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Old Court House---Only a Memory Now

Old Court House Unsafe After 65 Years in Service

Coke County's old court house was erected in 1891. It served its purpose well, but was becoming unsafe and badly dilapidated when it was dismantled the past summer.

Pictured above is Tom Goss, a former County Commissioner, taking a fond look at the old building from the west side. The photo was made by his son, Tom Goss III, of Colorado City. Another story concerning Mr. Goss appears in this newspaper.

To endure 65 years, the structure must have been well built. Red stone used in the walls was a foot or more thick. Years ago steel rods were run through the second story court room to keep the building from collapsing during windstorms.

It had a poor foundation and sagged along the north end, as well as in the southwest corner, where the wall cracked and was about to fall. One of the windows in a lawyer's room at the northwest corner of the second floor couldn't be closed, and the ivy came in and grew all over the place.

The old court house was used until the new building was finished in June of this year. McGuire Bros. of Bronte then contracted to wreck the building for \$5,000. They did the job without a mishap and sold the stone to John Brown, who plans to use it in building a new home for himself and wife in the south part of Robert Lee.

Workmen tearing down the court house, found heavy timbers in the attic. Being so well braced, there was no doubt a factor in keeping standing in recent years. It was quite a building back in the old days.

DEATH OF MRS. KING

Mrs. L. F. Gohlson mourns the death of her daughter, Mrs. Louise King, 28, of Gilmer, who died Sept. 8. She had been ill two months following birth of her first child. Her husband, G. L. King, is employed by Lone Star Steel Co. Mrs. Gohlson spent several weeks at her daughter's bedside in a Jacksonville hospital.

TEACHERS MEETING

Officers and committee chairmen of Coke County Teachers Association held a meeting in Bronte Tuesday night when they discussed activities for the school year. The matter of publicizing the Constitutional Amendment to increase teachers reurement was discussed and a program of information was set up. The amendment will be voted upon at the Nov. 6 election. Attending the session at Bronte this week were Supt. Paul Ashby, Don Gressett and Mrs. C. G. Walker of Silver, M. E. Petross and Mrs. Sam Powell of Robert Lee and Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. J. T. Henry of Bronte.

NEW FORD SALES GOOD

Ivey Motor Company reports wide interest in the 1957 model Fords which were unveiled to the public Wednesday of last week. Orders for 11 new cars were received by the Ivey Company, but only five have been delivered so far. The first two persons to drive new Fords here are Wayman Robertson of Robert Lee and Charlie Kennedy, Sun Oil Co. pumper at Silver.

Mrs. E. A. Burgess has made considerable improvement at her home in the south part of town. The remodeling project included new asbestos siding and interior decorating.

Open House Set For Gasoline Plant at Silver

In observance of Oil Progress Week, Oct. 14-20, Sun Oil Company's Jameson Natural Gasoline Plant at Silver will be open to visitors.

Individuals and groups are invited to visit the plant from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Conducted groups will be shown through the plant during these hours.

The plant processes natural gas into gasoline, butane and propane. John Shimer, Jr., plant superintendent, extends a general invitation to interested persons to come out and be shown through the plant next week.

Steers Battle Menard Friday; Sawyer Is Out

Robert Lee Steers, without the services of their star quarterback, Tom Sawyer, play the Yellowjackets in Menard Friday night. Another Class A club, Menard upset the dope in a 25-14 victory over San Saba last week.

Their previous record was not too impressive, having defeated the weak Melvin and Eden teams, but losing to Mason and Boerne.

Menard is coached by Bill Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Humphrey of Robert Lee. He succeeded Guy Wheeler, when the latter moved to Silver this year.

Bill is a big guy, over 6½ feet in height and weighs 250 pounds. He attended college at Sul Ross and Texas Western in El Paso.

Sawyer's injury was a serious blow, since he calls the signals and takes the pass from center in the T-formation. He is also an expert passer and a fine kicker.

He was injured in the third quarter of the Eldorado game when he was tackled as he threw a pass. The small bone of his leg was cracked. The bone was not out of place, however, and is expected to mend rapidly in a cast. He should be able to play the last couple of games.

Fred Ashwerth took over the quarterback post after Sawyer left the game and carried on in fine style. He is a better runner than Sawyer.

End Byron Russell cracked a bone above his wrist this week and will be out for some time. Robbie Don Godwin got the cast off his broken thumb, but won't do much ball carrying this week. He carried only once at Eldorado, but it was the payoff conversion to tie the score.

The line from end to end is making fine improvement and every player is entitled to high praise. Big game of the season will be next week when Hermleigh plays in Robert Lee. The Cardinals have been doped to win the district by some of the experts, but nobody here has that opinion.

Bronte Longhorns travel to Hermleigh this week for a district tilt.

BCD LUNCHEON

Robert Lee Board of Community Development held its weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at Varnadore Cafe. BCD members have accepted an invitation to hold a point meeting next Tuesday night with the Lions Club at Silver. The Robert Lee group will also be shown through the Jameson gasoline plant at 6 p.m. before attending the club dinner at 7 in the school cafeteria. All Robert Lee business and professional men are invited to make the trip to Silver. Reservations must be in by Monday noon. Contact J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler, BCD secretary, for ticket reservations and transportation.

Formal Opening Next Week For Robert Lee Bank

Finishing touches are being made on Robert Lee State Bank's new building which will be formally opened the last of next week.

G. C. Allen, executive vice-president, announces that persons from outside the county have been invited to attend the opening on Friday from 3 to 9 p.m., while open house will be observed all day Saturday for local friends and customers.

The modern new building occupies a prominent corner across the intersection northwest of the new court house.

It is being equipped with new furniture and fixtures throughout and will be one of the show places of this area.

SATURDAY BAKE SALE

Robert Lee Band Parents Club will hold a Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 13, in front of Roach's. The club needs funds to carry on its program and will appreciate your patronage.

Big Events For Dedication Day Here Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 13, will be a red letter day for Coke County when its beautiful new \$300,000 court house is dedicated with fitting ceremonies.

Dedication takes place in the district court room in the afternoon, while Robert Lee business firms have arranged a forenoon program of entertainment which includes a Pet and Doll Parade and a Talent Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded for these events.

The first Pet and Doll Parade ever seen here will have dozens of youngsters entered in the various groups. They will assemble at the Methodist Church corner, then march down Main Street to the court house square where judges will announce the winners.

The name of Mrs. Sam Powell, primary teacher, was omitted from the parade committee. Mrs. Wade Rees of Bronte has also been added to the group.

Youngsters don't have to register in advance to take part in the parade, but they should be on hand by 9:30 a.m. if possible.

Entries for the Talent Contest should be filed in advance with Garland Davis, committee chairman, who will also emcee the big stage show on the pavement west of the court house.

Open house will be observed all day so visitors can have time to make a tour of the new county building. There will be eating stands down town, and a barbecue supper at 5 p.m. at the football stadium.

Ticket reservations for the barbecue must be in by Thursday night. Indications point to a big crowd on hand Dedication Day.



WEDDING DATE SET—The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Wanda Walker and Doyle Calder has been announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker. Mr. Calder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Calder of Bronte. The wedding has been set for October 27 in the home of the bride-elect's parents in Robert Lee.

THE OBSERVETTE

The Steers

By BYRON RUSSELL

The Robert Lee Steers are still undefeated as they rolled to a 14-14 tie with the Eldorado Eagles. The Steers had a speedy backfield that helped to keep the Eagles on their toes. Both teams played splendid ball as each team's offense strived to out do the other. The Robert Lee offense was hurt when quarterback Tom Sawyer broke his foot. Ashworth took over for Robert Lee and kept pace with the Eagles. Stockton and Kerr were the Eagles most aggressive backs while Ashworth, Duncan and McDonald were stand-outs for Robert Lee. Gray and Godwin were outstanding on defense. This week Robert Lee will visit Menard.

WHO IS IT?????

By NETTIE BOB BELL

For the first girl of the school term, I chose an upper classman. She is liked by everybody and has a wonderful personality. She stands 5 feet 2½ inches in height and tips the scales at 115 lbs. Her hair is light brown and eyes are hazel. She enjoys going to the show, running around and dating. Her favorite color is blue and among sports she chose football. You might be interested in knowing her favorite food is shrimp! Her pet peeve is "sarcastic people." She sometimes says "Good Heavens."

Our boy this week is a sweet guy that everybody knows and likes. He is 5' 9" in height and weighs 155 lbs. He has light brown hair and blue eyes. Among sports he chose football and track as favorites. In both of these sports he is very outstanding. His favorite color is blue and for entertainment, he enjoys western music. Fried chicken is at the top of the list among foods and you may hear him say "Gosh," as that's his slang word. His pet peeve is "people who act smart."

The answers will be in next week's Observette.

Student Quiz

By Frances Wylie

If we were in the period of interregnum what would we be doing?

Judy: We'd be having quarrels.
Mrs. Nease: We'd probably be going to Mars.

Troy: Chasing the girls!
Joydell: Be in the Dark Ages.
Sammie: I think we'd be in a depression.

Patricia: Be going to a planet for week-end trips.

Dennis: Be at war.
Tom: From the looks and sound of the word, we'd be at war, I believe.

We'd have a pause or break of normal events if we were in a period of interregnum.

Mrs. Dean's Public School Music Class and Mr. Farris' Steerettes are presenting a program "Westward Ho," in an assembly October the sixteenth, at 12:15. The public is invited.

