

Robert Lee Observer

Vol. 68, No. 4

Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, Friday, June 29, 1956

Published Weekly



MRS. CLAUDE E. STORY
(Miss Marilyn LaVerne Darter)

MISS DARTER, CLAUDE STORY EXCHANGE VOWS IN ABILENE

Wedding vows were exchanged Thursday night by Miss Marilyn Verne Darter, daughter of Mrs. N. Douglas of Abilene and the late Mr. H. R. Darter, and Claude Story, son of Mrs. Merton Story of Wichita Falls and the late Mr. Story.

E. R. Harper, minister of the 10th and Highland Streets Church, Christ in Abilene, performed the ceremony in the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Voss, in Abilene. Recorded nuptial music was provided by the Vosses.

Elwin G. Darter of Munday gave the bride away. She wore a ballerina-length gown of white tulle lace over taffeta designed with a long, fitted bodice, brief sleeves and a full skirt. Her fingertip veil of illusion was attached to a half hat of embroidered tulle. She carried a bouquet of white feathered carnations and ribbon streamers.

Mrs. Elwin G. Darter of Munday, sister-in-law of the bride, was the matron of honor. Best man was J. Lile of Wichita Falls, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

A postnuptial reception was held at the home. Following a week's wedding trip to Colorado Springs, the couple will be at home in Wichita Falls, where the bride is employed with the post office.

Mrs. Story received her B. S. degree from Abilene Christian College where she was a member of the W. Club, and a master's degree from Hardin-Simmons University, where she was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, national honorary social science society. She has been employed as a business teacher at Abilene High School and is a member of the First Aid Instructors Club in Abilene.

Her husband is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and has done graduate study at Hardin-Simmons University.

She taught commercial subjects in Robert Lee high school for seven years, and resigned a year ago to accept the Abilene position. She was active in sponsoring many school activities and has a wide circle of Robert Lee friends.

Attending the wedding from Robert Lee were Supt. and Mrs. B. C. Goodwin and daughter, Sue, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Sheppard.

Clearing Site For New Bank Building Here

Work is going ahead rapidly on dismantling the old double store building where the Robert Lee State Bank will erect its new \$50,000 home.

Contract for the new structure was let Tuesday of last week to Rutherford & Freeman of San Angelo, and tearing down the old buildings started two days later.

Only a portion of the north and west walls of the old building will be used. The walls, constructed of concrete tile, are being lowered and a front section of the north wall has been removed.

Heavy machinery and air drills were used in tearing out the partition wall and the concrete slab in front of the buildings. The north wall will be veneered with face brick.

Several local men have employment on the project.

Henry Briscoe has been ill this week at his home here. He is under the doctor's care.

LEGION BALL GAME

Robert Lee's American Legion base ball team will play a San Angelo club under the lights at Guinn Field Thursday night of this week. The club is composed of high school boys, ages 16 to 18, and the locals will have some help from Silver and Sterling City. Last week the San Angelo club came to Robert Lee and won handily when the locals were unable to field their regular lineup. The San Angelo club was defeated at Silver Tuesday night by a score of 9 to 3.

TWISTERS TO BATTLE KIRBY HERE SUNDAY

Kirby Vacuum, leaders of the Concho Basin League, come to Robert Lee next Sunday to engage the Coke County Rabbit Twisters. Kirby obtained sole possession of first place when the Twisters knocked off Kimrey Contractors last week.

Local fans are impressed with the Twisters of late, and it is hoped the lineup will remain some where intact from now on. Robert Lee upset the dope in winning from Kimrey, and took advantage of some timely hitting and good fielding to do the trick.

Capt. Lew Heuvel was back in the lineup after vacationing three weeks and Royce Smith had completely recovered from a fractured wrist.

However, John Conley sprained an ankle while sliding into second base near the end of the game, and may be disabled for the Sunday tilt with Kirby. John had played a bangup game, getting two hits and showing his defensive power in patrolling center field.

Brightest spot on the Twister roster is third base, where Frank Demere continues to display the fanciest infield work seen here in a long time. He's potent with the willow, too. Another Water Valley man, Gene Cope, broke into the lineup last Sunday and should add a lot of strength to the local club.

Arthur Runnion had a big day. He handled some good catches in right field and slammed out a single and a triple which scored two runs.

Norman Roberts has gone over to Kimrey. Although recruiting from other teams has been banned in the past, Milton Rathbone, Kimrey manager, got Norman a job in San Angelo and the transfer was allowed by the Robert Lee managers. Pretty rough to take a star player from an already undermanned club, but Rathbone don't care just so he wins.

He already has 18 of the best San Angelo young ball players on his roster. Mickey may not realize it, but these guys that play softball every night aren't always so hot on the base ball field Sunday afternoons.

Base ball fans better turn out for the game with Kirby. New bleacher seats are now being used.

Clarence Mitchell moved Jim Greer's household articles to Houston early last week. He was accompanied by his wife and they stopped at Columbus to visit her brother, Clifford Robertson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hayley attended the Hayley reunion at Sweetwater June 17. They report an attendance of 54 at the happy event.

Refinery Terminal Now in Robert Lee

BIG BUSINESS
Coke County's business is big business and our readers will be interested in the financial report for 1955 which is being published in this issue. First section of the report appeared last week. Of particular interest are the tables on Page 7 showing the county's outstanding bonds and warrants, and a recapitulation of receipts and disbursements and balances on hand in the various county and precinct funds. County records are checked each year by a Lubbock auditing firm and the reports are published in both the Bronte and Robert Lee newspapers.

BCD LUNCHEON
Robert Lee Board of Community Development held its semi-monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at Varnadore Cafe. The membership committee reported its canvass had not been completed, but good results had been obtained thus far. The club voted \$24.77 for one of the traveling trophies for the annual Coke County Livestock Show. Several civic matters were discussed, including the matter of meeting every week. This suggestion will be acted upon at the next BCD meeting July 11.

Carroll Walker and three children were here from Colorado City Tuesday visiting his mother, Mrs. Sam Walker, and his brother, Curtis. Carroll is employed at the Col-Tex refinery in Colorado City.

Mrs. B. W. Waldrop is vacationing from her duties as deputy in the office of County Clerk J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler.



OWEN COSGROVE Moves to Bronte

Owen Cosgrove is moving to Bronte this week where he will preach at the Church of Christ.

A former resident of Robert Lee, Mr. Cosgrove has resided at Stratford for more than a year.

He is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and plans to take some additional work while stationed in Bronte.

His wife is the former Martha Sue Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson of Robert Lee.

A new business concern for Robert Lee is a products terminal of Wickett Refining Company. The plant is rapidly being assembled on two acres of leased ground at the northwest edge of the city on Highway 208.

B. V. Slater will operate the plant on a contract with the refinery, and transportation will be handled by Slater Transport, Ltd., in which Mr. Slater is a partner.

