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LOCKER PLANT FAILS TO GET NEEDED FUNDS

Coke County Co-Op Locker Plant has gone out of business after 15 years of service to the community.

At a meeting Saturday afternoon David Key announced pledges of \$4,070 to help re-finance the locker, lacking nearly \$1,000 of an estimated required amount of \$5,000.

After some discussion it was agreed that all money taken up would be returned to the donors. Bryan Yarbrough is in charge of returning the checks, and persons who are not contacted will receive their refunded amounts by mail this weekend.

A crisis occurred in the locker operation recently when Mrs. Estelle Roe advised co-op trustees she had sold her building to the Robert Lee State Bank and requested that the plant be moved by March 1.

Officers of the association reported the business was behind with its rent and electric bills and owed more than \$1,300 at the bank, and then were faced with the cost of moving. County commissioners agreed to let the co-op have the annex building as soon as it is vacated, but the whole thing seemed to require about \$5,000 to put it on a firm financial footing.

Travis Hicks, former county agent, talked at the meeting Saturday and pointed out that the locker had been highly valuable through the many years of its operation. During war time and rationing periods, its patrons never felt the pinch, he said.

The school and hospital have used the locker plant to a good advantage, and many individuals have learned it is far more economical to patronize the locker plant than to spend a lot of money for a deep freeze cabinet and pay several dollars a month in additional electric bills.

Frank McCabe, chairman of the co-op board of trustees, says he is in hopes they can sell the plant to some one locally so that cold storage locker and meat processing service can be continued in Robert Lee. Gene Baker has shown interest in the project.

Rome Richards was over from Bronte Wednesday visiting among friends and looking after business matters.

HOSPITAL NEWS

March 7—Mrs. Wm. L. Coffey, Mrs. Josie Keithly admitted. Tommy Gibson dismissed.

March 8—Bruce Allen, Mrs. Dalton Millican admitted. Mrs. Ellis Eubanks, Mrs. Pearl Mayo, Mrs. Fred Smith dismissed.

March 9—James Ybarra admitted. Mrs. Wm. L. Coffey dismissed. Son born to Mrs. Dalton Millican at 9:35 p.m.

March 10—Mrs. Sam Jay, Miss Helen Johnson admitted. Mrs. Josie Keithly, Jim Ybarra dismissed.

March 11—Mrs. S. R. Young admitted.

March 12—Mrs. Melrose Russell admitted.

March 13—Mrs. Melvin Childress, Mrs. B. B. Duncan, John S. Ross admitted. Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr., Mrs. Dalton Millican and infant son dismissed.

March 14—Mrs. Melrose Russell dismissed.

STEERS WIN OPENER

Robert Lee High School Steers base ball team opened the season with a 7-2 victory at Norton Wednesday. It was a practice tilt for both clubs and a return game is set for Robert Lee Tuesday of next week. Richard Dumas hurled four innings for the Steers, and permitted only one runner to get on base. Robbie Don Godwin looked good in the three frames he was on the mound, but was a trifle wild.

CONOCO STATION CHANGE

Ernest Varnadore and his son, Howard, have bought out T. C. Coffey and are now in charge of the Conoco Service Station. The business is located on a prominent highway intersection in the northeast edge of Robert Lee. G. C. Allen owns the property.

Fern Havins In Commissioner Race For Prec. 1

Fern Havins, well known Robert Lee resident, this week announced his candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct No. 1. He made the following statement:

"I wish to announce as a candidate for Coke County Commissioner from Precinct No. 1, and plan to make an active campaign.

"Two years ago I ran for this office and was defeated by 27 votes, and this year a number of my friends have urged that I make the race again. It is possible that former commitments or pledges have now been fulfilled and other voters are now in position to support me.

"I conducted a clean campaign in 1954, held no grudges because I was not elected, and immediately congratulated my successful opponent and pledged him my continued cooperation.

"After six years many people feel that it is a good thing to have a change. Coke County's business nowadays is a big business, with a taxing valuation of 30 million dollars. Some folks wonder if we are getting the best possible returns from the tax money which is being spent. Are we getting enough of the right kind of country roads?

"I hope to contact every voter in the precinct before Election Day, and will appreciate your influence and support."

Mr. Havins was raised in the Valley View community southeast of town and has resided in Robert Lee the past ten years. He is engaged in the dirt moving business and does some ranching.

He served on the city council and has been active in community affairs.

Mr. Havins enters the race against J. W. Service, Sr., who some time ago announced his candidacy for re-election.

C. R. Burson, who had been employed as a farm and ranch hand by S. E. Adams, has moved to Waco with his family where he secured a ranch job. He vacated the J. S. Walker house in the north part of Robert Lee, and the place is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan and daughters spent the weekend at Grand Prairie with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Watson. Mrs. Watson was the former Eileen Vaughan before her recent marriage.

ROAD PROJECTS IN THIS COUNTY PROGRESSING

More road construction for Coke County has been assured with the Texas Highway Department's announcement to let a contract next week on 7 additional miles of paving on the Farm to Market route leading from Robert Lee to Water Valley.

At the same time the state will contract for paving from just inside the Coke County line, north-east of Bronte, to Wilmeth.

Commissioner Ed Hickman of Precinct 3 has completed securing right of way and building new fences on the Water Valley extension. Fencing for the new road was contracted by Ben Alfred Boykin and James Counts.

More than 10 miles on this newest of state roads in Coke County has been completed. Connecting the road with paving near Water Valley will no doubt be approved by the state in its next 2-year program and should be considered in 1957.

Work is going along rapidly on the 3½ mile stretch in Precinct 3 which will open a new paved highway south of the river to the big oil field and new gasoline plant southwest of Silver.

The road extends 2 miles north of Highway 158 from Pecan Church west of Edith, then cuts diagonally northwest across a section of pasture land owned by Mrs. J. J. S. Smith. At that point, known as Shaggy Peak corner, it connects with a new Precinct 1 road which extends to the new Colorado River Bridge.

Mr. Hickman says work is well under way on the new bridge over Pecan Creek and most of the road has been graded and is ready for topping. Fence building was done by various Precinct 3 residents.

The states' \$282,000 project on Highway 208 is well along, except for completion of the new Colorado River Bridge at Robert Lee. D. M. Ferrier, superintendent for Wes-Tex Constructoin Co., states that steel I-beams for the bridge are due to arrive any day now. Delivery of the steel was delayed by strikes.

A 120-foot relief bridge at the south end of the river bottom has been finished and the new built up roadway is ready for surfacing. All culvert and road raising work between Sanco and Silver has been completed. It will be surfaced as soon as weather permits, probably around April 1.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart visited kinfolks and friends in Robert Lee on Monday. They were enroute to their home at Lamesa from Abilene where they visited their son, 1st Lt. Harvey Stewart, who is stationed at the new Abilene Air Force Base. Harvey was called to active duty as a reserve officer nearly two years ago. He is rated as a pilot, navigator and radar expert, and soon will be sent to Wichita for three months of training on a B47. Lt. Stewart was transferred to Abilene from Waco.