Sponsored by Student Council
Robert Lee High School

Editor To be elected.
Staff Reporter:
Student Gossip Doris Sparks
Student Quiz Frances Wylie
Grade News Judy Allen
Guess Who Nettie Bob Bell
Sports Byron Russell
Typist Cynthia Bryan
Class Reporters:
Senior Fred Ashworth
Junior Charlene Robertson
Sophomore Jerry Tinkler
Freshman Jo Ann Hood
F. F. A. Tom Sawyer
F. H. A. Charlene Robertson
Band June McKinley
Sponsor Garland Davis

JUS' TALK

By DORIS SPARKS

Shirley soloed the show Tuesday night. Where was Henry? Could he have been baby-sitting??

Carolyn has been starry eyed lately, she must have been looking at something bright!! Let's get busy Sandra!

Was the show more interesting than the ball game Tuesday night, Net? Who was he??

Judy is wearing a large ring around the neck again. Boys, she is now ineligible!

Ronnie, we can't keep tab on you. Are you and N. R. going steady at the present??

Robbie and Bam had a close call Saturday after the Ram game. Could a certain girl have been the cause? Watch your temper boys!!

Francis seemed to have an exciting weekend the 28, 29 and 30. Did a college boy increase the heartbeat??

Seen at the lake after the Jr. High game were W. H. and Jerry S., Jerry Harmon and Sandra R. Were you kids fishing??

Gay was seen wearing a jacket (football) at the Ram game. Gay, could you tell us girls where to find one, too???

Jack Gray, by remote control seems to have the 3rd period band class under control.

Don't feel secure if "he" calls you his O. A. O. Most boys mean "one and only", but some mean "on and off."

Wondering:
Who Jerry Harmon's secret admirer is? (I've spent a Lifetime Searching)

Who Wayne was with Saturday, September 29. Could she have been from Silver??

Who were the mischievous boys that went exploring Sunday (September 30) night. What happened?

Is Delton trying to steal Bobby's gal?? Shame Delton!!

Did Fred McDonald continue initiation Monday nite after the FHA and FFA party??

Did Kenny enjoy the ride from Silver Monday nite.

Who did Robbie take home last Saturday after the M. Y. F. party?

What's the lowdown about "Woman Love"?? Could some of these boys tell us? Van, Donald, Jerry H., Don Stewart, and W. H.

What a certain Silver girl was trying to find Saturday nite!! Could it have been a date??
Why Francis rushes to the Post Office each noon??
Who gave Jack a charley-horse in the heart?? Could it have been a soph, Jack?
How far south Charles and Mel-

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vin, went Sunday afternoon. What were you boys looking for??
Why Judy had Dale take her home instead of Net??
How Gary likes to drive a baby blue cadillac?? Gary is it easy to park??

Judy took Morgan to Brown Sunday nite. What about Sherman Judy??

Third grade: The third grade is making a movie about Columbus bus.



COUNTY HD KITCHEN—Mrs. Faye Roe (right), County Home Demonstration Agent, is shown in her modern kitchen in the new court house. Pictured also is Mrs. Genne Hinnard, who was helping in the office during the absence of Mrs. Bobby Walker. Mrs. Hinnard is the former Thelma Jo Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan. The kitchen equipment includes refrigerator, stove, enameled steel sink with cupboard space above. The kitchen was furnished by B & H Hardware Co. of San Angelo, well known restaurant supply firm.

REVIVAL

Silver Baptist Church

Oct. 14-21



REV. GEORGE M. BASTIAN, Preacher

Mr. Earl Cook, Singer

Everybody Welcome!

Daily Services

10 A. M. and 7 P. M.

WE ARE BUYING

Oil Field Salvage — Scrap Iron & Cable
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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Silver News

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom leave Friday for a two weeks' eastern trip. They will travel by rail from Colorado Springs and stop in New York City where Mrs. Odom will attend sessions of the National Postmasters convention. Later next week the group will go on to Pocasset, Mass., to visit another daughter of the Allens, Mrs. Elmer Clegg, and family. During their absence the Silver post office will be in charge of Mrs. C. T. Wilkes, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brown of Vincent and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Myers of Midland were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown.

Hal Anderson has gone to Miami, New Mex., on a few days' business trip.

Lee Mullican, student at Texas Tech. and Benny Hayes, who attends Draughon Business college in Lubbock, spent the weekend with home folks.

Linda Skrabanek and Patricia Hunter went to Abilene for a weekend visit with Sharon Skrabanek.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kennedy and children attended the state fair in Dallas over the weekend.

Jack Morgan leaves the last of the week for a week's vacation from his duties as Sun engineer. He and his family will attend the fair in Dallas and witness the Texas-Oklahoma game in the Cotton Bowl Saturday. They will continue into Oklahoma for a visit with home folks next week.

Visiting in the Frank Mullican home this week is his sister, Mrs. T. Caldwell of Channing, Tex. She is accompanied by her granddaughter, Anna Lyn Rojek of

Claude.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen enjoyed having their children and their families here for a Sunday gathering. They observed Mr. Allen's birthday and wished their parents and the Bob Odoms a pleasant eastern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gilbert will go to Dallas Saturday to attend the Cotton Bowl game between Oklahoma and Texas. They expect to meet his father who is coming to Dallas from his home in Shreveport.

John Fallowill, Sun production foreman, returned to his home here Wednesday from the Colorado City hospital. He had been hospitalized three weeks from complications following an appendectomy.

Cullen L. Tubb and B. L. Short of Sun's gas division in Dallas looked after company business here this week at Jameson gasoline plant.

R. D. Hull, Jack Burgess and Bob Edwards enjoyed a weekend fishing trip to Devil's River above Del Rio. They had fairly good success.

Lawrence Feaster, Jameson plant roustabout, is spending a two weeks' vacation in Mississippi.

Robert, 2½ year old son of Tom Hunter, is undergoing clinical examination for an asthmatic condition in Dallas this week. The child's father is a clerk in Jameson gasoline plant.

Silver Indians suffered their first junior high football defeat last Thursday night at the hands of Sterling City. The score was 38-14. Silver will be host to Garden City Thursday night of this week. Coach Guy Wheeler will take an 11-man team to Robert Lee in two weeks to play a junior high contest.



Sheriff Paul Good seated between his two Deputy Sheriffs. At left is Frank Keesee of Bronte, who devotes part time to keeping law and order in the eastern half of Coke County. At the right is O. B. Jacobs of Robert Lee, who is in charge of the office when Sheriff Good has business out in the county. It is widespread opinion that Coke County has the best looking sheriff and deputies in West Texas.

BE IN ROBERT LEE ON COURT HOUSE DEDICATION DAY Saturday, Oct. 13 For the Best Time You've Ever Had

Come on boys and girls, under 14, get in the Pet and Doll Parade and win some real money! Come on everybody else and enter the Talent Contest!

PET AND DOLL PARADE

10:00 O'Clock A. M.

Every boy and girl in Coke County is invited to enter any one of these divisions:

| CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS | CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS |
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| Division 1. Girls with Dolls 1st Prize \$5.00 Cash 2nd Prize 4.00 Cash 3rd Prize 3.00 Cash 4th Prize 2.00 Cash 5th Prize 1.00 Cash | Division 1. Girls with Dolls 1st Prize \$5.00 Cash 2nd Prize 4.00 Cash 3rd Prize 3.00 Cash 4th Prize 2.00 Cash 5th Prize 1.00 Cash |
| Division 2. Boys and Girls under 8 Years, with Pets, Bikes, Carts, Wagons, Ponies, Etc. 1st Prize \$5.00 Cash 2nd Prize 4.00 Cash 3rd Prize 3.00 Cash 4th Prize 2.00 Cash 5th Prize 1.00 Cash | Division 2. Boys and Girls under 14 Years, with Pets, Bikes, Carts, Wagons, Ponies, Etc. 1st Prize \$5.00 Cash 2nd Prize 4.00 Cash 3rd Prize 3.00 Cash 4th Prize 2.00 Cash 5th Prize 1.00 Cash |
| Division 3. Boys and Girls under 8 Years, Comedy or Raggamuffin 1st Prize \$5.00 Cash 2nd Prize 4.00 Cash 3rd Prize 3.00 Cash 4th Prize 2.00 Cash 5th Prize 1.00 Cash | Division 3. Boys and Girls, under 14 Years, Comedy or Raggamuffin 1st Prize \$5.00 Cash 2nd Prize 4.00 Cash 3rd Prize 3.00 Cash 4th Prize 2.00 Cash 5th Prize 1.00 Cash |

No advance entry required. Be on hand at Methodist Church corner in Robert Lee by 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

TEACHERS of Bronte, Silver and Robert Lee—Explain this wonderful Pet and Doll Parade to your pupils and tell them they should take part.

11 A. M. at Court House Square

TALENT SHOW

ENTRIES OPEN TO YOUNG AND OLD

Lower Division: 6th Graders and Below
 Cash Prizes of \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00.
 Other Division: Adults and Children from 7th Grade up
 Cash Prizes of \$7.00, \$5.00 and \$3.00.

Send Entries to Garland Davis, Chairman, Robert Lee, Texas. Get your entry in early and be sure of getting a place on the program. Entries will be accepted until starting time, only if there is room on the Talent Show Program.

The forenoon program is sponsored by the Robert Lee Board of Community Development.

Made Right Styled Right Priced Right



28-A West Beauregard San Angelo, Texas

Ike Can't Make It Rain, But He's Still Best Man

The other day I asked a farmer if it was dry out his way. He said it sure was. "Looks like we just can't get any rain," he said. "Why, when Noah had his 40-day flood, we didn't get over half an inch."