Purpose of the terminal is to furnish gasoline to this area, making it possible to obtain the products here without making longer trips to refineries.

Wickett Refinery, a strictly independent organization, has operated without a shutdown since 1928 when the big oil play was opened in Ward County. The product turned out at Wickett (which is really naphtha) will be hauled to Robert Lee where it will be blended with high test casing head gas produced by Texas Natural Gasoline plant southwest of Silver. The plant here will turn out three grades of gasoline, Mr. Slater stated.

Main installation at the local terminal are three storage tanks, one with a capacity of 25,000 gallons and two with 20,000 gallons. A unique loading rack and office has been constructed from an army surplus trailer used as a radar field office. It was purchased in California.

Mr. Slater has a wife and married daughter. He and his wife will occupy a new ready-built modern home which is now being completed. Mrs. Slater plans to join her husband here by the middle of July.

The Robert Lee terminal will be in operation by July 5, Mr. Slater advised The Observer yesterday.

Site of the plant was leased from Petroleum Products Co. of Houston, who bought the oil business formerly owned by Varnadore Bros.

Robert Lee was selected as a new terminal by Wickett Refinery after a careful survey of the territory. This was considered an ideal location with its highway facilities extending in all directions over Routes 208 and 158.

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
County and city offices, the post office and all Robert Lee business houses will be closed next Wednesday for the July 4th holiday. No program or special observance of the holiday is planned here.

Mrs. Melvin Childress is reported to be resting comfortably at Coke Memorial hospital where she has been a patient since Saturday. San Angelo specialists diagnosed her ailment as a stomach ulcer.

BIRTHS
McADEN — A son was born in Coke County Memorial Hospital June 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. McAden of San Angelo. Arriving at 5:10 p. m. the baby weighed nine pounds. He has been named James Wesley. The father is a welder and lived at Bronte before moving to San Angelo. There are three other children in the family.

SILVER NEWS

Members of the Silver Lions Club are now collecting subscriptions to The Observer and will receive 50c from each \$2.00 to be used in promoting community activities. Some member of the club will be calling on persons whose subscriptions are due and new subscribers will also be welcomed.

Mrs. Henry Skrabanek and children spent last week at Baird visiting her sister, Mrs. Herman Betcher, and family.

Donald Forsythe of Midland is a guest this week in the Frank Mullican home.

Mrs. Mildred Livensparger and children, Richard and Susan, arrived last week from Mansfield, Ohio, for an extended visit with the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson. Susan is an adopted daughter and has made her home with the Livenspargers since last spring.

Paul Baker arrived two weeks ago from Lawton, Okla., for a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Baker, and his uncle, Hank Baker. Paul is a member of the Little League ball team and is now enjoying a motor bike which his uncle purchased for him this week. Silver American Legion base ball team is scheduled to play in Colorado City next Wednesday, July 4, at 6 p. m. The event is being staged as a part of a holiday observance.

Mrs. Joe Ash and Charlotte McCabe left Monday to take Mrs. Joe Thorp and little son back to their home at Throckmorton after a visit here in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jameson.

Wade Graham of Andrews was a weekend guest in the O. L. Snyder home.

Janet Parry has returned to her home in Barnhart after a ten days' visit here with Linda Skrabanek.

Patricia Conner is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sloan, at Hawley.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Odom and daughter, Barbara, of Iraan. The men are cousins.

Mrs. M. L. Baker returned home Wednesday of last week from a stay of five days in the Colorado City hospital where she was a medical patient.

VISITING GRANDPARENTS

Charlo Jo and Jacque Allen of Winslow, Ariz., and a cousin, Larry Evans of Albuquerque, N. Mex., are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen, and other relatives at Silver and San Angelo. They will remain until after the Gaston family reunion at Buffalo Gap over the coming weekend.

Larry is a student at New Mexico School for the Deaf at Santa Fe, and will be a senior next year. He was presented an award from Galland College Alumni Ass'n, a club which is sponsored by Galland College located in Washington, D. C.

Gallandet is an unusual college, the only one in the world for the deaf and hard of hearing. Larry plans to enroll at the Washington college after graduating next year at Santa Fe. His award was based on scholarship and academic improvement.

Larry received another honor in being selected delegate to New Mexico's Boys State at Roswell where he spent eight days. He served on the state highway commission and was a deputy sheriff during the week. This was the first time the School for the Deaf had elected a delegate to Boys State.

Mrs. Ann Postlewaite and children of Corpus Christi are visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Jennings.

Guests the latter part of the week in the home of W. L. (Pete) Ashmore and family included his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ashmore of Liberty and his aunt, Mrs. Lonnie Smith of Beaumont.

Returning Tuesday to their home at Sour Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Billings and children, following a several days' visit in the E. E. McClusky home. Mrs. Billings is a sister of Mr. McClusky.

Joe Muchi of Beaumont was here Tuesday conducting a safety meeting for Sun Pipeline employees.

SUN PRODUCTION DEPT.

Lden Hill of Libscombe is a new Sun roustabout. He completed his required service in the armed forces in March. Mr. Hill and his wife reside in Colorado City.

Jake Higginbotham, area superintendent, has returned after he and his family enjoyed a three weeks' vacation among kinfolks and friends in South Texas.

Other vacationers who returned this week are Harold Ramsey and Chas. Crowson. The Ramseys spent a few days at Lake Travis and visited various points in Central and East Texas. Mr. Crowson and his family visited the kinfolks at Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Leaving on vacations this week were Engineer Wayne Goodwyn and Pumpers Walter Paul and Bob Godwin.

Longer vacations have been assured for a number of Sun employees retroactive to the first of the year, men with 10 years or more of service will be allowed three weeks of vacation each year.

Kenneth Carter, field clerk here a few years ago, visited friends at Silver last Sunday. He was enroute to Sun Field where he was being transferred from Gainesville.

A going away party for the Bill Broocks family is being planned for Friday night of this week. A barbecue supper will be featured at the homes of E. B. Martin and Johnny Clifton. Mr. Broocks was recently transferred to Colorado City as a Sun foreman.

SUN GAS DEPARTMENT

Leaving this week on vacations were N. K. Cheatham, operator at the Millican field gas plant, and Gene Carter, field clerk.

Carl Aldredge, Jameson plant repairman, is spending a vacation on the lake at Colorado City.

C. E. Butcher, engine operator, has gone to Las Vegas, Nev., to visit relatives. They took their adopted son, Alvin, to Louisiana where he will stay with his grandmother.

Bob Edwards, Jameson plant chief clerk, has returned from a week's vacation with kinfolks at Henderson. Bob says they enjoyed some excellent fishing at Cross Lake at Shreveport.

C. B. Jacobs, engine operator, has returned with his family from a two weeks' vacation visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Murray Marie has also left on a vacation period.