Miss Helen Johnson returned to Robert Lee last Saturday from the Veterans Hospital at McKinney. She is now a patient in Coke Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee.

BASE BALL MEETING

Robert Lee baseball players and fans are requested to attend a meetnig Thursday night of this week at 7:30 at Varnadore Cafe. Plans will be discussed for organizing this year's Rabbit Twisters. A meeting of Concho Basin League club managers has been set for Thursday night of next week with Bloddy Cross in San Angelo.

HOUSE WARMING

Friends and neighbors honored Mr. and Mrs. Will Woods with a house warming Tuesday night. They recently took possession of their new home, the former Littlefield residence in the south part of Robert Lee which they purchased from Ed Hickman. The couple received many valuable household gifts. Refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. Lee Roberts, Mrs. Earl Roberts and Mrs. Curtis Walker. Mr. Woods is employed by S. E. Adams in farm and ranch work and has been living in the Olsen house south of town.

Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. accompanied Mrs. Estelle Word of Bronte to Lubbock where they attended a weekend convention of the South Plains Florists Association. Mrs. Jess Craddock came from Colorado City to help care for the Wylie household during her daughter's absence.

Leaking Butane Results In Fire At R. Ross Home

J. S. Ross, 82-year-old Robert Lee resident, received serious burns about his head and face in a fire Tuesday at the home of his son, Roy P. Ross.

An explosion of butane gas resulted in the fire which caused heavy damage.

The elder Mr. Ross makes his home with the son. Roy, who is employed at McDonald Lumber Co., remained at home during the day as he was not feeling well.

He was in bed and his father was reading in the kitchen, when the explosion occurred about 5:45 p. m. and a sheet of flames spread throughout the entire house.

Bedding and furniture caught afire. Roy said he jumped out of bed and phoned for help. He dressed hurriedly and had some difficulty in getting his father out of the house, as the elder man had been burned and was suffering from inhaling smoke and gas fumes.

Neighbors arrived immediately and the fire department was on hand within minutes and extinguished the blaze hurriedly. However damage was heavy, including most of the family's clothing. The loss was covered by insurance and an adjuster was expected here Thursday.

The elder Mr. Ross was taken to Coke Memorial Hospital where he seems to be doing well. Bad burns were received over his face, ears, neck and hair.

Th two men were alone when the fire started. Mrs. Ross and their children, Alice and Freddie, had gone to feed some livestock.

Roy said one of the gas burners in a bedroom had not been shut off entirely, resulting in the gas accumulation. The gas apparently settled to the floor and the first burst of flames did not reach more than two feet high.

PARK PROJECTS \$130,000 BOND VOTE IS APRIL 7

A Special Election to vote on the proposition of issuing \$130,000 in bonds for construction of swimming pool and park projects in Bronte and Robert Lee has been set for Saturday, April 7.

The election was called after petitions bearing 214 names were filed with the Commissioners Court Monday.

April 7 is also school trustee election day, but the elections will be entirely separate.

The park bonds proposal is county-wide and officials agree that the swim pools and park facilities can be had without a tax increase. State law permits the county to spend 5 cents for parks out of the present 25-cent levy for public improvements.

Gordon Charlton, representing Columbian Securities Corp., was present at the Commissioners Court session Monday. He advised county officials that only 3½ cents would be required to retire the bonds and make interest payments over a 15-year period. Charlton contracted to buy the bonds at the low interest rate of 2.9%. They would be 15-year bonds with an option to be paid off after 10 years.

Civic leaders have been working on the park projects for several months and Engineer W. W. Greif was employed to make preliminary plans of the two parks and their estimated cost. It is agreed the bond fund would be divided evenly, although certain features of the two projects would be different. Both would have regulation pools 40 x 82½ feet in dimensions, with filter plant, bath houses etc. Park and recreation facilities would be equally important with shelter house, picnic tables, toilet facilities, play grounds, etc.

Official notice calling for the special election will be found elsewhere in this newspaper.

BIRTHS

MILLICAN — A son was born March 9 in Coke County Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Millican (Gladys Adams) of Silver. Arriving at 9:35 p. m. Larry Milburn weighed 7 pounds, 15½ ounces. The Millicans have two other children, Carolyn, 8, and Homer Dalton, 5 The father is engaged in oil field work. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Millican of Robert Lee and Mrs. Onis Adams of Midland.

BRUTON — Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bruton (Janie Sue Higgins) of Robert Lee are parents of their first child, a daughter, born at 6:10 a.m. March 8 in Shannon Hospital at San Angelo. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and has been named Paula Sue. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin.

SNEAD—First Lt. and Mrs. Jack C. Snead (Glo Caraway) are parents of a son born at 9:30 a.m. March 13 in the Base Hospital at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. He weighed 7½ pounds and has been named David Carson. This is their first child, and its arrival was on the parents' third wedding anniversary. Lt. Snead is a navigator and radar officer on a B36 bomber. Grandparents are Mrs. Lillian Caraway and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr. of Robert Lee.

WHO IS IT?????

By Alice Ross

Our girl this week is a 5 ft. 4 in., lower-classman. She has brown hair and brown eyes. We were to make a list of her sports, basketball would number one. She says ice is her favorite food. English grammar is her most difficult subject, with Driver's Training being her favorite. Her greatest desire is to be an expert housewife. We have one whose favorite color is blue. Girls who can talk about nothing but their boy-friends are this girl's pet peeve. In her spare hours she likes to swim or when something goes wrong, she utters, "Oh shista!" (With a long "i".)

Our boy this week is a 5 ft. 6 in., 145 lb. upper-classman. He has dark brown hair and eyes. His two favorite sports are swimming and football. In his spare hours, he enjoys watching wrestling or going to the movies. Span-

ish Rice rates high with this boy. Typing seems to be difficult for him, but English is his favorite, though not his easiest subject. He has chosen charcoal as his favorite color, something unusual among the students. He dislikes anyone to act smart and silly. He wishes to be a successful farmer, and we just hope he can. When something gets "out of hand", he may say, "Ah, Heck-ters!!"

Here they are kids. Try your luck at guessing them. Our boy and girl last week were Van Schooler and Kenny Sawyer.

BUILDING BOOM IN THE 60'S

A building boom in the 60's is assured and it's likely to be almost twice as big as the present one, says the Kiplinger Letter. Marriages are the major factor in the demand for new houses. Marriages now are at the rate of 1.5 million, yet they justify 1.3 million houses. In the early 60's, 1.8 million houses will be needed to accommodate the 2.1 million new marriages.

Essay Awards Presented By Coke SC Board

First place winner in the annual Coke County Soil Conservation District essay contest is Richard Wayne Rees of Bronte.

Subject of this year's essay was "Why Soil Conservation is Important to Everyone."

Caroline Elliott of Robert Lee and Alta Eubanks of Robert Lee won second and third in the contest which was open to all students in the county under 19 years of age. Ten essays were entered.

The awards were announced at a meeting of the SCD board of supervisors in Robert Lee Tuesday. Attractive plaques were provided for the winners. The plaques were purchased from Nathan's Jeweler's at a reduced price, and the remaining cost will be divided between the Bronte Lions Club and

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the Robert Lee Board of Community Development.

