crazy lingo.

Why Carolyn Lee kept her eyes toward the sky Sunday? Could she have been looking for a plane from Tulsa?

Why Delton had on Carol's disc? Is your steady mad?

### **The Goal Post** Robbie Godwin

The Robert Lee cagers took on Blackwell on their home court last Tuesday where they took two decisive victories; girls 44-31, boys 46-21.

Leading the teams were Jo Clawson for the girls, and Fred Ashworth for the boys.

Then on Friday they rode to victory at Water Valley, with the girls taking the opener by a booming 69-20. Later in the evening the boys did nearly as well by rounding out the evening with a 50-27 decision. The girls played all over the court in the course of their game, but some of the boys have said they don't know when their points were made or who made them! However, our vital satistics show the hotshots Robertson and Clawson still on top with 29 and 14 respectively. Many of the other girls also made tallys. For the boys, Harmon was on top this time with 15. Fred Ashworth sank 10 points.

This week the teams met Bronte here on Tuesday. Then on Friday the girls will play Winters in three games, A, B, and Freshman.

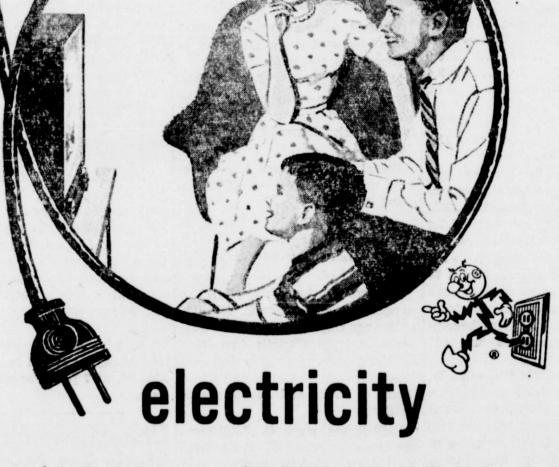
Pre-game predictions on Bronte games; Robert Lee girls over Bronte girls-near cinch: Cobert Lee boys over Bronte by -could be!

Well gang, lets get on the beam and guess these two swell kids. I hope you have better luck than some had last week.

The mystery girl and boy of last week were Jo Francis Box and Richard Dumas.

## Senior Class News

The Seniors reported to school Monday and can hardly wait until the time comes for them to receive their final holiday. We were happy to hear that Jerrel Harmon made the Area football team. Roland McArthur made the second team. These two niors have made a fine showing their sports proud of 8



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## , 195 Paul Good Out For Re-Election s proc As Coke Sheriff

Paul Good this week announces Donal that he is a candidate for re-elecies, Jetion as Sheriff and Tax Assessorns, Be Collector of Coke County.

Mely He served 17 years as a deputy n. No under the late Frank Percifull prire, at or to his election in 1946.

e on the Much credit is due Sheriff Good reshmi and his deputies in keeping Coke resentione of the most law abiding counties in West Texas. This has been has latrue in spite of the enormous oil oy Dedevelopment which has been under may way here the past ten years. Dis-

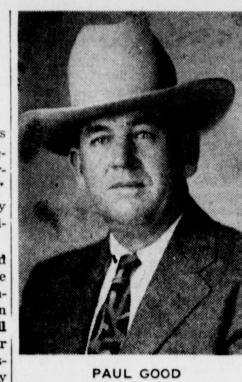
trict and county courts have very little criminal matters on their will bdockets.

in the However, tax money now handoks aled in Mr. Good's office is nearly lish st seven times greater than it was in orkbook 1946. Oil property has raised the motor vehicle licenses which bring Air Force at Fairbanks, Alaska. ents an.

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county's assessed valuation to \$30 million compared with \$41/2 million when he took office.

in \$50,000 a year for the county | road funds, and a busy time is anticipated the remainder of January issuing poll tax receipts.

Mr. Good stands on his record of fair and honest treatment. His friends point out that experience is of high value in this important office.

He will appreciate your support at the July primary.