Ann Reed is visiting at Monroe, La., with her aunt, Mrs. L. U. Fourny. She made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Davis when they went to Alabama two weeks ago.

Wm. T. Lawler, gas engineer from the Dallas office, has been here the past week. Other Sun officials were expected to visit the plant Wednesday.

TEXAS NATURAL PLANT

Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Mascho have

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

June 29, 1956

returned from a two weeks vacation in Olean, N. Y.

Visitors over the weekend in the F. G. Fisher home were Mr. Fisher's parents from Merkel and Pat and Joyce Butman from Merkel.

Mrs. W. C. Cade and son, Robert, are visiting relatives in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wilbanks have returned from California where they attended the wedding

of their son.

Mr. Ted Atkins of Carlsbad, N. Mex., was a visitor this week in the John Mason home.

Leslie and Carol Hatfield went to Rankin this weekend to visit number of friends.

The Wallace Gregory and M. E. Stout families are moving to Wichita Falls this week. The men are welders and have engaged in work for Texas Natural Gasoline Corp.

Made Right Styled Right Priced Right



28-A West Beauregard San Angelo, Texas

WE ARE BUYING

Oil Field Salvage — Scrap Iron & Cable

Pipe Protectors & Cap Wire

All Coppers & Metals — Batteries & Rags

If Dollars Mean Anything to You—Sell Us Your Scrap Materials

SAN ANGELO IRON & METAL CO.

700 Block, W. 14th St.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Most modern truck V8's ...and the pounds prove it!

Pound for pound, the most powerful truck V8's today are Chevrolets. That's one way you can tell they're the most modern V8's going!

They carry around fewer pounds for power they develop. That means you not only can haul bigger loads—you have more usable power to move them!

Stop by and let us give you the facts on Chevrolet's compact, super-efficient truck V8's.



Weigh the facts...
and you'll choose today's most modern trucks

Wasted weight is engineered out of Chevrolet truck V8's!

Chevrolet's truck V8's have a rugged yet remarkably compact cylinder block. Modern design cuts down engine weight.

More power per pound means more power for your payload!

Less power is used up in moving engine weight, more is available for moving your payloads. You get hour-saving performance!

There's a modern V8 for every Chevrolet Task-Force truck!

There's a V8—either standard, or optional at extra cost—in every Chevrolet truck model. Horsepower ranges as high as 195!

Chevrolet Task-Force Trucks

Anything less is an old-fashioned truck!

VAUGHAN CHEVROLET COMPANY

Baptist Church

Mrs. J. H. Dean of Granbury will be in the Baptist Church Sunday through Thursday night (July 29-31) for a Training Union Revival. The theme will be "Joy in Church Membership." Mrs. Dean is an approved State Training Union worker. Her husband is Associational Missionary in the Paluxy Association. The local Baptist pastor is known to her since his seminary school days. He pastored a church in that association while in school at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. Mrs. Dean comes recommended very highly and the church is expecting much good to come from her service.

Last week a group of the Junior Girls from the Baptist church went to the Baptist Encampment at Lake Brownwood, where there were about 450 other girls from the district. This week a group of intermediate girls have gone to camp. On July 9 a group of the boys will go. This camp is one of the high spiritual programs of the year. Many boys and girls are saved at these

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Jeff Dean, County Judge, Coke County Texas will be received until 2:00 P. M. July 2, 1956, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for the construction of two (2) outdoor swimming pools, bath houses and filter plants complete, including plumbing and electrical work and the necessary piping and equipment for a complete water recirculation and purification system according to plans and specifications. Also the following: A concrete block Community Building in Robert Lee, a concrete block caretakers house in Bronte, complete with all mechanical and electrical work; sidewalks, fences, four (4) tennis courts, a baseball field, and fifteen (15) picnic tables and bar-b-que pits.

Bidders must submit a cashier's or certified check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a proposal bond from a reliable surety company payable without recourse to the order of Jeff Dean, County Judge of Coke County, Texas, in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the largest bid submitted as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guarantee in forms provided within ten (10) days after written notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or bond will not be considered.

All lump sum prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and make the award to the concern they feel most qualified and suited at that time to install their project.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file at the office of W. W. Greif & Associates, 1713 - 25th Street, Snyder, Texas, and at the County Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas.

Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be secured from W. W. Greif & Associates in Snyder, Texas, upon deposit of \$25.00 as a guarantee of the safe return of the plans and specifications. The full amount of the deposit will be returned to the Contractor on submission of a bona fide bid on the work, with such plans and specifications; or upon returning the plans and specifications immediately after examination of same, and advising the Engineer that bid will not be submitted; otherwise, the deposit will be forfeited.

COUNTY OF COKE

Owner

By Jeff Dean

Judge, Coke County, Texas

camps, many surrender for special service of religious work. It is also a program of good clean recreation and fellowship. It is always a blessing and fun for those who have the privilege of going.

The local Baptist church plans to take a religious census during the afternoon of July 8th. This will be a canvas of the entire town. They will try to call before you take your nap.

PERSONALS

Elmer Greathouse, who is working on a drilling rig at Lovington, New Mex., came in for a weekend visit with his mother, Mrs. Frances Greathouse. While here he stopped by and ordered The Observer sent to his mother for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Godwin and sons, Robbie Don and Corky, have

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

June 29, 1956

gone to the Colorado mountains for a week of trout fishing. Mr. Godwin is a pumper for Sun Oil Co. in the Millican field.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Sr., returned Tuesday from a few days vacation. They visited his uncle, John Sloan, at San Antonio and spent a couple of nights at Buchanan Dam. They were guests of

the Circle S Courts at Tow.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark spent the weekend at Medina, taking their grandchildren, Robbie Ann and Frank Craddock, home after a two weeks' visit here.

T. A. Richardson has been enjoying a vacation from his duties as cashier of the Robert Lee State Bank.



A NEIGHBORHOOD INSTITUTION

Your car cost a lot of money.

So, when you stop for gasoline . . . when you have it washed and lubricated . . . when you have the oil changed . . . you want to do business with folks you can depend on.

There's one way to be sure: shift the care of your car to the shoulders of the Humble dealer in your neighborhood.

You'll discover that his station is

staffed with men who know their business; that he himself is a man you can rely on to keep your car running right and looking good.

Stop for service under the Humble sign. You'll meet your friends and neighbors there.



SERVICE

Famous Esso Extra Gasoline - No. 1 "Premium" Gasoline in Sales, in Quality.

McCabe's Service Station

Robert Lee, Texas

TWISTERS WIN FROM KIMREYS IN 5 TO 4 TILT

Rallies in the late innings gave Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters a 5-4 victory over Kimrey Contractors at the SAC diamond in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

It knocked Kimrey out of a tie with Kirby for the loop lead, while the Twisters moved up from the celler position where they had been tied with Sonora. Kirby defeated Sonora Sunday 8 to 2.