There's no mistake about it, Texas is having itself a real drouth. Some of the farmers and ranchers in our county are in such bad shape that they may vote for Stevenson.

"Old Man Jones, from across the river, said he wasn't going to go to any such extreme. He said he needed rain as bad as anybody else. He claimed water was so scarce in his community that the preacher was baptizing new members with a wet handkerchief. But he was holding out awhile longer, anyway."

"I may be stubborn," said Old Man Jones, "but I just ain't been convinced that President Eisenhower is keeping it from raining."

He said he knew that Stevenson and Kefauver acted like they thought so, and they had a right to their opinion. Lyndon Johnson, he figured, knew better, but he was sticking with Adlai and Estes for the sake of unity. He said he didn't figure Mr. Sam Rayburn had known whether it was raining or not for the last 25 years.

"I hate not to go along with such a widely known crowd of weather observers," Old Man Jones said. "If there's anybody

who keeps up with which way the wind is blowing, generally speaking, it's Stevenson, Kefauver and Johnson."

Then he went on to say that he realized the national farm program hadn't pleased everybody—including him. If he was in the White House, he would do things different, at least in our county. He allowed that the \$61,000,000 spent by the Eisenhower administration for drought relief in Texas could have been doubled and still not made all the farmers happy and prosperous.

"But," said Old Man Jones, "I keep remembering that the main reason for our troubles, besides the drouth, is the fact that we are not at war. Now, if Adlai and Estes really want to jump on President Eisenhower, there is a real issue. They've sure got the goods on Ike in that respect. If he hadn't stopped that Korean War, farm prices would be higher, no doubt. I wonder why they never mention that."

Old Man Jones was kidding a little, of course, in his usual way, but I think he had something there. We have got to adjust to peace-time, which is taking awhile but President Eisenhower is working at it. And meanwhile our boys aren't fighting and dying on foreign soil. It's worth thinking about.

Yours truly,
Tex

(Pol. Adv. Paid for by Texas Democrats for Eisenhower, Weldon Hart, Director)



District Court Room Indeed Is Thing of Beauty

The District Court Room pictured above is the most beautiful spot in Coke County's new court house.

Located in the center of the second floor, the walls and partitions are finished in attractive natural walnut, and special accoustical properties were provided in the ceiling and throughout the entire room.

Photo shows the district judge's bench at the south end, with jury box to his left and witness stand on the other side, with lawyers tables and chairs in front. A paneled railing separates the spectators seats.

The seats are similar to church pews and have a capacity of 150 persons. Leading west out of the court room is the jury room and dormitories for both men and women.

A judge's chamber, county attorney's office and rooms for lawyers are at the east side of the court room.

Second floor of the court house does not have as much length as the main floor, as will be noticed in outside pictures of the building. Since the court room is not used regularly, air conditioning of the second floor is cut off when that portion of the court house is not being used.

Persons visiting the new court house on Dedication Day should not fail to see the court room. The dedication program will take place there at 3 p. m. Saturday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep and sincere appreciation for all the kind acts and sympathy, to the hospital staff and Dr. McDaniel and our many wonderful friends. —The W. P. McDorman Family.

J. C. Furr was released Tuesday from Coke Memorial Hospital where he was treated several days for a sinus infection. Mr. Furr is employed at Jameson gasoline plant at Silver. He and his family reside in Robert Lee.

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Hayrick Lodge
No. 696 A.F. & A.M.
Meets second Tuesday night in each month.
Visitors welcome.
EDDIE GOOD, W. M.
J. DALE BROWN, SEC'Y

SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB

The Sunshine Girls 4-H Club met Sept. 24 and elected the following officers:

President, Louise Miller.
Vice-Pres., Kay Humphrey.
Secy-treas., Prescilla Wylie.
Reporter, Lexie Lewis.
Songleader, Mary Alice Wojtek.
Recreation leader, Bonnie Quisenberry.

Our group met again October 10 and discussed taking part in the parade Saturday. We decided to have a concession stand and sell cakes, pies, candy, sandwiches, cold drinks, etc. Patronage will be appreciated. — Lexie Lewis.

Ex-Students Homecoming To Be Nov. 16

Annual Homecoming for former students and teachers of the Robert Lee public schools has been set for Friday, Nov. 16, according to Victor Wojtek, president of the organization.

Registration will be at 3 p.m. and dinner at 5 in the school cafeteria. Banquet tickets will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students and children under 12.

The annual Bronte-Robert Lee football game will be played that night.

The Ex-Student organization is now selling membership tickets to raise funds to take care of homecoming expenses.

Supt. Frank Coalson and his office will help with publicity material and general arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Havins have moved to San Angelo where the former has a position in the meat department of the M System store on North Chadbourne. Bill learned the trade while working here for Earl Roberts.

BIRTHS

WALLACE—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr. (Jewell Bloodworth) are parents of a daughter born Oct. 5 at Coke Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 5:25 a.m. she weighed 7 pounds, one ounce and has been named Susan Janett. Other children in the home are Marilyn, 7, Jackie, 4, and Donna, 3 years old. The father is employed by John Brown in maintenance of Sun Oil Co. property at Silver. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace of Robert Lee.

THOMPSON—Parents of their first child are Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Thompson (Colleene Varnadore). Their son, John Paul, arrived at 6 p.m. Oct. 6 at Coke Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces. The father is employed by Dave Harris Drilling Co. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Thompson of Waco.

If you don't get The Observer, you don't get the news!

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers of Silver are spending a couple of weeks with their children, Upton Mathers at Seminole, Okla., and Mrs. Geo. Pennington, at Prague, and their families. They were accompanied as far as Fritch, Tex., by Mrs. Ben Tubb, who will stay there with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jameson.

Mrs. A. J. Rawlings is reported to be resting comfortably at the Bronte Hospital where she was taken Saturday night. She has been here with her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Simpson, and family.

WE GET IT NOW, SILVER —

We have told several people from Silver that we do not get Channels 2 and 4. Well, that's in the past. We can check your television on those channels now.

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COKE COUNTY TELEVISION
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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Everybody's Coming to Robert Lee for Court House Dedication Day, Saturday, Oct. 13. Come and stay all day. Big Forenoon Program. Pet and Doll Parade at 10 o'clock, followed by a Big Talent Contest. Make Our Store Your Headquarters.

Check these SPECIALS!

Nylon Tuffed Rugs

24 x 36, all colors

\$1.79 each

SHEETS (Garzas)

Fitted or Flats

Colors—Rose, blue, pink, orchid, yellow and white.

\$2.69 each

PILLOW CASES

To Match Sheets

\$1.49

NYLON

Nets and Taffetas

Pretty Colors

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1000 Yards, Fast Color

BROADCLOTH

New Fall Colors

3 yds. \$1.00

SKIRT LENGTHS

Cottons, Woolens,

Dacrons, Suitings

\$1.98 each

ONE RACK

LADIES DRESSES

Half Price

SWEATERS

Ladies and Childrens

\$2.95

Pay Cash and Register for Free Gifts to Be

Given Away at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

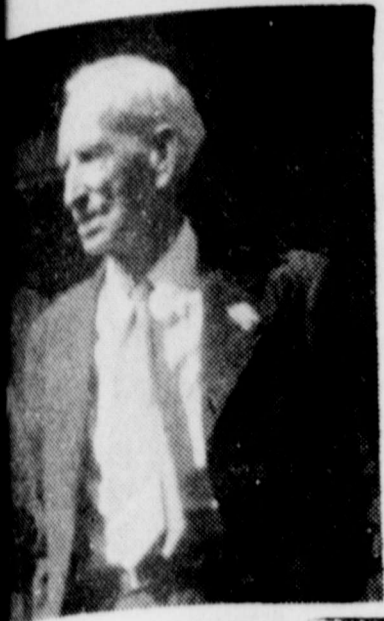
1st Prize—Cannon Homestead Spread (14.95)

2nd Prize—Brass Kitchen Clock

ROACH'S

Department Store

Robert Lee, Texas



WILL WALTON

Rites Held For Will Walton, 91, Bronte Pioneer

The Bronte Enterprise last rites for W. C. (Will) Walton were read Sunday, Oct. 7th, 3:30 p.m. from the Bronte First Baptist Church. Officiating were Rev. Reuben Blake, former pastor here and now of Southland, the pastor, the Rev. Douglas Brown. Burial followed in Fairview cemetery here under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Will Walton was born in Keetsville, Mo., the son of the late W. and Nancy Ruth Walton. He died Oct. 6, 1956, in a Big Spring hospital on his 91st birthday.

A retired carpenter, Mr. Walton had been a resident of Bronte since 1896 and had been a member of the Bronte Baptist Church for the past 60 years. He was an active deacon for 56 years. He was also a charter member of the Bronte WOW Lodge.

He married the former Mary Et Collett in the home of the bride's parents at Pottsville, Texas on Nov. 23, 1890.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Ronald Walton of Bronte, Edwin and Delbert Walton of Tyler; six daughters, Mrs. Taylor Emerson, Mrs. Ruby Davport, Mrs. W. D. McDonald, all of Bronte, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell and Mrs. D. B. Kiker of San Angelo, Mrs. H. W. Snyder of Snyder; grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two brothers, R. S. Walton, Cleburne, and G. Walton of San Angelo; and sister, Mrs. W. J. Cumbie of Robert Lee, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Nannie Thetford has gone back to McCamey to spend some time in the home of her son, J. Thetford, and wife.