C. N. Webb and D. K. Glenn presented Rees with his award at a Tuesday noon meeting of the Bronte civic club.

All members of SCD board were present when plaques were given to the two Robert Lee girls at a high school assembly Tuesday afternoon. A. V. Sheppard and C. N. Webb made the presentations. Other supervisors are Bryan Yarbrough, Robert Walker, W. E. Burns and D. K. Glenn.

The prize winning essays will be published in the Bronte and Robert Lee newspapers during the next few weeks.

Jack Denman and family returned the middle of last week from a visit with kinfolks at Dallas, Tyler and Houston. He was taking a week's vacation from his duties as engine operator in Sun's Jameson gasoline plant at Silver-

FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

The Friendship WHD Club met in its regular session March 8 in the home of Mrs. A. D. Fields. Mrs. Lowell Roane called the meeting to order in absence of the president.

There were seven members and the agent, Mrs. Fay C. Roe, present.

A family night social was planned for March 22, and committees named to make arrangements.

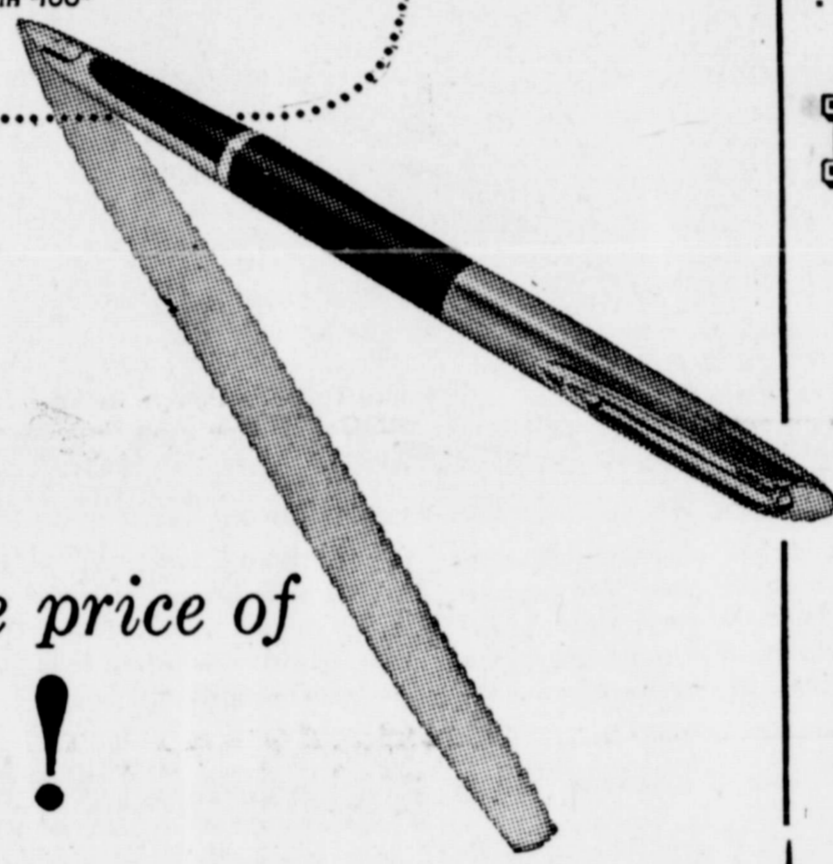
Mrs. Roe was in charge of the program on "Wardrobe Planning." The next meeting will be March 22 in the home of Mrs. Pat Rives.

MARRIAGE BOOM AHEAD

Only 1.5 million marriages occurred in 1955, as compared with 2.3 million in postwar 1946. But by 1960, there will be a new wave of marriages resulting from the boom in births in the 40's. About 2 million a year. — The Kiplinger Letter

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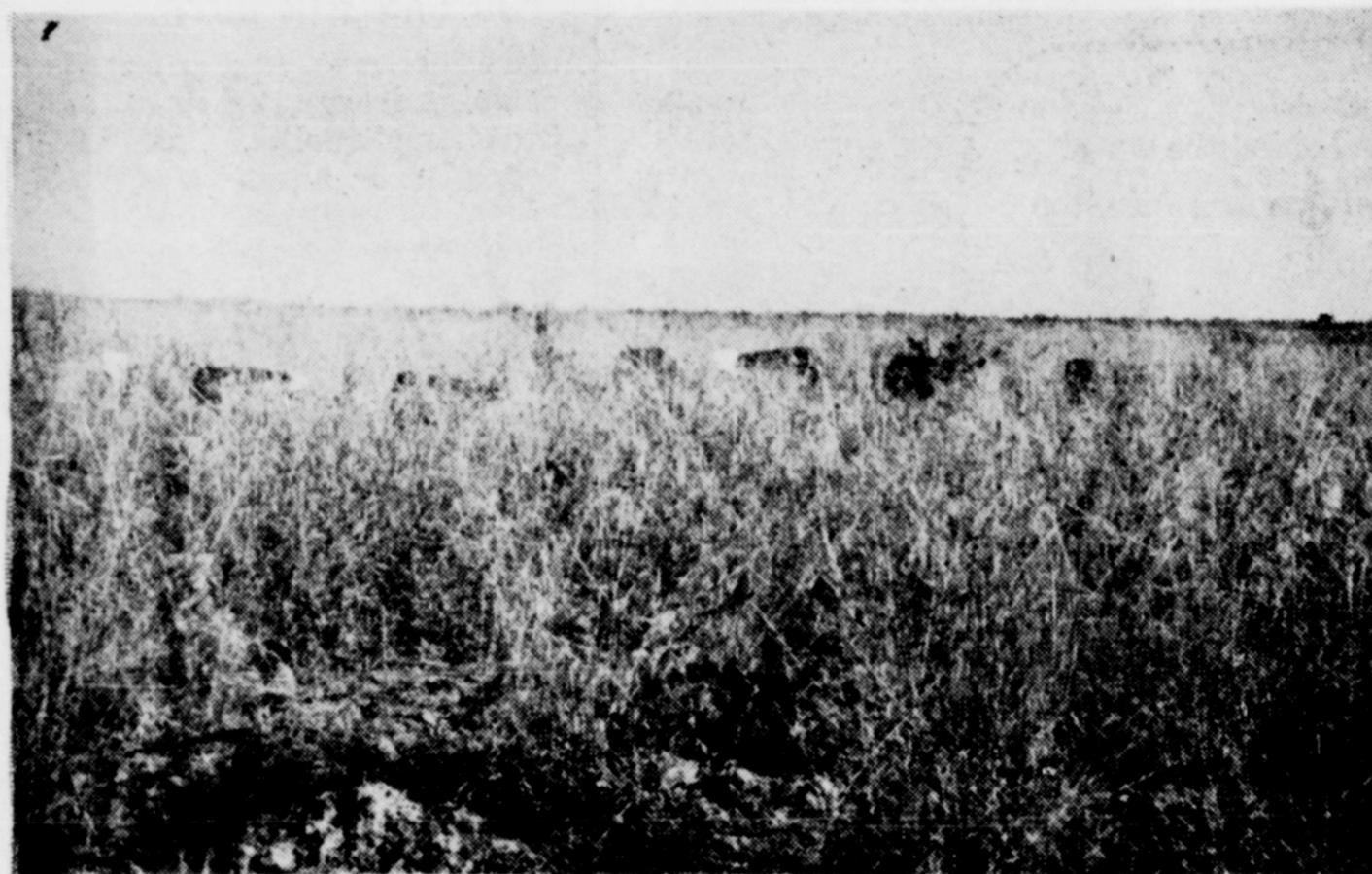
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A. V. Sheppard, W. U. C., S. C. S., shows soil crust in pasture just across the highway from the picture of the cattle grazing the Blue Panicum. The pasture across the highway was growing this type of vegetation