Rev. Bennie Smith and wife, ac companied by Rev. Maynard Rogers and wife of Miles, were in Fort Worth the first half of the week where they attended an evangelistic conference sponsored by the Baptist Church. Fred Cheery of Oklahoma City accompanied them to Robert Lee Wednesday to begin a revival meeting at the local Baptist Church.

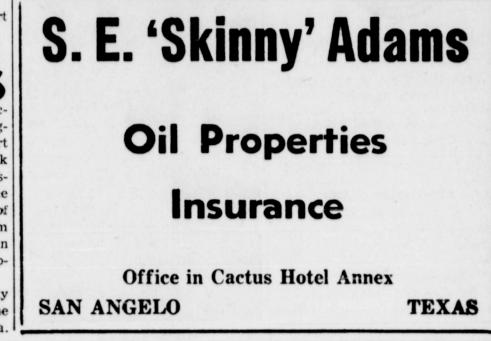
Lt. Paul S. Ferrell and family Mr. Good's office also handles have left for an assignment in the

while their car was shipped by before departing for Seattle. boat. The Ferrells spent the holidays here with his parents, Mayor

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They drove to Seattle from which and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell, and then point they would fly to Fairbanks, visited her folks at Raton, N. Mex., If You Don't Get the Observer You Don't Get the News

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#### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Observer is authorized to announce the following candidacies, subject to the Democratic Primary Election July 28, 1956: For County and District Clerk

J. L. (CHILLY) TINKLER For Sheriff and Tax Assessor PAUL GOOD For Commissioner, Precinct 1 J. W. SERVICE For Commissioner, Precinct 3 ED HICKMAN

Sam Powell, well known Robert Lee rancher, was admitted to Coke tion is not too far distant. Memorial hospital Tuesday night day.

## **Ed Hickman Is Candidate For Re-Election**



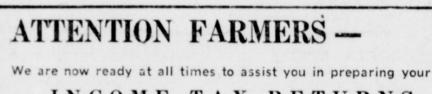
ED HICKMAN

Ed Hickman has announced his candidacy for re-election as Commissioner in Precinct 3. He is now on his second term.

Residents in that section of the county realize their roads are being continually improved, and the road building projects have been spread over all parts of the precinct.

Mr. Hickman says when he first ran for the office four years ago, he told the voters he hoped to be able to get a good all-weather road outlet for every rancher and farmer in his district. He intends to keep this promise and its realiza-

The commissioner states he has for medical treatment. His condi- a good road crew which works tion was much improved yester- hard and gives the taxpayers honest service.



INCOME TAX RETURNS REASONABLE RATES

#### Mr. Hickman is happy that the Jan. 13, 1956 state is running a new highway

through a large part of Precinct 3, leading from Robert Lee to Water Valley. Seven additional miles on this project are to be completed this year.

He is now busy with the 31/2 miles of new paved highway from Pecan Church northwest to the Shaggy Peak corner. This includes a badly needed bridge over Pecan Creek. Voters approved his project with a bond issue of \$62,000 which is to be paid off during the next 20 years or less.

Many important county - wide matters require attention of County Commissioners these days, making the job practically full time.

Mr. Hickman stands on his recscientious service.

## PERSONAL

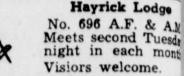
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lofton have returned to their home at Blythe, Calif., after being called here by the death of Mrs. Loiton's brother, Onie Bessent.

Mrs. C. R. Madden is receiving special treatment at St. Mary's hospital in Galveston. She is doing nicely and expects to be dismissed soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Cowley of Ft. Stockton visited among Coke County relatives and friends last week. They report that Ft. Sockton is growing. Firestone will bring 40 new families there for a tire testing station and oil activity is on the increase.

Robert Large and family are ord in seeking re-election. He here for a visit with kinfolks. He states that he is grateful for the is a boiler expert in the US Navy fine cooperation he has received in and has been stationed at San the past, and if re-elected he will Diego, Calif. Mrs. Large is the endeavor to render the same con- former Pauline Tinkler, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Tinkler.