Court House Dedication, Oct. 13.

COUNTY HD MEETING

Annual meeting of the Coke County H. D. Council is to be held Tuesday, October 16, in the Courthouse in the Conference Room. The meeting is to begin at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr., chairman, will preside. Annual reports from H. D. clubs, committees, and officers of council will be given. Delegates who attended the National H. D. Council and State T. H. D. A. meetings will give highlights of their trip.

Officers for 1957 will be elected and other important business will be transacted.

The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay and Drexel Skipworth spent the weekend with Richard Lewis Jay and family at Alpine. They were accompanied by Dickie Kannaday of Big Lake.

Tennyson Boy Places High In Turkey Show

By JACK B. WAIDE
County Agent

Coke County boys and girls do well with turkeys. Dee Arrott of Tennyson showed the reserve champion pen of hens at the State Fair in Dallas last Saturday. This is the largest turkey show in the United States and represents a real accomplishment. Other exhibitors from Coke County were Jackie Corley, Mary Corley, Tommy Latham, Benny Corley and Peggy Corley. Mary Corley and Tommy Latham had swept the turkey show at the West Texas Fair in Abilene the last week in September which is ample evidence of the quality of the birds shown this year.

Annice Gartman of Robert Lee placed 12th with her steer at the Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco September 29. There were approximately 40 steers in the class with excellent quality from top to bottom. The steer was bred here in the county by her brother, Douglas Gartman, of Silver. Annice will exhibit her steer at the State Fair in Dallas on Oct. 17.

A representative of the Social Security office will be in Robert Lee Wednesday, Oct. 24. Anyone who has some questions on Social Security should write the office in San Angelo and an appointment will be made by a representative of that office. The address is Social Security Administration, P. O. Box 1191, San Angelo, Texas.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Good returned last week from a 2,000 mile vacation trip which took them to New Orleans, Gulfport and Mobile, and then back to Houston on the Texas Gulf. Eddie is an engineer at Jameson gasoline plant at Silver and will return to work next Monday after a three weeks' vacation.

Mayor Cumbie Ivey, Jr., accompanied by Ben O'Neal, San Angelo real estate dealer, left Wednesday on a deer and elk hunting expedition in the heart of the Rockies of western Colorado. Cumbie's wife and daughter, Patti, will go to Paris, Tex., later in the week to visit her mother, Mrs. Nell Pruitt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard were hosts at a barbecue supper last Thursday night in the backyard at their Robert Lee home. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Colbert and Mrs. Ira Koskie of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davis and daughters of Millican Camp west of Edith.

Want Ads

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL or grade School at home. Spare time. Books furnished. Diploma awarded. Start where you left school. Write Columbia School, Box 5061, Lubbock, Texas.

FOR RENT—Modern house close to school. If interested, the key can be obtained from Mrs. Roy Ross across the street or call owner at 9557-4, San Angelo.—Mrs. Coke Austin.

FOR SALE—Young Rambouillet bucks. See or call Floyd Modgling.

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

LOST OR STRAYED—3 months old Dachshund puppy near Edith, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hurley of Abilene. Finder please notify Mrs. B. D. Snead at Bronte. Reward.

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FOR RENT—Unfurnished house, six rooms and sleeping porch, \$55. Write or call Mrs. Nellie Simpson, 610 E. 19th St., San Angelo. Phone 39122. 9 tf

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- 10 Lbs. Sugar—Carolyn Parker
- 10 Lbs. Sugar—Ocie Duncan

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Future Farmers Sell Magazines

On Thursday, Oct. 11, the Robert Lee FFA Chapter is starting their annual drive for magazine subscriptions, through the cooperation of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company.

This is the 4th year that this project has been conducted through the Robert Lee FFA Chapter. The profit from this year's program will be used to buy needed FFA equipment, support the organization, furnish awards for deserving students, finance a parent and son banquet, pay expense of district winning judging teams, and necessary operating expenses.

Last year the chapter earned \$200 as their share of the sales program. The money was used to finance awards for outstanding boys, parent and son banquet, officer and delegate expenses to conventions, FFA supplies, and to pay necessary judging team expenses.

The list this year contains approximately 100 national magazines which are known favorites in the home. Some of the outstanding magazines offered are American, Colliers, Woman's Home Companion, Life, Look, Fortune, McCall's, Seventeen, Charm, Better Homes and Gardens, Popular Mechanics, etc. Your attention is called to the "Big Three Special" offer. The offer embraces three

national magazines for the price of \$6.00. The profit is 50 per cent; therefore, only one dollar is returned to the company for each magazine.

The Robert Lee FFA Chapter will try to give you the best service possible and your cooperation will certainly be appreciated.

ATTEND STATE FAIR

Mary Beth Schooler of Robert Lee was one of the 46 participants in the Annual Dress Revue held Saturday in Dallas. The Achievement Revue was held in the Woman's Building on the Fair Grounds.

The Revue was planned and grouped according to color of outfit worn by the girls. Mrs. Jessie Southworth, Fashion Coordinator for Sanger Bros. in Dallas, directed the Revue and was commentator.

The 12 State Fair Honor Awards Boys escorted girls to the stage and were introduced and a short comment on each one's achievement were given.

Some 700 viewed the work of these outstanding 4-H Girls.

Others from District Seven who participated were Bonnie Saunders of Blackwell, Joanna Gray of Llano and Cheri Gayle Antilley of San Angelo. They were accompanied to Dallas by Mrs. Fay Roe and Misses Mayme Coalson, San Angelo, and Miss Martha Gilliland, Ass't. H.D.A., Abilene.

7TH GRADE OFFICERS

Last week members of the seventh grade chose class officers and room mothers for the year. The room mothers are Mrs. I. M. Austin, Mrs. Fred Ashworth, Mrs. Roy Hood, Mrs. Ralph Blair and Mrs. Gertrude Gray. Class officers: President, Eugene Walker; vice-president, Kay Wink; secretary-treasurer, Marilyn Weathers. —Sharon Kincaid, reporter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us during our bereavement. May God bless you. —The Family of Mrs. D. F. Millican.

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STATEMENT

Required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Acts March 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946 (Title 39, United States Code, Section 233) showing the ownership, management and circulation of The Robert Lee Observer, published weekly at Robert Lee, Texas, for Oct. 1, 1956.

1. The name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager is: A. J. Kirkpatrick, Robert Lee, Texas.
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5: The average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the 12 months preceding the date shown above was: 895.

(Signed) A. J. Kirkpatrick
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of October, 1956.
(Seal) Virginia Jay
My commission expires June 1, 1957.

Sherman Williams came in Tuesday for a visit with home folks. He is employed at Andrews by D. S. & R. Construction Co.

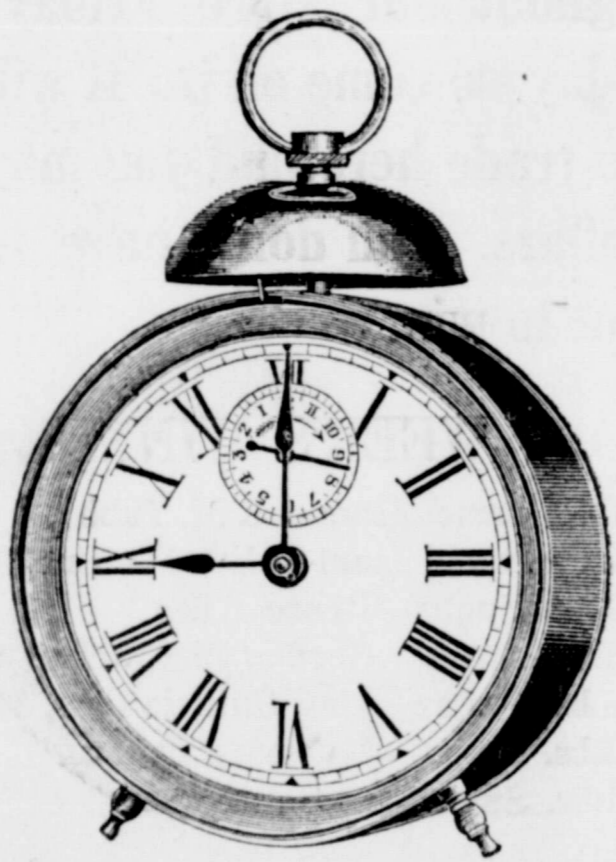
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STEERS BATTLE ELDERADO TO 14-14 TIE GAME

Robert Lee Steers journeyed to Eldorado Friday night when they battled the rugged Class A Eagles to a 14-14 tie. It was the second time Robert Lee had been tied by a Class A team, having finished with the same score at Santa Angina a few weeks ago.

The Eagles had an edge in first downs and yardage gained from scrimmage, but most of their offense was displayed in the center of the gridiron. However, they were mighty close to the Steer goal line when time ran out at the end of the first half and again when the final gun sounded.

Eldorado has a well balanced club with a hard running backfield of Ronny Kerr, Jimmy Harris, George Sofge and the big fullback Curtis Stockton. They also displayed a strong defense. All the starting 11 are seniors.

Robert Lee delivered on both its scoring opportunities, with touchdown runs credited to Speedy Sammy Joe Duncan. The Steers could not gain consistently through the line and their passing attack was pretty well broken up.

Eldorado received the opening kickoff on their 35 yard line. The Eagles racked a couple of first downs then lost the ball on a fumble on the Steer 30. Ashworth got 15 yards around end for a 1st on his 48. The Steer offense bogged down and Sawyer punted to the Eldorado 36.