Kimrey tallied in the first inning and added two scores in the fourth to lead 3-0, when Robert Lee got its first counter in the sixth frame. Jimmy Gray, first man up for Kimrey, fanned but it was a bad pitch and got away from Catcher Roland McArthur, permitting Gray to reach first.

Billy Pope drove a single to centerfield, and Gray was tagged out at third on a great throw by John Conley. Pope went home on a single by Norman Roberts.

A single by Witherspoon and an infield error gave the Angelo club two runs in the fourth when Paul Feist blasted a double down the right field line.

Frank Demere led off the sixth with a hit to center. He was thrown out at second on Lew Heuvel's grounder. Conley and Royce Smith walked to fill the bases. Heuvel scored from third on Ronnie Baker's sacrifice fly to left.

Kimrey's final tally came in the seventh inning. With one man out, Emil Jost got a walk and Coco Hartman batting for Gray, dou-

bled to center. Bubba Ballentine layed down a sharp bunt which went for a hit, and Jost went across the plate for the final Kimrey run.

A pair of infield errors allowed Smith and Baker to get on base in the eighth inning and Arthur Runion sent them home with a triple down the right field line.

Behind 3-4, the Twisters opened the nine frame with Gene Cope getting a base on balls. Demere's sacrifice bunt sent Cope to second. Heuvel flied out. Conley then laced a sharp single to center to score Cope, and took second on the throw-in. Smith cracked a triple down the right field line to score Ad Davis, who ran for Conley when the latter turned his ankle while sliding into second. Ballentine replaced Yost on the mound and fanned Baker.

Kimrey was retired in order in the eighth, but they threatened in a ninth inning stand. Demere made a sensational play to throw out Feist after grabbing a hot grounder. Jost singled to right and Hartman drew a walk. Dumas fielded Pope's grounder and got Jost at third. Baker scooped up Ballentine's sizzling grounder to end the game.

Kimrey got 11 hits off Dumas, but not more than two in any inning. The Twisters garnered seven hits, Demere, Conley and Runion have two each, and Smith a three-bagger.

County Pool Bids Will Be Opened Monday

A half dozen or more contractors have stated they will submit bids for the swimming pools in the new county park projects at Bronte and Robert Lee. Bids will be opened at 2 p.m. next Monday at a regular session of the Commissioners Court.

E. E. Greif, civil engineer of Snyder, was engaged by the county to draw up plans and specifications. The two pools are to be identical and will include filtering systems, bath houses, concrete walks, fencing etc.

Other features of the two parks will be different. Robert Lee is interested in having a community house to provide for gatherings of 200 or more persons. There will also be ball grounds, picnic tables, tennis courts and other recreational features. One of the Bronte features will be a caretakers house to be located on their park site.

A county-wide bond issue of \$30,000 was voted for the park projects earlier this year.

John Conley's injured ankle was X-rayed at Coke Memorial Hospital here Tuesday and no fractures were apparent. He received the painful injury when he slid into second base in a ball game at San Angelo last Sunday. John is likely to be out of the game for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts went to Bahlmorhea Saturday to attend funeral services of his uncle, J. W. Ellison.

General Offers To Sell Rural Lines In Coke

General Telephone Company of the Southwest, in a meeting of their officials with a rural telephone committee of Coke County Friday afternoon at the company office building in San Angelo, proposed to sell their rural lines in western Coke County outside of a perimeter marked around Robert Lee.

This proposal was in the form of a memorandum submitted to the committee, the opening paragraph of which reads:

"The Coke County Rural Telephone Committee has as its purpose the forming of a Cooperative organization to obtain REA funds for expanding and providing improved telephone service in the rural areas of Coke County. The objective is a complete coverage of the rural area."

The offer was tentative only and did not name prices, which would have to await a complete inventory to be made by the company, and the sale would be subject to the approval of an REA loan with which the purchase would be made.

At the same time, General offered to leave the old switchboard in place for the use of the REA Cooperative until the construction of the rural dial system could be completed. The company, it was indicated in the conversation between officials and the committee, would proceed as soon as details can be worked out, to convert the Robert Lee Exchange to the dial system.

A more detailed discussion of the proposed transaction is being prepared by Ulmer Bird, secretary of the committee, in a series of articles running in The Observer.

Attending the San Angelo meeting for rural committee were Nolan Pentecost, Ed Hickman, James Counts, and Ulmer Bird. The company was represented by Mr. John Robbins, division manager, and Mr. Ray Reed, who is in charge of the department dealing with connecting companies, which would include REA connections, and is a vice president of General Telephone Company of the Southwest.

J. W. Ellison, 77, Dies at Barstow

Mrs. Linzey McDorman and daughter, Brenda Sue, were called to Barstow last week by the death of the former's father, John Wesley Ellison. He passed away June 21 and had been ill the past month following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Bahlmorhea, at 10 a. m. Saturday, conducted by Rev. Rodgers, a former pastor. Burial was in Bahlmorhea cemetery under direction of the Pecos Funeral Home.

Mr. Ellison was 77 years of age, having been born in Lavaca County May 11, 1879. He and his family came to Coke County in 1914 in company with his brother-in-law, Uncle Bob Roberts. They later moved to Bahlmorhea, but he had lived in Barstow the past 16 years.

He is survived by a son, Alvin Ellison of Bahlmorhea; three daughters, Mrs. Melva Grimes of Pauls Valley, Okla., Mrs. Verna McDorman of Robert Lee, and Mrs. Virginia Belle Marlaf of Jal, N. Mex. There are eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Two of his sons are deceased.

Bobby Mauldin of Belton is here for a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Jim Mauldin, and other kin-folks. He is the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mauldin.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Nannie Thetford returned early this month after spending three months at Lordsburg, N. Mex., with her daughter, Mrs. Claude Vest. The latter brought her mother back to Coke County and they later went to Kingsville to visit Mrs. Vest's daughter, Mrs. Vada Dean Jones. Mrs. Jones and her husband accompanied their guests back here for a few days' visit, and returned to Kingsville Monday. Mrs. Vest is still here and is spending some time with her sisters at Bronte and San Angelo.

JUDY GETS PLANE RIDE
Miss Judy Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Allen, got her first airplane ride Sunday evening when she went to Alamogordo, N. Mex., with her uncle, Bill Taylor. The latter is a supervisor at Alamogordo for Convair and flew to Waxahachie to get his daughter who had been visiting kinfolks there. Returning by Robert Lee Mr. Taylor landed his 3-seat Piper Cub in the field back of the Allen home at the north edge of town. Judy will accompany her aunt on a sight seeing trip to Arizona before returning home.

NOTICE

We will be closed until further notice since Mr. Childress has been called away by the illness of a member of his family.