Mrs. L. B. Mahon is again doi office work at Vaughan Chevrol Co., a position she held previous Donald Mauldin is now in charge parts and will help with sales Mr. Vaughan.



L. E. HEUVEL, W. M. W. H. ALLEN, Sec

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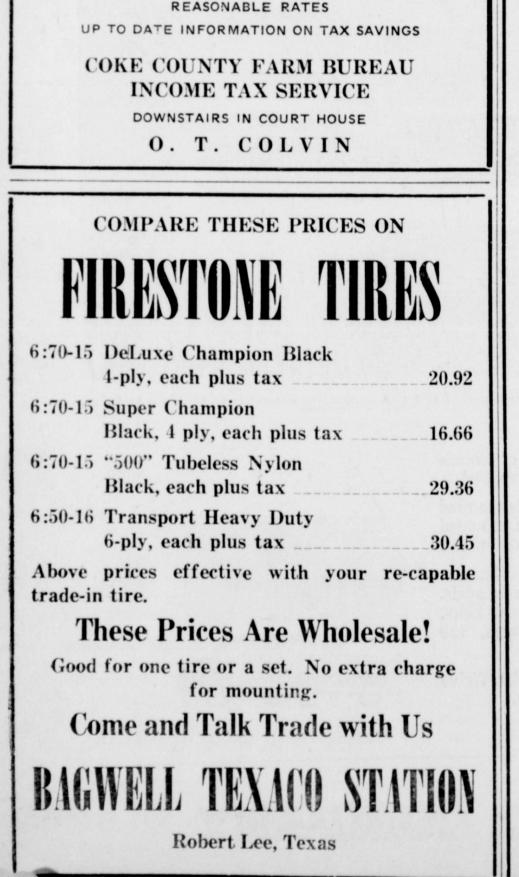
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Service Seeks **Re-Election In** 

**Precinct No. 1** 



J. W. SERVICE

Announcing for re-election as Commissioner in Precinct 1 is J. W. Service. He is a stock farmer residing 7 miles northeast of Robert Lee.

adopted in Texas two years ago provides 4-year terms for county have been made possible because officials. However, commissioners of increased taxes from oil interin precincts 1 and 3 were not affected immediately along with the sheriff and county attorney. But helpful with street work in Robert this year these officials will be eligible for 4-year terms.

precinct in the county and because the welfare of the community. of the enormous oil development! He says he is ready and willing

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in the Silver locality, it accounts for one-half of Coke County's taxappreciate your continued gooding valuation. The precinct, 7 or 8 miles in width, extends entirely across the county from north to

south, and angles to the west to take in the Silver area. This makes the office of Commissioner in Precinct 1 a highly important position, with increased duties arising every year. County business is largely in the hands of the Commissioners Court. They determine the tax levies and decide where the tax money is to be spent.

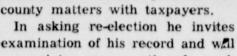
Precinct 1 completed an important road building program the past year which included paving on the west side of the Silver Loop, a new Colorado River Bridge southwest of Silver, a new highway on the south side of the river leading toward Edith and Robert Lee paving around the hospital and school.

This program was financed by a bond issue of \$245,000, thus permitting normal tax money to be used in maintenance and new road work in other parts of the precinct.

Mr. Service points out that the precinct bond issue was sound, and that the amount will be retired A constitutional a m e nd m e n t rapidly. Many public improvements, including the court house, ests, the commissioner added.

> Commissioner Service has been Lee and has given staunch support to Coke County Memorial Hospital

Precinct 1 is by far the largest and other projects pertaining to



at all times to discuss precinct and

## will and cooperation.

#### MRS. J. N. GOODWIN

B. C. Goodwin, Robert Lee school superintendent, mourns the death of his mother, Mrs. J. N. Goodwin, 86, of Dallas. Her passing occurred at 9 p. m. Wednesday following a long illness. She had been bedfast since suffering a fractured hip three years ago. Mrs. Goodwin had made her home in Dallas with a daughter, Mrs. H. L. Lightfoot. Immediate cause of her death was a stroke which seized her Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin and daughter, Sue, went to Dallas for the funeral services Thursday.