Three plays were good for a first down in midfield. The Robert Lee defense stiffened and Stockton punted on the fourth down to the Steer 28. Ashworth went wide around right end for the first down on the 46, and a 15-yard penalty on Eldorado set the ball down on their 39.

Three plays later Ashworth tore around the right end for a first down on the Eagle 28. Duncan cut through left tackle and ran for a touchdown. Ashworth carried over to convert. Score: Robert Lee 7, Eldorado 0.

Eldorado downed the kickoff on their 29. Stockton plowed thru the right side for a first down on his 44. Sofge and Harris made good yardage, making it a first down on the Steer 35 as the quarter ended. Kerr pushed ahead for a first down on the Robert Lee 20. Stockton got thru the left side and ran to the goal line, but the play was called back because of a 5-yard penalty on the Eagles. Kerr and Stockton made it a first down on the 13.

The Steers held again and took possession on their 15. Two line plays and a pass attempt failed to gain and Sawyer punted to his 40. Eldorado was penalized 15 yards for clipping.

The Eagles marched for three consecutive first downs to the Robert Lee 12. Kerr and Harris picked up a couple of yards each, when Kerr carried thru for a touchdown. Stockton converted by placement. Score: Robert Lee 7, Eldorado 7.

Robert Lee received a short kick which was downed by Skip Ashworth on his 46. They lost yardage in four tries and the ball went over to Eldorado on the Steer 42. Kerr completed a pass to Bob Jeffrey, who was tackled on the Robert Lee 5 yard line as the half ended.

SECOND HALF

Dumas took the kickoff on the Steer 17. Three plays netted a first down on the 30. Gaining only 15 yards in the next three plays, Godwin punted to the Eagle 38. A 15-yard penalty on Robert Lee and two first downs brought the ball to the Steer 25. Ashworth recovered an Eldorado fumble by Stockton on the 20. Sawyer was injured and left the game. Un-

able to move up field Godwin punted to the Eagle 43.

Moving for three first downs in a row, Stockton smashed over from the 10 for nine yards and Harris scored. Stockton's second placekick was good for the extra point. Score: Eldorado 14, Robert Lee 7.

The 4th quarter opened just ahead of the touchdown. McDonald took the kickoff back to his 27 and then circled right end for a first down on the 44. The Steers were forced to punt and Eldorado took the ball on their 25.

The Eagles were pushed back by a 15-yard penalty, then two first downs brought them to their 45. Both teams were penalized in the next series of plays. It was fourth down and 4 yards to go when Stockton fumbled a pass from center and the Steers recovered on the Eagle 36. Duncan made 5 around end and Ashworth passed to Dumas for a first down on the Eldorado 20. Duncan skirted right end for a touchdown. Godwin carried over center to convert and tie the score at 14-all.

Eldorado downed a short kick on their 46. They fumbled on the next play and Wade Anderson recovered on the Eagle 48. On the fourth play, with only 24 seconds remaining in the game, the Steers gambled on a screen pass but Stockton intercepted and go down

to the Robert Lee 2-yard line before Duncan brought him down. They failed to reach the goal line in the final play.

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ASC GROUP—Pictured here are J. E. Quisenberry and his staff which is in charge of the Agricultural Stabilization Committee for Coke County. Mr. Quisenberry is office manager, having transferred here from Quanah in 1951. At the desk near him is Rose Marie Sawyer, a new clerk in the office. Mrs. Carl Brock standing at the back of the room is chief clerk and the other clerk sitting at the desk is Mildred Wallace.

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Albert James Gohson and wife were recent guests here in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gohson. Albert has been

stationed in the army at Ft. Hood, but is being transferred this week to Benson, Ariz.
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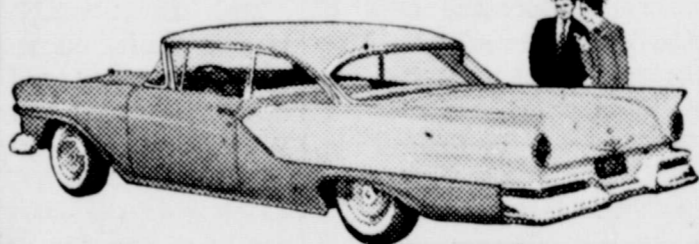
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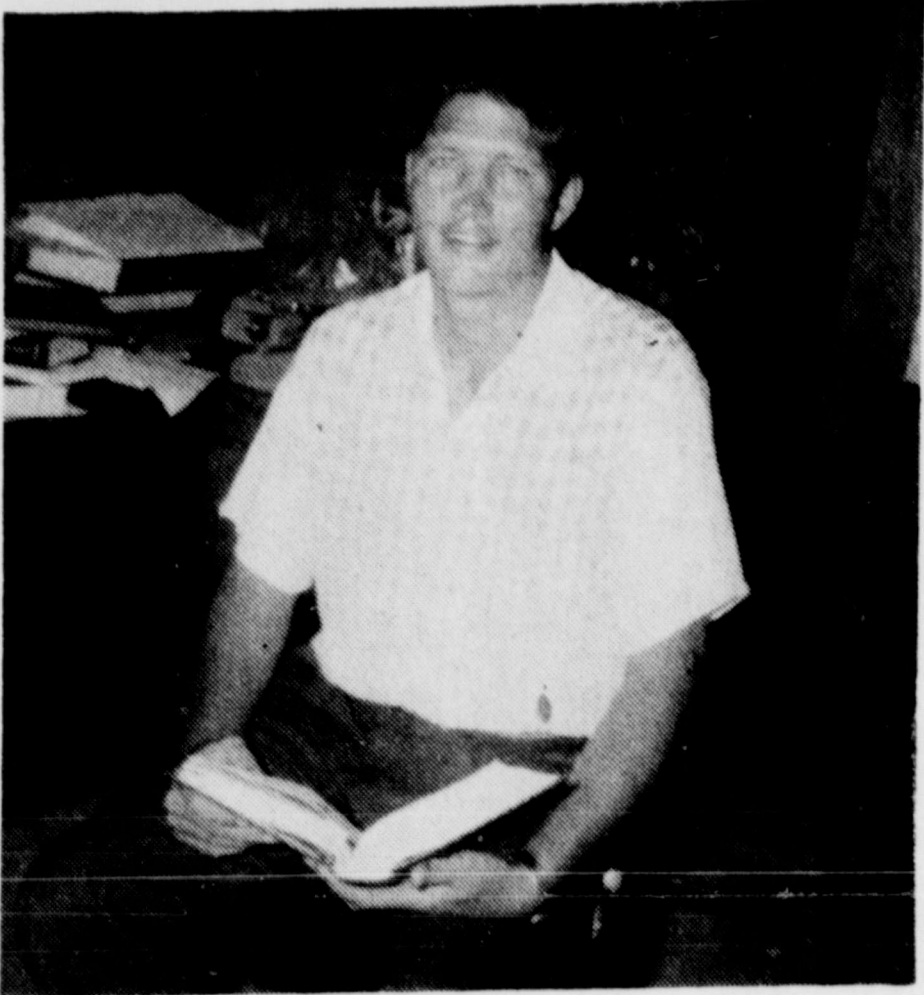


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COUNTY ATTORNEY—Frank C. Dickey, Jr., is completing his fourth year as Coke County Attorney. He was re-nominated this year without opposition. He joined his father in the practice of law in Robert Lee upon his graduation from Baylor Law school a few years ago. Mr. Dickey is married and the father of three children.

**Illness Claimed
W. P. McDorman**

Death has come to W. P. (Press) McDorman, 79, one of Coke County's pioneers. His passing occurred at 10 a.m. Monday in Coke Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient three weeks. Death was due to a complication of internal disorders.

Services were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. Travis McNair, officiating. Burial was in Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Paul Good, Weldon Fikes, W. J. Capps, Curtis Walker, and Jack Capps, all of Robert Lee, and Festus White of San Angelo.

Mr. McDorman had lived in Coke County since 1888, one year before its organization. He was born June 2, 1877, in the Oklahoma Territory and came here with his parents.

He was a stock farmer southwest of Robert Lee for many years before selling out. Later he resided at Blackwell, but returned several years ago to make his home in Robert Lee. He was a member of the Woodmen and Odd Fellow Lodges.

Mr. McDorman was a good friend and neighbor and had a wide circle of friends.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Henson Fikes and Miss Irene McDorman, both of San Angelo, and two sisters, Mrs. Roy Taylor and Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, both of Robert Lee.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Oct. 3—Mrs. W. D. McAdams admitted.

Oct. 4—Mrs. W. D. McAdams dismissed.

Oct. 5—Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr. Mrs. R. H. Richards admitted. Mrs. Bobby Walker dismissed.

Oct. 6—J. C. Furr admitted. Son born to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thompson.

Oct. 7—Mrs. R. H. Richards dismissed.

Oct. 8—John Daylong admitted and later dismissed. Patricia Fowler, T. B. Childress admitted.

Oct. 9—Mrs. L. H. Thompson and infant son dismissed. Also dismissed were J. C. Furr and T. B. Childress.

Oct. 10—Mrs. J. C. Walker, Jr. and infant daughter dismissed.

**Peace Officers
Of West Texas
Here Next Week**

Coke County will be host to the fall meeting of the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Association on Friday of next week, Oct. 19.

Sheriff Paul Good, president of the group, is in charge of arrangements.

Forenoon and afternoon programs will take place in the district court room of the new court house, and a barbecue dinner is scheduled at noon.

An interesting program has been arranged and Mr. Good said 200 persons from a wide West District area will attend.