HENRY'S BARBECUE

LOW COST INSURANCE

Continuous Around the Clock Coverage

While On Your Trip

AIR — LAND — SEA

Vacations, Tours, Trips

Cruises, Auto Travel

3 Days to 90 Days — \$5,000 to \$25,000

Plus

INJURY EXPENSE COVERAGE

G. C. ALLEN, INSURANCE

Life, Accident & Health, Cancer, Polio

APPLIANCES

SYSTEMS

San Angelo Phone 4743

FRALEY & WARD, Inc.

Butane Distributors

Robert Lee Phone 154

SERVICE

INSTALLATIONS

Elmer Aikin
EXPERIENCED LEGISLATOR



A.M. AIKIN Jr.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- RELIABLE
- HONEST
- ABLE

Co-Author Gilmer-Aikin School Laws

S. E. 'Skinny' Adams

Oil Properties

Insurance

Office in Cactus Hotel Annex

SAN ANGELO

TEXAS

le 29, 1956
 ONE RIDE
 daughter of
 Allen, got her
 unday evening
 amogordo, N.
 Bill Taylor
 rvisor at Ala
 and flew to
 his daughter
 ting kinfolke
 Robert Lee
 s 3-seat Piper
 of the Allen
 dge of town
 her aunt of
 Arizona be

her
 has
 ness

NCE
 age

000

3
 E
 olio

EMS

3

RS

IONS



FRANK KEENEY

Rites Held For Frank Keeney, Bronte Leader

Frank Keeney, 79, pioneer Bronte business man, died Sunday at his home in Bronte after several months of illness. Services were held at 4 p. m. Monday in the First Baptist Church, and burial was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were L. T. Youngblood, W. W. Ivey, J. B. Mackey, T. F. Sims, Jr., D. K. Glenn and H. A. Springer. Mr. Keeney was born June 22, 1877, on a farm now within the city limits of Temple and moved to Bronte in 1923 with his parents. Mr. Keeney and his brother, Charlie, bought out Ed Schaeue in 1906. Mr. Schaeue refused to part with any goods unless all were taken. These included dry goods, groceries and three varnished coffins. The building the Keeney Variety Store now occupies was built in 1908 by Tom Keeney, father of the two brothers. In 1946, the brothers sold the undertaking interest to Bruce Clift of Robert Lee. The grocery went out of business about 37 years ago. Asked why, they said they went broke selling too much on credit during a drought. Frank Keeney, for several years an alderman, also had farming interests. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 962 of Bronte, Odd Fellows Lodge, First Baptist Church and San Angelo Knights of Pythias. In 1908, he and Miss Eva Flood were married in Bronte. Survivors include his wife; four brothers, Charlie, John and J. L. Keeney, all of Bronte, and G. C. Keeney of Waco; and three sisters, Mrs. W. W. Hoch of San Marcos, Mrs. Joe Hoherd of Temple and Mrs. Dollie McQueen of Ft. Worth.

O. C. Ivey of Bronte entered Coke Memorial Hospital here last Thursday for medical attention. He is the father of Cumbie Ivey, Ford dealer. Mr. Ivey is 90 years of age and enjoyed good health throughout his life until a few months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell and the W. T. McAdams family of Bronte recently went to El Paso where they visited Don Bell and family. Don was recently transferred from Denver to Biggs AFB at El Paso. His wife is a daughter of Mrs. Mitchell and a sister of Mrs. McAdams.

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

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

A. B. Sheppard
 APARTMENTS
 Modern Trailer Court
 PHONE 126-J
 ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Charlie Boykin Dies Suddenly In San Angelo

Charlie Boykin, 70, former Robert Lee resident, died in San Angelo Monday. He had gone to bed at 7 a. m. and failed to respond to a call about 8 o'clock that evening. He was dead on arrival at Shannon hospital at 8:25. Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. at Johnson Funeral Chapel and burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Mr. Boykin was raised in the Wildcat and Edith communities and married Zelda Murtishaw, daughter of the late J. I. Murtishaw. They lived near San Angelo where he was a dairy farmer in the Fairview community. Survivors include the wife; two sons, L. E. Boykin of San Angelo and Lamar Boykin of Fairview community; three brothers, E. L. and W. R. Boykin, both of San Angelo and Melvin Boykin of Miles; a sister, Mrs. H. C. DeShazo of San Angelo, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

PERSONALS

Ronnie Sims and Larry Jack Rabb were in Austin last week where they enjoyed playing with the all-state high school band. The week's training was climaxed with a grand concert Friday night. The young men returned to their homes in Robert Lee Saturday in company with Ronnie's grandmother, Mrs. Jim Mauldin, who visited during the week with her son at Belton. Ronnie became ill before leaving Austin and was hospitalized as soon as he reached home. His ailment was diagnosed as food poisoning. He was pretty sick for a couple of days but was able to leave the hospital yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins and daughter, Kay and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins and son, Welles, returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Roberts at Schulenberg. Mrs. Roberts is a sister of the Havins brothers. They report drought conditions all the way on their trip. Mr. Roberts, however, is making some fair crops and received 1½ inches of rain the past week.

Want Ads

FOR SALE — One electric hot water heater, 40 gal.; Maytag washing machine, wringer type; Leonard refrigerator; 2 kitchen cabinets to build in. All in good condition. See A. B. Sheppard, phone 126-J. 1tf

FOR RENT—Modern 2-bedroom house behind Y-Courts. See S. R. Young or call the owner, J. C. Strickland, phone 213063, San Angelo. 46 tf

HOUSE FOR SALE—5-room modern house, newly re-finished. Requires only a small down payment. —Fred McDonald, Jr. 47tf

FOR SALE—2 bedroom modern home, 4 lots, located one block from court house square. Priced cheap. Inquire of the owner, Jack Brock.

FOR SALE — Baby bed and mattress, both in good condition. \$15. Mrs. Weldon Fikes, phone 206.

HOUSE FOR RENT — Three rooms and bath, furnished or unfurnished. Mrs. H. L. Scott.

NOTICE — I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cess pools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte, for this service. Also do plumbing. — A. L. ROGERS. tfe

Little League

Robert Lee's Little League baseball team has compiled a record of four victories with only one defeat so far this season. Manager Bruce Allen says he has found it difficult to book games with strong clubs. The locals defeated Bronte once and Sterling City twice by top heavy scores and won from Silver 4 to 0. Robert Lee was defeated at Roscoe 3 to 6, in a poorly played contest. Mac Tubb has been used as the starring pitcher, with Tommy Allen filling in when he is needed. A new pitcher is Eugene Walker, who hurled three scoreless innings at Sterling City Tuesday night. Robert Lee plays at Bronte Friday night of this week and Silver and Roscoe will be playing here some time next week. Mr. Allen says his club is entered in a Little League tournament to be played at Silver some time in July.

Henry and Arvil Childress left Wednesday morning for Phoenix, Ariz., after receiving word of the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. Prue Green. They had no previous information of her illness. Henry's Barbecue cafe will be closed during his absence. Mrs. B. A. Austin, who received a broken ankle in a fall three weeks ago, was fitted with a walking cast Tuesday.