LOST - Little girl's Calvin 17jewel wrist watch, black band. Finder please leave at Observer office. Mrs. O. L. White, Silver. 1p

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## SILVER NEWS

#### EXPLOSION DAMAGE

The Odom Drug building was the scene of an explosion at 2 a. m. Sunday. Damage estimated at more than \$4,000 resulted in the rear rooms which are occupied by the cafe operator, Henry Skrabanek and his wife and four children. They were asleep at the time bu none were injured. Investigators believe the explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas. Walls, ceilings and floors were pushed out a few inches by the blast. The damage was covered by insurance.

SPIVEY - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spivey are parents of a son born Dec. 27 in Root Hospital at Colorado City. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and has been named Michael Wayne. He has a sister, Catherine Elizabeth, 19 months old. The father is employed by Sun Pipeline Co. in Silver and the family resides in Colorado City.

Silver residents may pay their poll taxes to Bob Edwards, who has a receipt book at his office at Jameson gasoline plant. This is an important election year and a record number of poll tax receipts are expected to be issued. The deadline is Jan. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Flowers mourn the death of their daughter, weeks ago it was discovered she He was stationed at Silver for a for the 1954 period.

gineer. had a brain tumor and her death occurred Friday night at their home in Colordo City. Burial oc-

curred Monday at Kermit where the parents of Mrs. Flowers reside. Mr. Flowers is a Sun gas department roustabout and was transferred to Silver from Sun Field a few months ago. He and his family live in Colorado City. Kay Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stewart, was named on the all-tournament team last week at Coahoma. Colorado City ws one of 16 teams entered in the big tournament. A senior at CC high school, Kay plays a for-

ward position and in most games is high scorer for her club. Charlie Arnold is being treated

for a heart condition in Shannon Hospital and his wife is a medical patient in Coke Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee.

Discouraging reports from J. L. critical at a Kermit hospital. He submitted to lung surgery several months ago but the operation failed to bring permanent relief. Mr. Legg and his family formerly resided in Silver where he was a production foreman. He was transferred to Kermit a few years ago.

time and now works out of the Mid- | The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas land office. He is a petroleum en-

H. G. White underwent surgery Tuesday at the Colorado City hospital. He is an operator at Jameson gasoline plant.

Bobby Hugh Odom who is serving with the armed forces in Korea, writes his parents that he enjoyed a brief New Years trip to Japan, where the new Year celebration was featured by a football game.

Silver boys and girls junior high basket ball teams will play at Christoval on Friday night. The girls game starts at 7 o'clock. Principal R. C. Dodd reports five new students have enrolled in the Silver school. They include twin brothers, Lloyd and Floyd Jones, who moved here from Quinlan, and are ninth graders. Also Evelyh Jean and Cecil Howard, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Howard. Mr. Howard is employed by Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. and moved Legg, whose condition is reported his family here from Hobbs, N. Mex. Evelyn is in the 7th grade, Cecil the 4th and Linda Jean is a first grade student.