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GREEN MT. HD CLUB

The Green Mountain WHD Club met in its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the recreation center. Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, president, called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Sam Duncan gave the opening exercise. Roll call was answered by four members, two visitors and one child.

Our next regular meeting day on Oct. 16, WHD Council will meet and all our members who can try to attend Council meeting for the annual reports.

Mrs. E. C. McArthur gave a summary of the leaders training meeting on party snacks and buffet meals.

Recreation was given by Mrs. McArthur. Mrs. R. L. Page was hostess. Meeting adjourned early.—Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, president.

**Home Demonstration
Club Activities**

MRS. A. J. ROE, JR., H. D. Agent

H. D. Agents from District 7 received training in organization this week in Ballinger. Miss Bonnie Cox, Specialist from A. & M., was in charge. Training was given on Council Committee training, reports, office organization and several related matters. I drove home Tuesday night and to Ballinger again Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Brent Clark, Sweetwater, was a visitor in the office Monday. She overstayed her "allowed time" so Brent dropped in also. Billie is still a member of the Friendship club and has consented to give the Devotional on the program for the Annual H. D. Council Meeting. Other out of town visitors in our office were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Huffaker, Tennyson, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Whitesides of Blackwell.

It is nice to have Joyce King Walker back in the office after her vacation and a short stay in the hospital. Mrs. Thelma Jo Hinnard worked part time to keep the office from falling apart. Thanks, T. J., you did a nice job.

Country folks learn a lot when they go to cities like Dallas and San Antonio! You know I've been to each of these cities recently so I speak from experience! It really makes one appreciate a small town — especially when "check paying time" comes! I had a wonderful time each trip, but am glad to be a "Kountry Kid" and be back in Coke County.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon (Jiggs) Lofton and children, Jan and Kirk, are here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton, and other relatives. Mrs. Lofton is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris. Jiggs is employed in a large Carbon & Carbide Chemical Co. plant at Texas City. He and his family reside at nearby Dickinson where they plan to build a new home.

Norris Lofton and family are now residing in Gainesville where he was transferred from Houston

by Standard Oil Co. of Texas. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton, of Robert Lee, Norris is a graduate petroleum engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. (Snipe) Conley of Texon are here this week doing some repair work and decorating in the residence owned by their son, John. Snipe is taking a two weeks' vacation from his position with the Big Lake Co. (Plymouth) and after a week of visiting he was ready to go back to work. Mr. Conley is due for retirement next March and he and his wife plan to come to Robert Lee to make their home.

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Frank Sinatra, Eleanor Parker, Kim Novak in
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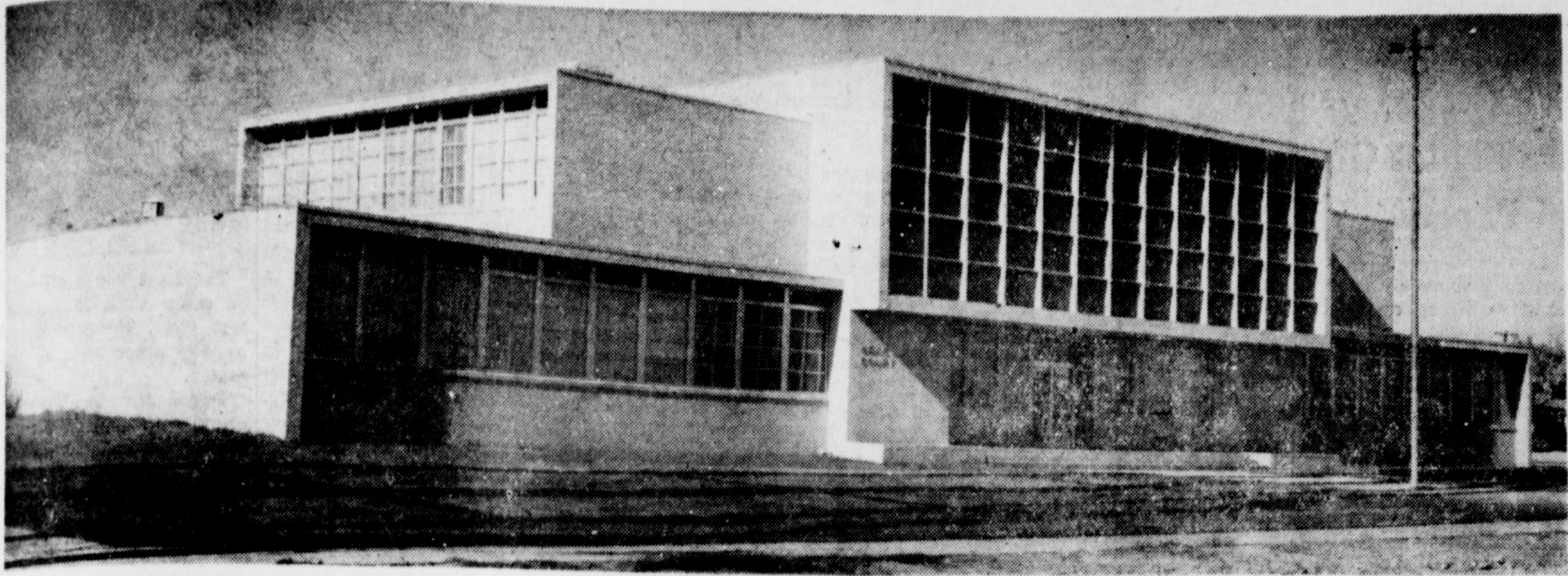
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FRYERS 1b. 39c

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ALL MEAT
Bologna 1b. 35c

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Coke County's New \$300,000 Court House To Be Dedicated Saturday, October 13, 1956

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The Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend The Court House Dedication

At Robert Lee, Texas

Saturday, Oct. 13, 1956

Program

2:00 P. M.

Parade by Bronte and Robert Lee High School Bands and Silver Indians Pep Squad. Drills and Twirling Exhibitions.

2:45 P. M.

Flag Raising at Court House. National Anthem played by combined Bronte and Robert Lee Bands.

3:00 P. M.

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| Dedication Program | Weldon Fikes, County Auditor Master of Ceremonies |
| Invocation | Rev. Travis McNair Pastor Robert Lee Methodist Church |
| Song, "America the Beautiful" | Methodist Boys Choir Mrs. Jeff Dean, Director |
| Address of Welcome | L. T. Youngblood President 1st Nat'l Bank of Bronte |
| Address of Welcome | Frank C. Dickey, Sr. Attorney, Robert Lee |
| Response | Hon. Joe L. Mays Judge 51st District Court |
| Response | Hon. W. H. Rampy Runnels County Judge, Ballinger |
| Address | Hon. O. C. Fisher Congressman 21st Texas District |
| Address | Hon. Dorsey B. Hardeman State Senator, 25th District |
| Vocal Duet | June and Jean Moore, Bronte |
| Benediction | Rev. Bennie Smith Pastor Robert Lee Baptist Church |

Open House at Court House 8 A. M. until 5 P. M.

The Commissioners Court

Coke County, Texas

Dedication Day At Court House

Big Event Set In Robert Lee Next Saturday

Coke County's new Court House will be formally dedicated next Saturday, Oct. 13.

The dedication program starts at 3 p.m. in the district court room, following a flag raising ceremony outside. Loud speakers will carry the program down stairs and out on the court house lawn. Less than 200 can be seated in the court room.

Open house will be observed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. when peo-

ple will have an opportunity to inspect the beautiful building from top to bottom. County officials and their employees will be on hand to conduct visitors around.

The Commissioners Court signed a contract Aug. 19, 1954, with Wyatt C. Hedrick, Ft. Worth architect and engineer, to make preliminary plans and specifications.

Previously a group of interested citizens from Bronte and Robert Lee had requested the Court to start things moving for a much needed new county building.

A bond issue of \$300,000 was voted Oct. 30, 1954, and preliminary plans were immediately approved.

A contract was let Feb. 2, 1955, to Suggs Construction Co. of Big Spring who submitted the low bid of \$272,185.00. Eleven bids were received, ranging up to \$345,000.00. The building was completed and occupied in June of this year. It provides space for all the offices which previously were housed in a barracks across the street.

The Court House is a fireproof building, with a frame of steel and concrete. Exterior curtain walls are finished with cast stone and brick. The windows are aluminum with the end of the court room glazed with glass blocks set in aluminum frames. Aluminum grid work on the outside of the glass blocks shields the blocks from direct rays of the sun.

The court room as well as the exterior of the building is contemporary modern architecture. All of the corridors and stairs have a marble wainscote, with the floors in the corridors of terrazzo. Court room floors are of rubber tile and the office floors of asphalt tile.

The court room and all offices have acoustical ceilings, and lighting throughout is fluorescent. The entire building is summer and winter air conditioned.

Last year, the oil industry produced more than five tons of petroleum liquids for every ton of finished steel turned out by all U. S. steel mills.



JEFF Dean, Coke County Judge, is waging a fight against a serious attack of rheumatoid arthritis which has afflicted him for nearly three years. While he cannot spend full time at his office, he keeps in close touch with county affairs. In spite of almost constant aches and a serious lameness, he gets to the court house twice daily and manages to attend sessions of the Commissioners Court, of which he is chairman. Jeff's many friends are pulling for him. They know he is putting up a great fight and will lick his ailment.

Clerk's Office Makes Photos Of Legal Papers

(The following news article was prepared for publication in The Observer by representatives of the Photostat Corporation.)