PERSONALS

Leaving early Friday on a two weeks' vacation trip to California are Mrs. Lillian Caraway, her children, Zelda and Jimmy, and Miss Mildred Wallace. They will visit at Travis AFB near Fairfield, Calif., with Lt. and Mrs. Jack Snead and make the acquaintance of the new baby, David Carson Snead, three months old. Mrs. Snead is the former Glo Caraway. The party plans to visit sisters of Mrs. Caraway at Bakersfield and Long Beach. Mrs. Ethel Green is taking a two weeks' vacation from her nursing duties at Coke Memorial Hospital.

HIGHWAY JOB COMPLETED

Surfacing a stretch of Highway 208 here was completed this week and the new road has been opened to traffic. The project included a new 420-foot Colorado River Bridge and a 120-foot relief bridge, also a 10-foot fill across the river bottom. The new bridge is located just above the old one, and dangerous turns in the highway have been removed.

Mrs. A. E. Latham and her mother, Mrs. W. M. Summers, have returned from a two weeks' visit with the Lee R. Latham family at Carmi, Ill. They were accompanied home by Monnette Latham, who will spend the remainder of the summer in her grandmother's home.

THANKS, FOLKS —

We thank you for your continued patronage. It is dry and nobody is getting rich, but we intend to build and maintain a business that will be an asset to our town.

COKE COUNTY TELEVISION
 (BIRD'S RADIO CLINIC)
 Phone 213

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

Lettuce	1b.	13c
Yellow Squash	1b.	9c
Flour	25 lbs.	\$1.69
ZESTEE PRESERVES, 20 Oz. Jar	3 for	\$1.00
HEINZ CATSUP	14 Oz. Bot.	25c
STAR-LAC MILK	5 Qt. Size	37c
WHITE HOMINY, Jack Sprat	3 No. 300 Cans	27c
PORK & BEANS, Our Value	3 Cans	27c
Shortening	3 lbs.	83c
BLACKEYE PEAS, Kimbell	2 No. 2 Cans	39c
MORTON'S TEA	¼ Lb. Pkg.	33c
CRACKERS	1 Lb. Box	27c
Bacon	2 lbs.	89c
Roast	1b.	43c
Franks	1b.	43c

WE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Annual Statement

For Coke County for Year 1955, from January 1, 1955, to December 31, 1955, as taken from Coke County Annual Audit which was made by Niemeir & Pierce, Public Accountants, of Lubbock, Texas.

COKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND JAIL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$ 89,511.27
Receipts		
Taxes	\$68,487.75	
Miscellaneous Income	26.08	
Accrued Interest	453.34	68,967.17
Total		\$158,478.44
Disbursements		
Labor	\$ 2,366.69	
Gas and Fuel	353.57	
Water and Lights	1,196.92	
Telephone	1,794.36	
Repairs, Supplies and Miscellaneous	6,403.17	
Treasurer's Commission	239.65	
Insurance	519.76	
Thomas Y. Pickett	11,703.00	
Interest	1,125.00	
Bonds	8,000.00	
Courthouse Bond 1954 Sinking	26,800.00	60,502.12
Total		\$ 97,776.32

COKE COUNTY OFFICERS' SALARY FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$ 12,591.23
Receipts		
State Comptroller	\$ 683.72	
Fees — Sheriff and Collector	23,619.84	
Fees — County and District Clerk	7,567.81	
Fees — County Judge	161.50	
Fees — County Attorney	1,391.60	
Fees — Justice of the Peace	1,071.50	
General Fund	10,000.00	44,495.97
Total		\$ 57,087.20
Disbursements		
County Judge Salary	\$ 3,771.76	
County and District Clerk	4,757.06	
County Sheriff-Collector's Salary	4,586.50	
County Attorney	2,803.80	
County Clerk's Help	5,468.15	
Sheriff's Deputies and Office Help	8,458.86	
Constable Salary	1,711.45	
Justice of the Peace	1,705.60	
Treasurer's Commission	375.80	
Insurance	1,118.65	
Payroll Taxes	3,499.40	
Refund on Collectors Commission	927.60	39,184.63
Total		\$ 17,902.57

COKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE BONDS RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$ 0
Receipts		
Bonds Sold	\$300,000.00	
Accrued Interest	453.34	300,453.34
Total		\$300,453.34
Disbursements		
On New Courthouse	\$184,491.69	
Accrued Interest	453.34	184,945.03
Total		\$115,508.31

COKE COUNTY ROAD BOND ACCOUNT PRECINCT NO. 2 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$ 0
Receipts		
Bonds Sold	\$160,000.00	
Accrued Interest	342.22	160,342.22
Total		\$160,342.22
Disbursements		
Building Roads and Expense	\$138,526.05	
Accrued Interest	342.22	
General Fund — Refund	2,523.28	141,391.55
Total		\$ 18,950.67

SOIL BANK PROGRAM UNDER WAY

Soil Bank Acreage Reserve agreements are now available for signature in the county ASC office, Raymond Schooler, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, announced today. Farmers may obtain full information there on how they may participate in the Acreage Reserve part of the Soil Bank this year.

"The Acreage Reserve is the first part of the program to get into operation for 1956," the Chairman explained. "While farmers may sign an agreement anytime before July 20, those who want to participate in the program should call at the office soon. July 31 is the last date for plowing or disking a cotton crop in order to reduce the acreage below the farm allotment."

Besides permitting farmers to incorporate into the soil, by plow-

ing or disking an acreage of cotton within the allotment, the 1956 Acreage Reserve contains several other special provisions which enable farmers to take part in the program this year.

Thus, a farmer may earn a payment for underplanting cotton if he can certify that he underplanted in anticipation of complying with the program or because of adverse weather conditions and if he designates an equivalent acreage in the Acreage Reserve; or the farmer may comply with his farm allotment for cotton and earn a payment if he does not harvest an acreage of the crop because of destruction by natural causes. Land placed in the Acreage Reserve must not be cropped, cut for hay, or grazed during 1956. Noxious weeds must also be controlled.

Payments on cotton acreage designated for participation in the

Acreage reserve will be based on 15 cents per pound on either the normal or appraised yield — depending on how the land qualifies under the program, but not less than \$6 per acre for destruction due to natural causes or for plowing or cutting the cotton crop.

In order to participate in the Acreage Reserve of the Soil Bank, a farmer must generally comply with all allotments established for his farm.

Bridal Shower For Miss Snead

Miss Johnibeth Snead was honored with a bridal shower Tuesday night in the H. C. Allen home. Assisting Mrs. Allen as hostesses were Mmes. Cumbie Ivey, Gene Hinnard, Frank McCabe and T. W. Farris and Miss Joyce King.