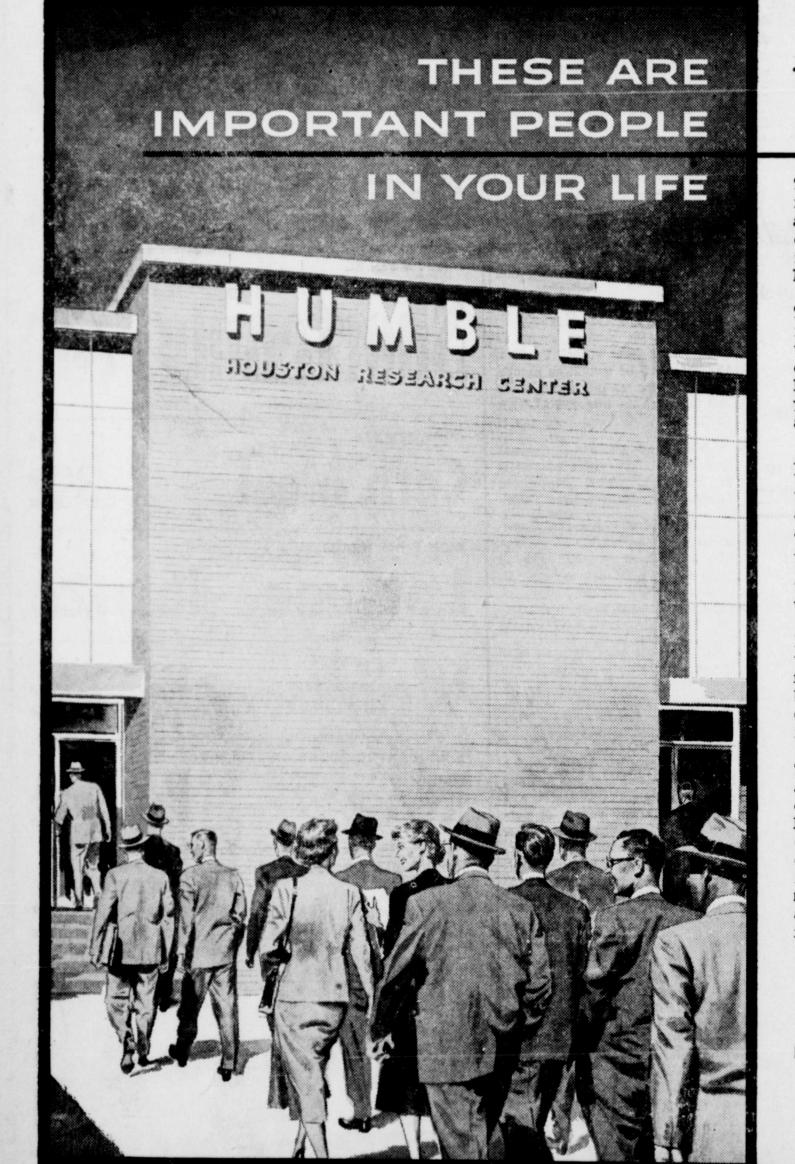
Exports of agricultural commodities from the U.S. during the July-November, 1955, period were 4 per cent larger than for the same Bill Branch was here Tuesday period in 1954. Cotton exports, Marilyn, 11 months old. Three looking after Sun Oil Co. affairs. however, were less than half those

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## J. L. Tinkler Is **Candidate For Clerk's Office**

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Asking for election in his own right is J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler, County and District Clerk. He was appointed to the office last fall when Weldon Fikes resigned to become County Auditor. Mr. Tinkler had previously served several years as a deputy sheriff.

While Mr. Fikes was elected in 1954 for a term of four years, state law provides that an appointee to a 4-year office shall only serve until the next general election. This means that Chilly's appointment is good only until the general election.

It also means that if he is elected this year he will have to run again in 1958, but it will then be for a term of four years.

Mr. Tinkler has been learning the duties of the clerk's office rapidly and has competent deputies is also county recorder of deeds ery." on his staff who helped him acquaint himself with the various departments.



J. L. (CHILLY) TINKLER

The clerk is one of the most important officials in county government. He is clerk of the commissioners court, county criminal and and records.

fireproof vault and storage space in the basement directly under the

clerk's office. It has been impossible to properly protect many important records in the old court house.

Mr. Tinkler has a wide acquaintance over the county due to his former work as deputy sheriff. However, he plans to make an active campaign and will see every voter before the July primary election.

GREEN MT. HD CLUB The Green Mt. WHD Club met at the community center for the regular meeting Jan. 3.

The president, Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, welcomed the visitors. Mrs. R. L. Page gave the opening exercise.

Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Meat Dish."

Mrs. Page and Mrs. Waldrop were elected as clothing leaders. Mrs. Roe gave a very interestcivil court and district court, and ing demonstration on "Meat Cook-

There were five members, two He is happy over the fact that visitors and four children present. the new court house will have a -Mrs. Fred Aashworth, Reporter.