On December 20, 1955, the PHOTOSTAT Photographic Copying Apparatus, Model No. 1 Continuous Recorder was unloaded and set in the basement of the yet unfinished Court House. This was planned and done to make the installation of this heavy equipment easier and lessen chances of damage to the new finishings.

On April 30, 1955, a company representative, Mr. John F. Thormann, supervised the final setting up of the equipment and started instruction of the operators. He also returned the following week to give more instruction.

With the installation of PHOTOSTAT Photographic Copying Apparatus, County Clerk J. L. Tinkler and his associates, having the

most up-to-date method of public recording, is able to give better service to the people of Coke County at lower cost, and most important, with absolute accuracy in the recording of all instruments.

Previously, typing was used in recording instruments. This, of course, means that signatures were also typed. With the PHOTOSTAT Equipment signatures show up in facsimile or original form, thus eliminating any guesswork.

The operation of the PHOTOSTAT is very simple, although at first glance, it may appear complicated. The operator, seated at the front of the machine, places the instrument under the glass of the Subject Holder. She makes the exposure by means of the electric timer at her right. After this exposure the machine automatically reverses itself for the second exposure. The operator turns the instrument over and pushes the timer a second time. After this the machine automatically returns to the original position, winds down the paper, cuts it off and starts the sheet on its way. The turn-

table, holding the 300-foot roll of paper, is now ready to repeat the procedure.

After the sheet has been fed into the paper chute and cut off, it goes into the developer tank, then through the fixing tanks, and finally deposited on the dryer apron. It is then carried around the glass dryer drum, which because of its infra-red type heating elements dries both sides of the sheet at the same time with equal speed, thus making for a flat instrument when it is deposited in the tray. The total time consumed for this entire operation is something less than 22 minutes.

Court House Dedication, Oct. 13.

Will Coke County Be Represented?

Nearly 200 Texas counties have named County Historical Survey Committees, George W. Hill, Executive Director of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, 202 First Federal Building, Austin, reported this week. Coke County is not among them. If you are interested in the preservation of our historical heritage and willing to serve on the County Historical Survey Committee for this county, contact County Judge Jeff Dean or write directly to Mr. Hill.

There is an urgent need for setting up the committee for this

county, Mr. Hill pointed out. A statewide meeting is scheduled for Austin, October 27 to discuss the state program and each county committee should send a representative to this meeting. This Texas state program for the preservation of our historical heritage is designed to give leadership and service to all areas of Texas.

The East Texas oil field produced more than 75 million barrels last year, three times as much as any other field in the United States.

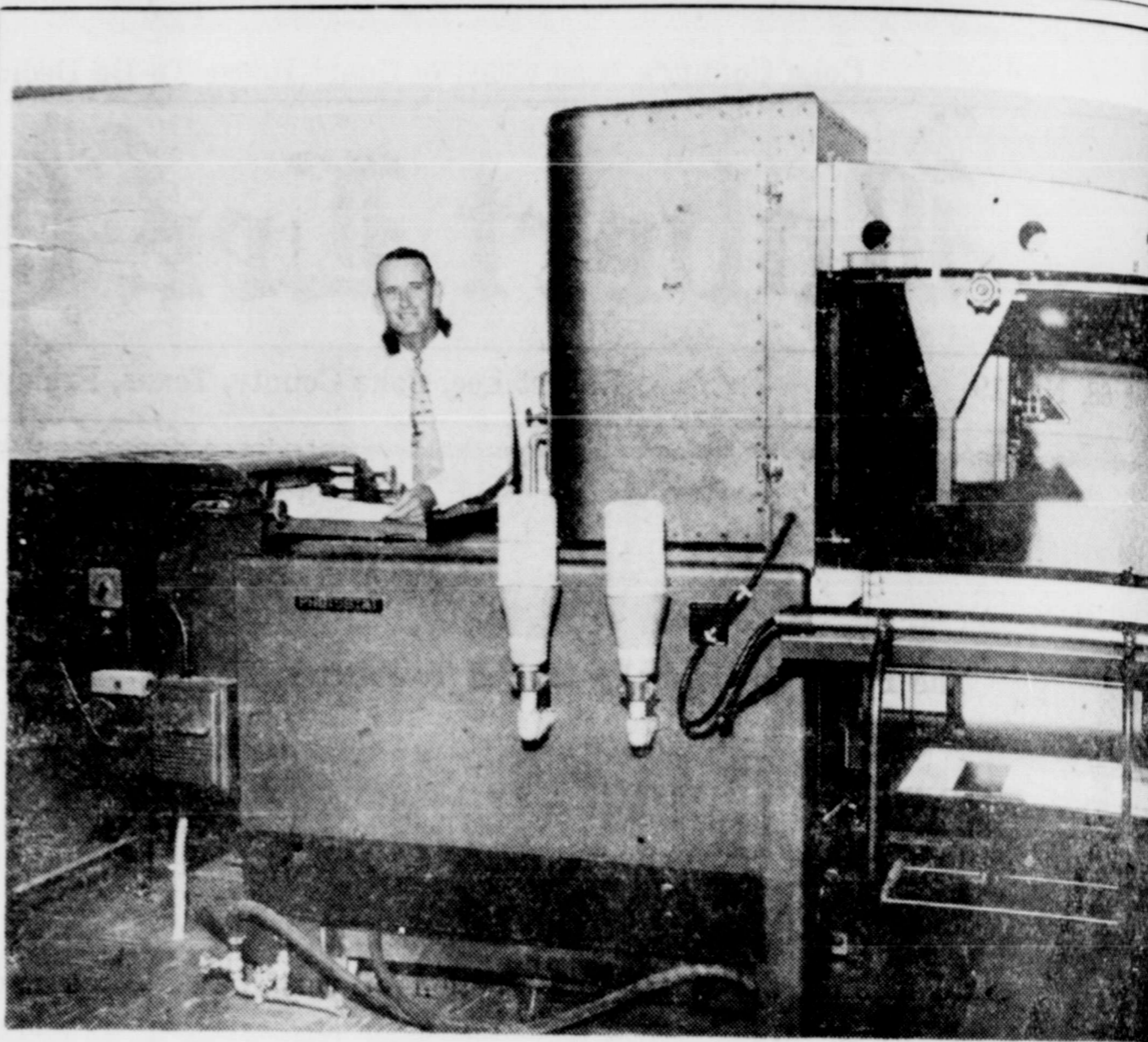
Petroleum based preparations promise to help save much of the five billion dollars' worth of crops which are lost today because of weeds, pests, and diseases.



ABSTRACTORS—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell pictured above in the room of the new court house which was provided for abstractors. Previously they did most of their work in a small tile building which was removed when the old court house was torn down. The Ferrells came to Robert Lee eight years ago from Kaufman when he became manager of the Adams Abstract Co. The business is operated under a lease arrangement from S. E. (Skinny) Adams by Elliott & Waldron Abstract Companies. Mr. Ferrell served as mayor of Robert Lee four years and both he and his wife are active in community affairs.



COUNTY AGENTS—Jack B. Waide (left), county agent, is shown in conference with James Coffman, associate county agent of Coke County. Waide, who was raised near Paint Rock, is a 1949 graduate of Texas A & M and became County Agent here Jan. 15, 1954. He is married to Adele Ashley, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Carlos Ashley of Llano. Coffman graduated from A & M in May, 1955, and was assistant agent in Johnson County before coming to Coke last December. His parents live at Cherokee in San Saba County. Mr. Coffman is unmarried.



Best Wishes to Coke County and Congratulations upon dedication of your fine new Court House.

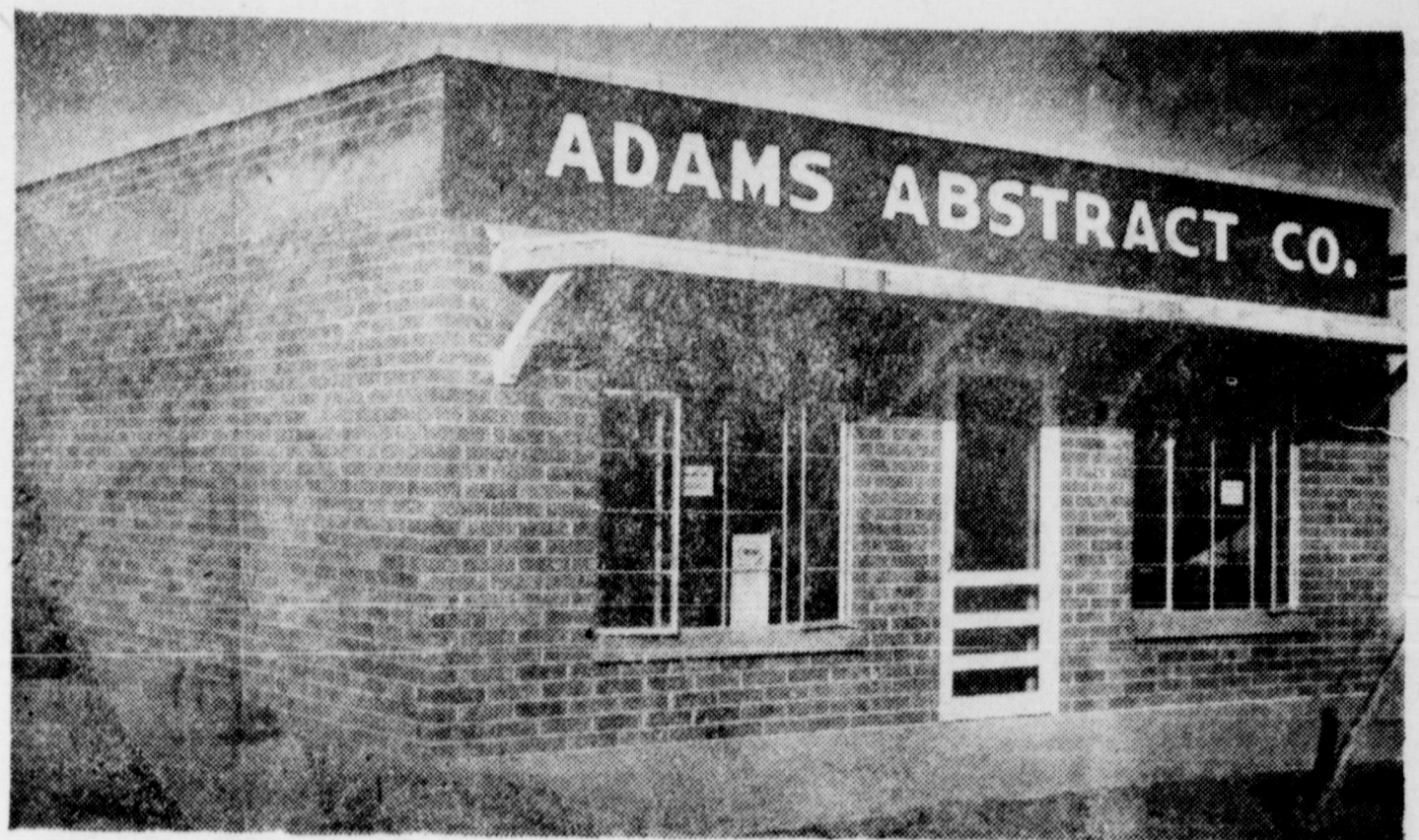
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Foresight and Political Courage