Mrs. R. C. Russell entertained with organ music and Mrs. Jeff Dean gave some readings of special interest to a prospective bride.

Miss King presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Hinnard registered the guests.

Gifts were presented in a miniature Lane Bros. truck driven by Jeffrey McCabe, nephew of the honoree. Thirty-six guests were present and many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

Miss Snead was also honored at a luncheon Wednesday noon in the home of Mrs. Geo. L. Shrader at 1812 Jade Drive, San Angelo. The event also was in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Dick Meyers, the former Hattie Jane Snead.

Miss Snead will be married at 8 p.m. June 29 to Bobby Ray Watkins of Paint Rock. The wedding will be at the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

AGED RESIDENT ILL

Mrs. Emma Cox, 83, well known Robert Lee resident, is a patient in Coke Memorial Hospital where her condition is reported as critical. Mrs. Cox lived alone in her home here and was found lying on the floor when friends called late Monday afternoon. She was discovered by Mrs. Hershall Hall. She was near the bed and is thought to have suffered a stroke when she attempted to get up. She remains unconscious.

Joe Milam is making a 10-day visit at Stanton with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bristow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kerley of Hermleigh have been here since receiving word of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Emma Cox. The Kerley's daughter, Mrs. G. D. Boyles, of Snyder, has also been here part of the time. Arriving Tuesday night from Clovis, New Mex., were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baird. Mrs. Cox is a sister of Mrs. Baird.

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
- FRED ASHWORTH
- For County Attorney
FRANK C. DICKEY, JR.
- For State Representative
77th District
E. J. (Ebb) GRINDSTAFF
- A. J. BISHOP

COKE COUNTY ROAD BOND ACCOUNT NO. 3 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$ 0
Receipts		
Sale of Bonds	\$62,000.00	
Accrued Interest	728.62	62,728.62
Total		\$ 62,728.62
Disbursements		
Building Road and Expense	\$ 2,537.19	
General Fund — Refund	3,142.11	5,679.30
Total		\$ 57,049.32

COKE COUNTY FARM TO MARKET ROAD RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$ 98,289.67
Receipts		
Taxes U. C. R. A. Fund	\$65,373.00	
State Comptroller	527.14	
5.8 Acres of Land	261.00	66,161.14
Total		\$164,450.81
Disbursements		
Labor	\$21,951.82	
Repairs, Supplies and Miscellaneous	52,537.62	
Treasurer's Commission	684.89	
Right-of-Way	4,456.89	
State Treasurer — Trust Fund	6,400.00	
Transfer — General Fund	3,441.60	
Transfer — Road and Bridge	2,909.75	92,382.57
Total		\$ 72,068.24

COKE COUNTY SOCIAL SECURITY FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$ 1,209.75
Receipts		
General Fund	4,000.00	
Total		\$ 5,209.75
Disbursements		
State Department of Public Welfare	\$ 4,333.37	
Total		\$ 876.38

COKE COUNTY BOND ACCOUNT PRECINCT NO. 1 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$240,153.67
Receipts		
Total		0
Disbursements		
Total Disbursements	\$240,153.67	
Total		\$ 0

COKE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 SINKING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1955

Balance 1-1-55		\$ 0
Receipts		
Taxes	\$11,996.44	
Accrued Interest	342.22	12,338.66
Total		\$ 12,338.66
Disbursements		
Interest	\$ 560.00	
Total		\$ 11,778.66

Coke County Bonded and Warranted Indebtedness

Issue	Date of Issue	Rate of Interest	Amount Of Issue	Amount Retired	Amount Outstanding	Principal 1956	Interest 1956
Coke County Road & Bridge Warrants	2-16-42	2%	\$ 119,500.00	\$ 78,500.00	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 820.00
Road & Bond District No. 3	7- 1-37	4%	25,000.00	18,000.00	7,000.00	1,000.00	280.00
Road Bond No. 1	3- 1-29	5½%	100,000.00	90,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	1,100.00
Road Bond of District No. 1, Series 1939	2-15-39	4%	25,000.00	16,000.00	9,000.00	1,000.00	340.00
Coke County Hospital Fund	6-18-49	2½%	75,000.00	39,000.00	36,000.00	8,000.00	925.00
Commissioners Precinct No. 1 Bonds	10-15-54	2 to 2½%	245,500.00	8,500.00	237,000.00	10,000.00	5,402.50
Commissioners Precinct No. 2 Bonds	1-15-55	2½%	120,000.00	0	120,000.00	10,000.00	5,650.00
Courthouse Bonds	11-15-54	2 to 2½%	300,000.00	20,000.00	280,000.00	20,000.00	6,400.00
Commissioners Precinct No. 2 Bonds Refunding	9-15-55	2¼%	40,000.00	0	40,000.00	4,000.00	900.00
Road District No. 3	11- 1-55	2¾ & 3%	62,000.00	0	62,000.00	2,000.00	1,775.00
TOTALS			\$1,112,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$842,000.00	\$102,000.00	\$23,592.50

The above taken from Bond Book in County Treasurer's Office

Coke County Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements, 1955

Fund	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Receipts	Totals	Disbursements	Balances Dec. 31, 1955
Road and Bridge	*\$ 15,878.55	\$ 110,498.04	\$ 94,619.49	\$ 96,641.86	*\$ 2,022.37
General	69,979.42	84,580.54	154,559.96	73,345.48	81,214.48
Courthouse and Jail	89,511.27	68,967.17	158,478.44	60,502.12	97,976.32
Jury	43,916.32	13,697.57	57,613.89	2,190.96	55,422.93
Lateral Road	6,524.24	8,503.75	15,027.99	3,482.41	11,545.58
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking	17,331.83	2,404.97	19,736.80	1,380.00	18,356.80
Road Bond No. 3 Sinking	13,578.35	1,110.00	14,688.35	1,320.00	13,368.35
Road and Bridge Special	*9,812.24	41,092.65	31,280.41	41,997.25	*10,716.84
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking	0	21,204.77	21,204.77	14,097.05	7,107.72
Officers Salaries	12,591.23	44,495.97	57,087.20	39,184.63	17,902.57
Farm to Market Road	98,289.67	66,161.14	164,450.81	92,382.57	72,068.24
Social Security Fund	1,209.75	4,000.00	5,209.75	4,333.37	876.38
Bond Account— Precinct No. 1	240,153.67	0	240,153.67	240,153.67	0
Road District No. 2 Sinking	0	12,338.66	12,338.66	560.00	11,778.66
Courthouse Bonds	0	300,453.34	300,453.34	184,945.03	115,508.31
Road Bond Account Precinct No. 2	0	160,342.22	160,342.22	141,391.55	18,950.67
Road Bond Account No. 3	0	62,728.62	62,728.62	5,679.30	57,049.32
TOTALS	\$567,394.96	\$1,002,579.41	\$1,569,974.37	\$1,003,587.25	\$566,387.12

* Indicates Overdrawn Balance

Democratic Ballot To Be Ready July 8

Members of the Coke County Democratic Executive Committee met Monday and made up the ballot for the Primary Election July 28. Copy has been turned over to the printers and the ballots will be ready for absentee voting July 8.