before being root plowed and seeded to Blue Panicum. The soil is the same in both pastures, both received the same 12 inches of rainfall. Because of a crusted soil and very little cover; the water penetrated the soil very

slowly and the rate of runoff was excessive. High soil temperatures caused high evaporation rate. Runoff water has never grown much grass.



Cattle grazing in Blue Panicum grass as high as their back. This 80 acre pasture was root plowed in May 1955, and received

12 inches of rainfall during the growing season. The pasture was deferred during the growing season. Maximum use of the 12 inches of moisture was ob-

tained. Water must get into the soil to grow grass. It is the water that gets into the soil that counts and now what falls into the rain gauge.

Root Plowing Of Mesquite A New Practice

At the February meeting, the Coke County Conservation District Supervisors requested the Soil Conservation Service to plan to get several trial plots of mesquite root plowed and over seeded with native and introduced grasses.

Eighteen district cooperators have agreed to plow a plot of 10 to 15 acres of mesquite soon. The land will be plowed 12 to 18 inches deep and overseeded with native and introduced grasses. The contractor has rigged a small seed attachment to plant Blue Panicum as he plows the mesquite. The landowners have agreed to hand seed the trashy seed such as side oats grama, K. R. Bluestem, and blue grama as well as other species that some landowners might want to seed.

District cooperators that have agreed to plow plots to date include Wilson Bryan; W. E. Burns; Raymond Schooler; Robert W. Walker; Bill Blanks; D. K. Glenn; Otto Wojtek; L. E. Smith and Son; B. St. George Tucker; Bryan Yarbrough; C. N. Webb; Austin Sandusky; W. A. Able; C. E. Arrott; Marvin Simpson; Carter Rawlings; Mrs. H. G. Wendland; and W. C. Shamblin.

The cost of treatment per acre necessitates the highest type of range management. Our only purpose to root plowing is to get our land back to producing the grasses

it is capable of producing and at the same time try to find a control for mesquite that is robbing ranchers in the Coke District of many thousand tons of feed each year. Future management must include planned periods of deferments, never taking more than fifty per cent of the annual production and always balancing livestock numbers with the feed on the ground.

The management plan must include control by regrowth of seedlings and sprouting. The operator can retard the regrowth by maintaining at all times a good stand of grass. When seedling and sprouts show up, they need to be controlled by hand grubbing and oiling. If the management plan does not include control of regrowth, the land will soon be infested with mesquite and the value of the work will be short lived.

The cost of root plowing will run about \$15.00 per acre of which the ASC County Committee will pay \$7.50 per acre. The cost of seeding will be about \$5.00 per acre. The cost to each landowner will be about \$10.00 per acre which points up the fact that a management plan must be developed. Without management, we will be back to a sparse cover of red grama and mesquite and losing a big part of our rainfall by runoff in a very few short years.

Farmers who plant corn are advised by extension agronomists to make their usual purchase of an adapted corn hybrid. Don't take a chance on harvesting less corn by planting a second-generation hybrid or open-pollinated varieties.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Mattie Tinkler returned to her home here Saturday after a week's stay in St. John's Hospital at San Angelo where she underwent surgery for an eye ailment. The operation seems to have been successful.

Leslie Wink and Jake Tubb have gone to Iraan where they are helping work sheep on the big Noelke Ranch, where Claude Brown is a foreman.

Art Bagwell and family recently enjoyed a two weeks' vacation trip to southwestern states and California. They visited a sister of Mrs. Bagwell at Tucson and with her brother at Holtville, Calif., in the Imperial Valley.

Mrs. Sam Jay, city secretary, entered Coke Memorial Hospital Saturday evening for medical treatment. She was reported improved yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard and little daughter, Dixie Jan, came down from Spearman for a weekend visit in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor.

POPULATION IN 10 YEARS
The population of the U. S. has reached 167 million. In five years it should be 178 million and in ten years, 190 million. By 1975 there will be more than 221 million people in America. — The Kiplinger Letter.

If You Don't Get the Observer You Don't Get the News

Tom Varnadore Dies Suddenly In San Angelo

Tom Varnadore, 73, former Robert Lee resident, died early Wednesday of last week after a brief illness.

He appeared in normal health during the day and was seized with a coughing spell after he retired that night. A doctor was summoned and had him taken to Shannon hospital where he passed away soon after midnight. Exact cause of his death was not announced.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday at Cox Funeral Chapel and burial was in Fairmont cemetery. Nephews serving as pallbearers were Howard Varnadore and Royce Smith of Robert Lee, Morris Varnadore of Abilene, Wm. K. Varnadore of Big Spring,

Benny Bilbo of San Angelo and Emmet Varnadore of Houston.

John Thomas Varnadore was born Jan. 17, 1883, near Mesquite, Texas. He and his wife came to Coke County in 1913. They resided on his father's farm west of San Angelo and also on a place near San Angelo.

He retired from farming more than 25 years ago and moved to San Angelo. Tom operated a grocery store for a while and later moved to his present home at Big Lake, S. Jackson. A few years later he suffered an unfortunate leg injury which disabled him the remainder of his life.

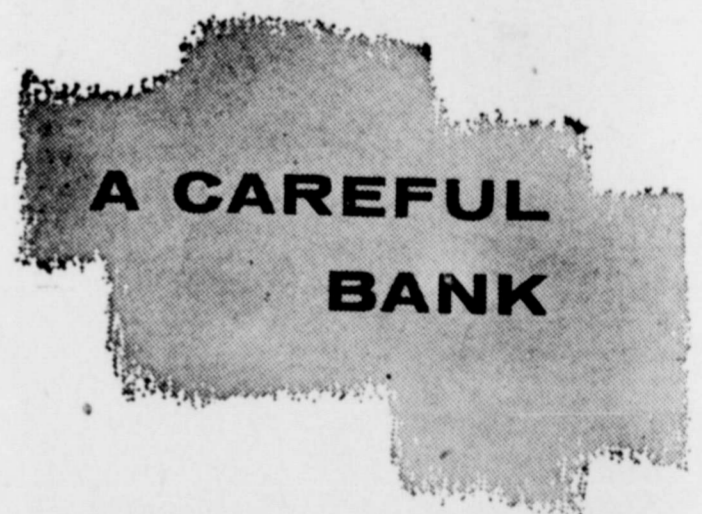
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pearl Bilbo of Robert Lee; son, Robert Varnadore of Big Lake; six brothers, Jim Varnadore of San Angelo, Henry Varnadore of Maynard, Ark., Edna Varnadore of Ada, Okla., Ernest Varnadore of Robert Lee and Coke County, Varnadore of Big Lake; and three sisters, Mrs. Lillie Fisher of Waco, Mrs. Pearl Bilbo of Robert Lee and Mrs. Lizzie Shackelford of Salinas, Calif.