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#### The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

### SMALL TALK By A. J. K.

If you have children, the best medical news of 1956 is that everyone in the "susceptible age group" (under 20) should get Salk vaccination shots this year. And improved manufacturing techniques promise even better resuls than 76 per cen effectiveness reported in 1955. Polio researchers also hope a promising new anti-polio drug may be perfected this year, to help those for whom inoculation with vaccine may have come too late.

Persons who have supported the March of Dimes in the past can see that their funds are getting results. The research program has demonstrated that it deserves our continued support.

The phone strike is over without too many sore spots remaining. both sides of the story. Local switchboard girls lost a few days' pay, but they got a raise and they were fighting for a principle. I guess it's a good thing they have a union or they might be working for almost nothing.

Our friend and yours (everybody likes her) Viola Bynum came by to give her side of the story which named her as a "strike breaker" in last week's Observer.

Catherine Patterson as a casual operator and thought it was all right to pick up a few "fast bucks" during the strike. Phone service

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of the story. The picket girls met up with her after work last Wednesday evening. They put up a good story, she said, and some even cried that she was "taking the bread out of their mouths."

She told them they might be getting more wages than they were worth. Suggested they take a crack at waiting on tables in the cafes at 50c an hour like she had been doing. Anyhow the old switchboard was worn out and you couldn't give good service here if you wanted too. Said she did not drive around to the back, but admitted she went in the side door. Said Catherine loved all the girls and everything would be forgotten when the strike was over.

Anyhow, Viola quit as a strikebreaker. Didn't want no trouble, didn't want to take any bread out of these gals mouths. And thats

Viola and her son are leaving this week to join husband Jim at Haskell where he is a driller on an Ard rig. She's a good gal and we hope some new oil fields open up here so they can move back. On a trip to Haskell the other day she turned over their old style station wagon, wasn't hurt but the limousine was badly damaged. Said she had been hired by Said Jim didn't even get mad for wrecking his fishing car.

> If the phone girls or Viola have further comments, don't come to

speckled. Mr. and Mrs. Burley Adkins keep a small flock of Rhode inches around the long way and

eggs. Anna May Benningfield is a witness and says the young hen is back in production. I don't think she was there when the "extraordinary" event happened. But she guarantees it wasn't a turkey egg. And then we have another report. A while back Hugh Smith killed a porcupine in his barn, and now he catches one in a steel trap down on the March Ranch quite a few miles away. The animal wasn't hurt too badly and he brought it to town and Bobby Baker has it in a box up at his house. What are these guys thinking about? They are native to the timber country, but how can they get any sap from mesquite or live-

And about that roadrunner! She's still on the nest down near our house. Venture down in the Third Ward some time and see for yourself.

oak in Coke County?

P. S. A very likely youn man, Bill Head, is in charge of the March of Dimes in this section of Texas. He made a few hurried stops in Coke County, but was always in a hurry to get to a bigger center. The March of Dimes will be promoted again this year by local people without the aid of Mr. Bill Head, who told The Observer at the start that the campaign was well organized in every one of his counties except Coke. He should

weighed 5¼ ounces. It was layed, devote some time to this area. | days the first of the week. by a pullet which has been in the Coke County gives more than the habit of dropping double yoked rest of them per capita. He should mesa and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Duntake time to visit Silver and give them his personal thanks.

> Mrs. Fred McDonald, Sr. of Bronte underwent an examination last Friday morning at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Specialists advised against an operation and she was brought back to the Bronte Hospital where she is resting comfortably this week. The patient made the trip to Houston and back in the Clift ambulance.

Paula, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan, is

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart of Lacan of Big Lake were called here his week by the illness of their mother, Mrs. C. D. Stewart.

Mrs. Bell Parker of San Angelo spent several days last week visiting her children in Bronte and Robert Lee. While here she stopped by to renew her Observer subscription.

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T. B. Hicks, who has helped farmers and others many years with income reports will be located upstairs in the court house until about recovering from illness which caus- January 23. Those desiring to see ed her to be hospitalized a few him may find him there. - Adv.