Attending the meeting were R. B. Allen, county Democratic chairman, Bryan Yarbrough, Fred McCabe, Eugene Brooks and L. C. Robbins. Where more than one candidate is running for the same office, the committee drew names by lot to determine how the names would be arranged.

There are six candidates for governor, four for lieutenant governor and attorney general and three for commissioner of agriculture. Congressman O. C. Fisher is unopposed and this district will not vote on a state senator this year.

State Representative A. J. Bishop has two opponents.

The only contests for county offices are in two commissioner precincts. In Precinct 1 J. W. Service is opposed by Fern Havins, while Fred Ashworth is running against Commissioner Ed Hickman in Precinct 3.

The ballot will carry three special issues on which voters may express their opinions. They concern mixing white and Negro children in public schools, perfecting

state laws against intermarriage of Whites and Negroes, and the use of interposition to halt federal encroachment.

Mrs. Sam Jay, Robert Lee city secretary, remains a patient in Coke Memorial Hospital for observation and treatment. She was taken to a San Angelo clinic for X-ray examinations Monday and Tuesday, and indications are that she may require a longer period of treatment. During her illness Mrs. Mitchell Davis is in charge of the city office.

HOSPITAL NEWS

June 20 — Son born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. McAden. Mrs. Dick Skipworth admitted. R. H. Richards dismissed.

June 21 — Mrs. James McClure, O. C. Ivey, E. C. Davis admitted. Mrs. John McDaniel and infant daughter, Patricia Fowler, Mrs. Paul Minjarez and infant son dismissed.

June 22 — Mrs. Edgar McAden and infant son, Mrs. Lois Mae Smith dismissed.

June 23 — Mrs. Melvin Childress, Ronnie Sims admitted.

June 24 — Mrs. James McClure, E. C. Davis dismissed.

June 25 — Mrs. W. L. Barnett, Mary Francis Wylie, Mrs. Emma Cox admitted. Mrs. Dick Skipworth dismissed.

June 26 — Mrs. Ulmer Bird admitted. Mrs. E. C. Davis dismissed.

June 27 — Ronnie Sims dismissed.

SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Along with many others we mourn the passing of Frank Keeney of Bronte. He and his family lived out in the Valley View community for a time before going to Bronte. Frank had been a continuous subscriber to The Observer for fifty years, and often visited Robert Lee friends to talk over the old days. Frank was a fine gentleman.

A group of Coke County folks went to San Angelo Friday night to witness the ball game, and to greet Skinny Adams, president of the Colts professional club. It was a thrilling game which San Angelo finally won 6 to 5. Everyone enjoyed the trip and maybe a little later we can take over a bigger representation.

The Colts haven't been getting satisfactory crowds and if attendance don't improve organized base ball is likely to fold up in San Angelo after this season. Skinny has done more than his share, they say, but the financial burden is getting excessive. We used to wonder how the club could pay its way when about as many people went through the "pass" gate as through the pay turnstiles. But that isn't the reason now, because there aren't any more free admissions.

Pete Davis griping about not getting his paper. Says his wife gets hold of it first and after she reads it she puts it in the bird cage.

Jack Cowley was called back to the Ivey repair shop one night recently after two women reported their car broke down east of town. The car was hauled into the shop and the ladies decided they better unload their cargo since it was hot inside. Jack was surprised to see a number of cages which contained 26 little skunks, several dogs and puppies and a parrot. Owner of the animals said she had a pet shop in Ft. Worth and was going to California to sell them. She was accompanied by her mother of Brownwood. Mr. Cowley was assured the skunks had been deodorized.

Bert Blaylock, rancher out southeast about 12 miles, got another bobcat the other day and brought in the ears to collect a \$12.50 bounty. He said he recently saw where two kids had been killed and he set a trap. A couple of days later he got the cat, but it had disappeared with the trap. With his dogs he trailed the animal down a canyon and they later ran it up a tree, where Bert finished it off with a rifle shot. Rancher Blaylock was happy at the kill. Said the cat, a big old tom, would have ruined his kid crop.

The roadrunners down at our house have hatched out a pair of young ones, and they are no longer around the nest. We hear them every day, however, not too far away. The birds have a call, something like a wild turkey.

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

Robert Lee Observer
Entered at the post office in Robert Lee, Texas, as second class matter

A. J. KIRKPATRICK
Owner and Publisher

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Subscription Rates:
in Coke County:
One Year in Advance \$2.00
Six Months \$1.25
Outside Subscriptions
One Year in Advance \$2.50
Six Months \$1.50

BETTY CROCKER DEVILS FOOD, WHITE, or YELLOW

Cake Mix

3 for \$1.00

OUR VALUE

2 NO. 1 CANS

Tomatoes 19c

200 COUNT

Kleenex box 15c

SCOTT'S

Towels roll 19c

80 COUNT

ZEE-NAPKINS pkg. 14c

LIBBY'S CREAM STYLE

CORN 303 can 15c

COMSTOCK

Pie Apple 23c

DASH

2 CANS

Dog Food 23c

SCOTT'S

Tissue 2 for 25c

AMERICAN

Sardines 11c

AMERICAN

Cheese lb. 43c

SPICED

Lunch Meat 43c

HORMEL

Wieners lb. 43c

ROBERTS

GROCERY & MARKET

CLOSED ALL DAY JULY 4TH

ALAMO THEATRE

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

MOTION PICTURES ARE YOUR FINEST ENTERTAINMENT
TWO SHOWS DAILY, Evening Show Starts 6:30, Sun. Mat. 1:30

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 29 & 30
John Payne, Elizabeth Scott, Dan Duryea in
"SILVER LODGE"

(In Technicolor) Also Comedy

SUN., MON., TUES., JULY 1, 2, 3, Matinee Sun. 1:30 & 3:10
Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson in

"ALL THAT HEAVEN ALLOWS"

(In Technicolor) Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JULY 4 & 5
Alan Ladd, Edward G. Robinson, Joanne Dru in
"HELL ON FRISCO BAY"

(In WarnerColor) Also Cartoon



FIVE ADVANTAGES OF BANK MONEY ORDERS

- SAFETY**—Your receipt proves payment. If you lose the receipt, there are still permanent records to prove that you paid.
- CONVENIENCE**—Mail them anywhere.
- ECONOMY**—They usually cost less than other kinds of money orders.
- AVAILABILITY**—No applications, or standing in line, necessary to get them.
- REPLACEMENTS**—A bank money order, if lost, can be replaced.

Buy Money Orders in any desired amounts at this bank

Robert Lee State Bank