Announcement

We have bought out T. C. Coffey and are now operating the Conoco Station in Robert Lee. Complete one-stop service including washing, greasing and tire repairs.

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Robert Lee State Bank

Home Demonstration Club Activities

By Mrs. Fay C. Roe

The Bronte Girls 4-H Clubs have been divided into two groups, Junior and Starlight or Senior. Officers for the Junior clubs: President, Peggy Corley; Vice-president, Ann Harris; Secretary, Sharon Knight; Reporter, Margie Oglesby; Song leader, Judy Lee; Game Leader, Jeanna Kay Denman. Adult Leaders are Mrs. Aubrey Denman and Mrs. Truman Parker.

The 4-H Girls are making plans for the County Awards contests which will be held in April. These contests include Share the Fun,

Health & Safety, Dairy Foods, and Vegetable Preparation and Public Speaking.

Dian Casey and Mary Francis Wylie of the Robert Lee Club are working on a vegetable Preparation Team Demonstration as soon as they try out the recipes they will be ready to start planning what each will do and say. It takes a lot of work to perfect such a demonstration.

I will be in Bronte in Danell Dixons home Friday afternoon from 2 until 4 to help Danell and June and Jean Moore plan their demonstrations. Danell is entering the Dairy Foods while the Moore Twins are entering Health and Safety. I am hoping some other girls will come in Friday so I

can help them plan something they can enter.

Miss Jimmie Nell Harris, Extension Service Foods Specialist A & M College conducted a Demonstration Wednesday afternoon in the Home Making Cottage.

Miss Harris prepared a complete meal including creamed chicken in cornbread ring, carrots with lemon butter, calico slaw and apricot whip.

The following people attended the meeting: Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Mrs. Tom Rives, Mrs. Brent Clark, Sharon Hester, Joyce Hester, Nell Burson, Carroll Bagwell, Carol Geer, Jo Clawson, Mrs. Shirley Nease, Homemaking Teacher, Mrs. Hal Anderson, Mrs.

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James Allen, Mrs. H. A. Springer, Mrs. W. J. Humphrey, Mrs. Jahew Jameson, Mrs. Pat Rives, Mrs. LeDrew Arrott, Miss Thelma Casey, District Agent and Mrs. Fay Roe.

GREEN MT. HD CLUB

The Green Mountain W. H. D. club met in its regular session in the community center on Tuesday, March 6. Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Patsy Bynum read a poem for the opening exercise. Roll call was answered with a First Aid Hint by 7 members and one child.

There was no delegate elected for County T. H. D. A. chairman. Names for sunshine pals were drawn to run through the last meeting in June.

Program was led by Mrs. Waldrop on "Health and Safety" and the group discussed their views. Mrs. T. E. Matlock acted as hostess.

Mrs. E. C. McArthur led the group in some recreation.

Meeting adjourned with next meeting to be on March 20 in the community center with Mrs. Waldrop as hostess.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS:
COUNTY OF COKE:
TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID COUNTY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in Coke County, Texas on the 7th day of April, 1956, on the proposition and at the places more particularly set forth in the election order passed by the Commissioners' Court of said County on March 12, 1956, which order is as follows:

"AN ORDER
 CALLING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF \$130,000.00 PARK BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, deems it advisable to call an election on the proposition hereinafter stated:

BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That an election be held in said County on the 7th day of April, 1956, at which the following proposition shall be submitted:

'Shall the Commissioners' Court of Coke County Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said county in the amount of \$130,000.00, to become due and payable serially in not to exceed Fifteen (15) years from the date thereof, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed Three and one-half (3½) per cent per annum, for the purpose of providing funds to purchase and improve lands for park purposes, and shall the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, be authorized to levy, have assessed and collected annually while said bonds or any of them are outstanding a tax on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of taxable property in said County at a rate sufficient to pay interest and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity.'

2. The said election shall be held at the several polling places in Coke County, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed as officers of said election at the several voting precincts, as follows:

In Voting Precinct No. 1 at the Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 Roy Taylor, Presiding Judge,
 Ollie Green, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 2 at the City Hall, Bronte, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 D. K. Glenn, Presiding Judge,
 Noah Pruitt, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 3 at the Church House in Fort Chadbourne, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 R. C. Lasswell, Presiding Judge,
 Jesse Parker, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 4 at the Schoolhouse in Tennyson, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 C. N. Webb, Presiding Judge,
 E. D. Little, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 5 at the Church House in Divide, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 Fred McCabe, Presiding Judge,
 A. N. Counts, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 7 at the Schoolhouse, Sanco, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 Ulmer Bird, Presiding Judge,
 J. L. Carwile, Jr., Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 8 at the Schoolhouse, Silver, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 Robert Walker, Presiding Judge,
 H. H. Jameson, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 9 at the Green Mountain Schoolhouse, Edith, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 Elbert Davidson, Presiding Judge,
 P. W. Millican, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 10 at the Schoolhouse, Wildcat, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 M. D. Chumley, Presiding Judge,
 H. G. Smith, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 11 at the Schoolhouse, Olga, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 R. V. Copeland, Presiding Judge,
 Fletch Pinkard, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 12 at the Ainsley Turner Ranch home, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 C. G. Munn, Presiding Judge,
 Elton Mims, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 13 at the Schoolhouse, Lometa, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 Chester Harwell, Presiding Judge,
 W. J. Martin, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 14 at the Schoolhouse, Hayrick, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 J. W. Labenske, Presiding Judge,
 W. G. Cresap, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 In Voting Precinct No. 15 at the Schoolhouse, Juniper, Texas, with the following election officers:

_____ Clerk.
 Homer Cornelius, Presiding Judge,
 Clint Duncan, Judge,

_____ Clerk.
 3. The following are hereby appointed Special Canvassing Board to canvass the Absentee votes to be cast at said election:

Lem Cowley
 Calvin McCutchen
 T. R. Harmon

4. The said election shall be held under the provisions of Title 22, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, including the provisions of Article 704, as amended by Chapter 382, passed at the First Called Session of the Forty Fourth Legislature, and only legally qualified electors who own taxable property in the County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be qualified to vote and all such electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence.

5. The ballots of said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

'FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARK BONDS.'
 'AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF PARK BONDS'

Concerning said proposition, each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the proposition.

6. A substantial copy of this order signed by the County Judge and attested by the County Clerk shall serve as proper notice of said election. Notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of Article 704, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended by Chapter 382, passed at the First Called Session of the Forty Fourth Legislature, supra. The County Judge is authorized and directed to have a copy of said notice posted at the Courthouse and in each of the election precincts in Coke County, Texas, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for holding said election, and the said election shall be held not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of this order. He shall also cause said notice to be published on the same day in each of two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published within Coke County, Texas, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for said election. Except as otherwise provided in said Article 704, as amended, the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws governing general elections.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this the 12 day of March, 1956.

Jeff Dean,
 County Judge,
 Coke County, Texas

ATTEST:
 J. L. Timkler
 County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court, Coke County, Texas."

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A Brazoria county ranchman, Bascom Munson, caught 132 buzzards in his demonstration trap at one time. Buzzards polute

April 1st Is Deadline!

Important Notice To Motor Vehicle Owners

We wish to call attention to the law which provides that all owners of Motor Vehicles must have their 1956 Licenses before April 1.

It will be unlawful to operate a car or truck after that date without a 1956 License.

INSPECTION DEADLINE APRIL 15

Your attention is also directed to another important law which provides that Motor Vehicles must have a mechanical inspection prior to April 15. You are advised to have an inspection sticker before that date.

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Home of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Roberts has been sold to Mrs. Jack Trimble, who bought it as an investment. The place is now occupied by Mrs. Bonetia Robertson and family.

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Phone 172

NOTICE

TO FORMER SERVICE MEN

We are happy to announce that we have a connection whereby we can finance a number of new homes in Robert Lee and Bronte on the G-I Loan Plan, to those who can qualify. Will be glad to have you come by and talk with us.

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School Board Election Set For April 7th

Three members of the Robert Lee school board whose terms expire this year have been nominated for re-election. They are Raymond Schooler, Bob Godwin and Jack Cowley.

Decision to place names of these men on the ballot for re-election was made at last Thursday night's board meeting, and follows a custom which has been in effect here and elsewhere for many years.

However, The Observer was advised to state that other candidates were invited to file. Schooler and Godwin are completing three-year terms, and were named when the Green Mountain district was consolidated with Robert Lee. Cowley went on the school board four years ago to fill a vacancy and then served a three-year term.

School election is Saturday, April 7. Candidates may file their names in the county judge's office, or a petition with five signatures may also be used to get names on the ballot. Deadline for filing is five days prior to election.

The school trustees discussed various matters and decided to wait until the next board meeting, April 5, to hire teachers. The date is only two days prior to election.

NEW PUPILS

Supt. B. C. Goodwin announces that five Silver pupils have withdrawn from Colorado City high school and are now enrolled in Robert Lee. They include Charles Palmer, Dale Dean and Leslie Hatfield, sophomores, Wade Anderson, junior, and Benny Hayes, a senior.

Anchie Wheeler and Kenneth Pickett and their families came from Amarillo for a weekend visit with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lowrance.



Rita Beth McCutchen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McCutchen of Bronte, was chosen as a freshman class favorite recently at San Angelo College. Three boys and three girls were chosen from each class. Rita is a graduate of Bronte High School.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore returned last Wednesday from a week's motor trip to Colorado Springs where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mac Mathis and Cathy. Jimmy Mac and his brother, Joe, recently moved from Childress to Colorado Springs where a building boom is under way. Mrs. Lonnie Thompson of Seminole, the former Colleen Varnadore, accompanied her parents on the trip to Colorado and also returned to Robert Lee with them last week.

Mrs. Verna Sims became ill Wednesday and was taken to the Roscoe hospital by her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr. of Colorado City. For the past three weeks Mrs. Sims has been staying with Mr. Fred McDonald, Sr. at Bronte.

Want Ads

FOR SALE—New modern 3-bedroom home in Sunset Addition, lot 75 x 135 ft. Contact the owner, Leslie Copeland, Box 165, Silver, Texas. 42-4f

NOTICE

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

FOR SALE — 12 ft. quarter inch marine plywood home made flat bottomed boat; 8 h. p. Champion motor and trailer, all in excellent condition. A bargain at \$200 cash. See the owner, W. L. (Pete) Ashmore, Silver, Texas. 1p

HOUSE FOR SALE

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FOR SALE — Ladies dress shop, reasonable; brand new; other business reason for selling. If interested send inquiry to WLF, care of Observer, Robert Lee, Tex.

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FOR SALE — Equity in small modern home near school house, or will rent. Call collect Sweetwater 5293. 43w3p

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SILVER NEWS

G. A. Brown was honored with a surprise birthday party on Saturday night. It was a happy occasion and the first time Gail ever had a birthday party, he said. Dominoes were enjoyed and refreshments served. Mr. Brown received many nice gifts. Sponsoring the affair were Mrs. Marion Cox, Mrs. W. M. Brown and Mrs. W. A. Preston.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Sparks enjoyed having all their children and their families with them over the March 4 weekend. They included Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Puckett of Stamford, the A. M. Fuller and John Sparks families of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sparks and children of Abilene.

Mrs. H. T. Brookshire returned recently from a visit with relatives in Dallas.

Miss Emma Conner of San Angelo has been a guest for several days in the G. A. Brown home.

Mrs. H. B. Cox and children

of Anson were guests here last week in the C. T. Wilkes home.

T. Z. Phillips returned to his home here last Thursday from a stay of nine days in a Big Spring hospital where he was treated for an eye injury. He was struck in the eye by a staple while building fence. A son, J. Weldon Phillips, came home on a ten days' leave from Kelley Field at San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom went to Buchanan Dam last Friday to attend a district postmasters meeting. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones of San Angelo and R. D. Allen of Vancouver.

Mrs. Opal Vickers of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Twilley of Pecos were weekend guests in the C. T. Wilkes home.

Students at West Texas State in Canyon who were home for a few days the last of the week were Mary Ann Snyder, Jerry Mullican and Cecil Coalson. The latter

became ill of pneumonia and was hospitalized at Bronte. Mrs. Coalson spent some time at the hospital where her mother, Mrs. Maggie Scott, also was a patient.

Cpl. David McKinnon, his wife and little daughter, Sharon Lyn, were guests a few days last week in the home of Mrs. McKinnon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Caldwell. David is stationed near Barnwell, S. C., as an army radar expert. He secured 10-days' leave in order that he could come to Dallas to meet a brother, who was home on leave from the Navy: A former Sun production field clerk here, David will complete two years of military service next December.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thorp of Throckmorton came in over the weekend to get their little son, Jahew, who had spent a week here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson.

Carol Ann 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards, is the third member of the family to become a victim of mumps. No other cases have been reported in the Silver community.

T. W. Lyle and family were in Oklahoma over the weekend where the former's father underwent an eye operation.

Jack Denman returned to his work at Jameson gasoline plant the middle of last week following a week's vacation.

Billy C. Ray and family have been visiting kinfolks in Mississippi.

Sun Pipeline employees enjoyed a stag shrimp feed at Sun Rec Hall Saturday night. Guests were present from Snyder.

A movement is on foot to organize a Lions Club in Silver. A meeting to discuss the matter was scheduled to be held at Sun Rec Hall Tuesday night.

C. G. Walker, Sun pumper, is taking a week's vacation.

Earl Boggus and wife recently made a trip to Luling where they visited his mother, who has been ill.

W. D. Shoemaker and family have gone to Delhi, La., where the former will undergo surgery. He expects to be absent several weeks from his work as derrickman on a Sun production roustabout crew.

Joe Ezell, Sun production field clerk, left last Friday to spend a few days at the horse races in Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. McDougle were Dallas visitors over the weekend.

A fine crowd turned out last Thursday night for "open house" at the Silver school in observance of Texas Public School Week. Visitors were shown through the entire school plant and refreshments were served by the P-T.A.

D S & R Construction Co. has been awarded a contract to handle dirt moving work for the new school football field. They moved in equipment this week.

Silver school will be dismissed Friday of this week for the district teachers meeting to be held in San Angelo.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Millican, who are parents of a son, Larry Milburn, born last Friday night in Coke Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee. He has a sister, Carolyn, 8, and a brother, Homer Dalton, five years of age. The father is employed in oil field.

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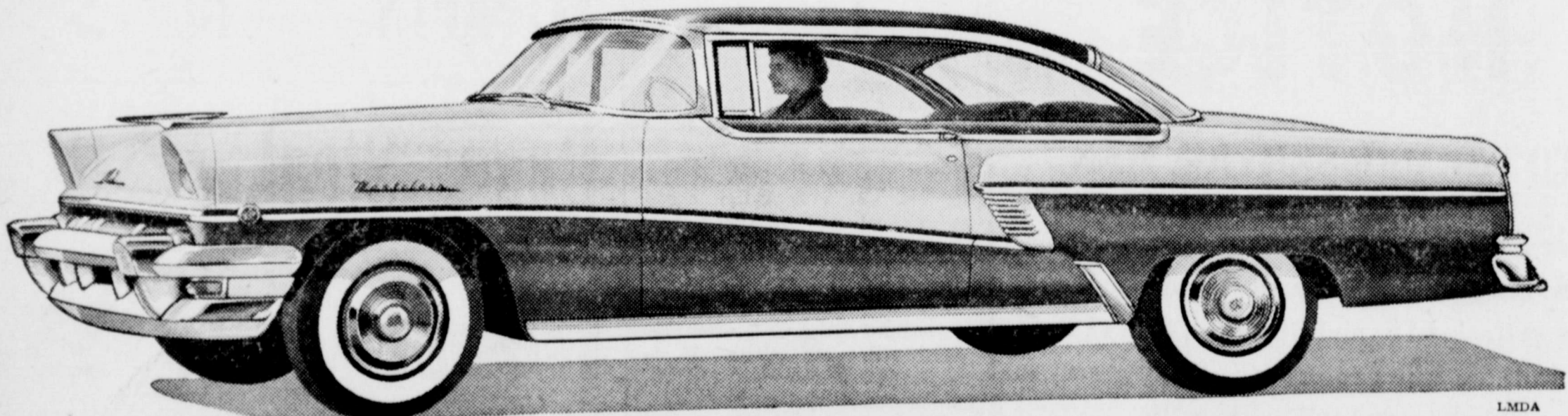
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SILVER NEWS—

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work here. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Millican, former Silver residents, are the grandparents.

The maternal grandmother, Mrs. Onis Adams of Midland, is here helping care for the Millican household.

Bert Duncan arrived the last of the week from Denver for a visit with his wife and kinfolks in Robert Lee. He came by way of Flora Vista, N. Mex., where he visited his brother, Jack Duncan, and their mother, Mrs. P. J. Duncan. Bert is a locomotive engineer for the D. & R. S. with headquarters in Denver.

HENRY VARNADORES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore of Mena, Ark., were called here last week by the death of his brother, Tom, and spent several days with kinfolks and friends. They made their headquarters in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith. Henry and his son, Clell, have developed a sizeable herd of registered Angus cattle since moving to Arkansas a few years ago. They have consigned 11 head of cows and bred heifers to a big sale at Ft. Smith on April 10, and later in the year will hold a sale of their own. Henry says his section of the state is well supplied with

moisture at this time. Clell is employed by a butane concern and his wife is working at the telephone office. The Varnadores report that their son, Morris is soon to be transferred from Abilene to Midland, as a district representative of a tank manufacturer. The youngest son, J. Que, resides at Compton, Calif., where he is employed in a General Motors factory.

Mrs. Norval Jackson and son, Larry Lynn, and her daughter, returned Wednesday from a trip to Cleveland, Okla., where they visited kinfolks. Parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson reside at Cleveland.

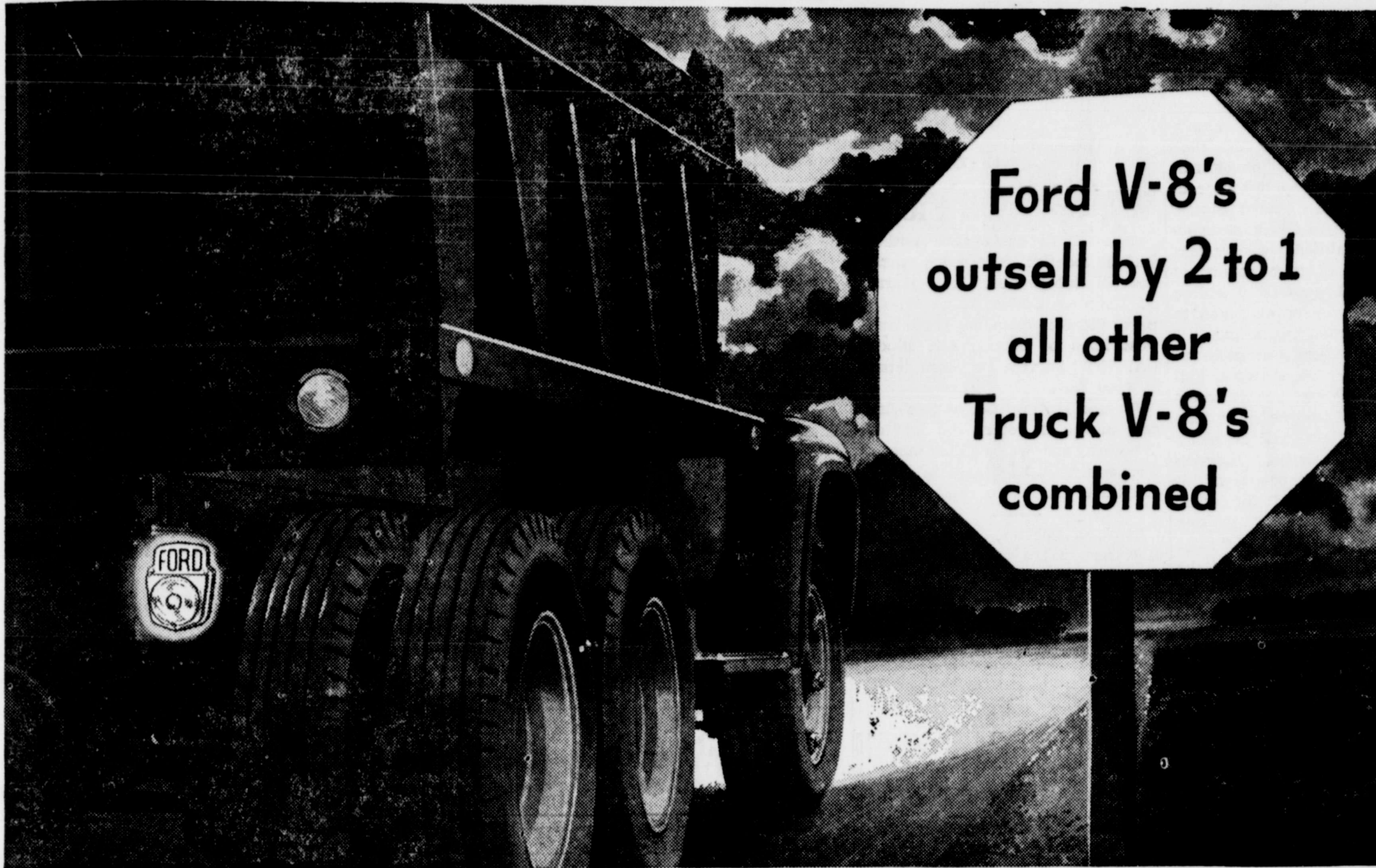
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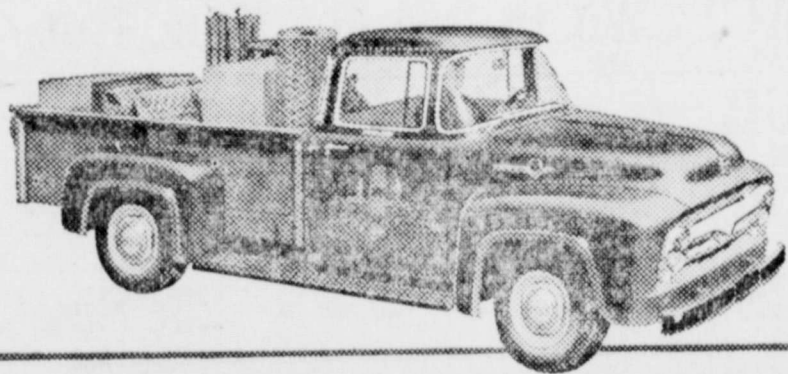
Approximately 200 guests attended the Art Exhibit and Tea given by Mrs. Paul J. Brown Sunday afternoon at San Angelo College. Mrs. Brown has been a student of Mrs. Tincie Heddins for the past four years, and her work has attracted wide attention. Those attending from Robert Lee were Messrs. and Mmes. F. C. Clark, C. S. Brown, John H. Brown and Frank McCabe.

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New Law Permits Dividing of Tax, Sheriff's Office

The matter of separating the Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector offices in Coke County is being discussed. This procedure was made possible by a constitutional amendment passed in 1954 and a number of nearby counties have made the change.

It is especially important in counties with big oil valuations, which includes Coke with its assessed value of 30 million dollars. The sheriff and tax offices are entirely unrelated. The two offices were combined years ago as an economy measure for counties with small population and meagre tax income.

Following is the amendment to the constitution:

"Art. 8, 16a. In any county having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding census of the United States, the Commissioners Court may submit to the qualified property tax-paying voters of such county at an election the question of adding an Assessor-Collector of Texas to the list of authorized county officials. If a majority of such voters voting in such election shall approve of adding an Assessor-Collector of Taxes to such list, then such officials shall be elected at the next General Election for such Constitutional term of office as is provided for other Tax Assessors-Collectors in this state. Added Nov. 2, 1954."

An interpretive commentary published in the Constitution of Texas states:



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"By an amendment approved in November, 1954, this section was added to the Constitution, permitting the qualified property tax-paying voters of a county having less than 10,000 population to create a separate office of county tax assessor-collector.

"At the time of the adoption of the amendment, there were ninety-six counties in the state having a population of less than 10,000, and in these counties the sheriff served as ex-officio assessor-collector. It was felt that in some of these counties this imposed a heavy burden on the sheriff, and took up a large portion of his time which should be devoted to his other duties. Therefore this amendment permits the voters of these counties to decide, in a referendum, whether the new and additional office of assessor-collector should be created."



Notes From The Oil Field

Coke County has drawn another wildcat location, four miles northeast of Robert Lee. It is Harry D. Kahn of Dallas No. 1 W. G. Byrd, 660 feet from the north and west lines of Section 418, Block 1-A, H&TC Survey. Proposed depth is 6,000 feet.

Fortune Drilling Co. of San Angelo moved in rotary the last of the week and was drilling ahead Wednesday at 1,725 feet in lime, anhydrite and some shale.

Black 1 Roberts, coring below 6,180 feet. On a one-hour and 45-minute drillstem test in the Strawn between 6,135-80 feet, recovery was 30 feet of drilling mud. Pressures were unavailable.

Black 1 Williams, cored between 5,460-5,508 feet. Recovery was unavailable.

Black 1-B Roberts, 140 feet. Humble I Martin, 5,883 feet in lime and shale.

Bush 1 Mims, spudded, no depth reported.

Humble 3 Weaver, bottomed at 5,905 feet in lime, spotting a plug.

DRY HOLE

Union Oil Co. of California, of Midland No. 1 Sadie Harris, wildcat in I Winfield Scott survey, 11 miles northwest of Robert Lee, plugged and abandoned at 6,633 feet.

Mrs. Clarence Mitchell has been a medical patient the past week in the Bronte hospital. She was expected to return to her home here yesterday.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift returned Tuesday from a few days' visit in Houston with their son, Wallace Clift and wife. While there they enjoyed visiting some of the Azalea trails found in Houston suburbs. They came home through Ballinger where Mrs. Clift remained over night with her daughter, Mrs. Allan Davis and family.

E. F. Henry and family have moved to Andrews where the former is employed on a large oil field construction project. They traded their home, the former Shropshire residence, to Melvin Krall.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Observer is authorized to announce the following candidates, 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
FERN HAVINS

For Commissioner, Precinct 3
ED HICKMAN

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Charlton Heston, Julia Adams & Tim Hovey in
"PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON"
(In Technicolor) Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 21 & 22
John Wayne, Lana Turner in
"THE SEA CHASE"
(In Cinemascope and Color) Also Cartoon

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DELICIOUS APPLES - - - - - Lb. 15c

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TIDE OR CHEER - - - - - Large Box 29c

MEXICAN STYLE BEANS, Kimbell - 2 Cans 23c

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VANILLA EXTRACT, Worth Brand - 8 Oz. Bot. 19c

GLADIOLA FLOUR - - - - - 10 Lb. Bag 89c

GLADIOLA FLOUR - - - - - 5 Lb. Bag 49c

VANILLA WAFERS - - - - - 25c Size 19c

PINEAPPLE JUICE - - 46 Oz. Can, 3 for \$1.00

Round Steak 1 lb. 65c

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Bacon 1 lb. 19c

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Sausage 2 lbs. 89c

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