It is our considered opinion that the present Coke County administrative officials merit the highest possible commendation for their display of foresight and political courage in taking the initiative in the progressive program leading up to the construction of this splendid and highly essential edifice, our new Coke County Courthouse, and in pursuing the big project on to its final and triumphant completion.

To those of us who, in our regular run of business, have occasion for more or less daily contact with the public records, and the official custodians thereof, and who, by virtue of this essential and constant record use and contact, learn more and more to appreciate the true value of safe, clean and proper maintenance of such records, this "step into the future" truly appears as a very momentous and timely one.

We are all aware of the tremendous con-

trast between the appearances of the old and new courthouse buildings and we now further realize that the same degree of contrast exists as regards the safety, efficiency and comfort thereof. The new Courthouse is indeed a monument to the progressive spirit of the people of Coke County and is most certainly a real and stimulating community and civic asset to the County site town of Robert Lee.

Having operated here as abstractors, realtors, etc., during the past half-century, in various types of structures and improvised office space in, around and near the old courthouse building and from this experience recognizing the structure's many inadequacies, particularly in more recent years and as compared with the more modern facilities found in most other sections of the country, we can state here that we are proud to have been able to encourage and speak favorably for the project and thus, as voting Coke Countians, to have had our small part in this progressive event.



J. SID FERRELL

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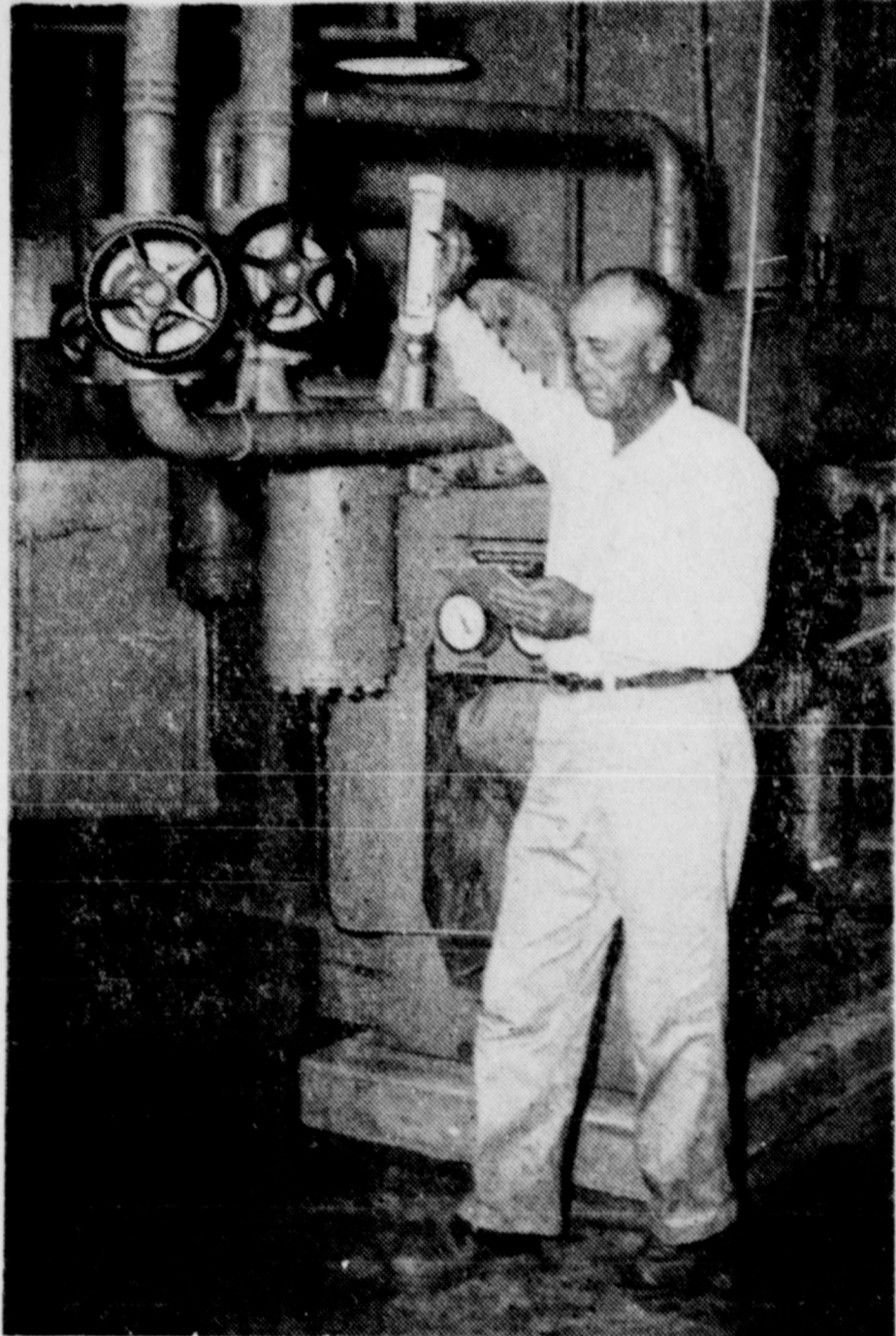
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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS



Fagan Parker Is Custodian Of New Court House

Year around air conditioning in the new Court House required installation of expensive and complicated equipment. Above picture shows Custodian Fagan Parker checking the thermometer on the cooling system. Interior of the building is kept at an average temperature of slightly more than 70 degrees.

A large blower forces fresh cooled air to all parts of the building through conduits which were in-

stalled as the building was constructed.

When cold weather arrives, Mr. Parker will switch to warm air which is heated by a steam boiler.

All the heating and cooling equipment is located in a basement room under the east end of the building.

Mr. Parker was appointed custodian and placed in charge of the new Court House and yard before finishing touches on the structure were completed. He thus learned operation of the equipment from the experts who were in charge of installation.

Mrs. Parker is also his assistant and helps keep the building spic and span.

TOM GOSS, COKE PIONEER, WAS COMMISSIONER 50 YEARS AGO

Tom Goss, one of the older living office holders of Coke County, was County Commissioner of Coke County, Precinct 4, from 1907 until 1911.

Born in Lawrence County, Missouri, in 1874, Goss moved to Texas six years later and in 1889 came to Coke County with Roe Phillips to look at land. Phillips and the 15 year old Tom Goss were particularly interested in land near Meadow Mountain, and when the youngster went back to east Texas with his report, his father, R. L. Goss, traded their east Texas farm for a section of land that lay between the Colorado River and Meadow Mountain. Phillips acquired the land to the west of the Goss farm. D. H. Snyder owned the ranch south of the Goss farm that was to become Sauls' Ranch and to the west lay the Winfield Scott spread, later sold to George Arnett.

"Snyder went broke in the depression of 1889-90 and '91," Goss says, "and owed Sauls \$100,000. He gave Sauls his ranch to pay off the debt."

"At that time there was a terrible drouth, and you could see dead cattle as far as you could see on the prairie," he continued. "My brother George and I skinned 300 head for fifty cents a head for skinning."

Later, Goss worked for Johnny Sauls as foreman on the 40,000 acre Sauls' Ranch. "I got \$100 a month," Goss said, "which was

an unheard of salary in those days. When I was 18, I took up some land and bought six head of cattle at \$4.75 each. I bought and sold cattle and finally traded for a little ranch near Sanco, kept enough cattle to stock it and sold the rest."

In the early days, the Goss family raised sorghum, cows, hogs, and chickens. "We hadn't been in Coke County too long, before we grubbed out 15 or 20 acres and planted cotton—first we knew of out here. D. H. Snyder later built a cotton gin on his ranch and would gin about 10 to 12 bales a day. I'm not sure, but I think Coke County started the cotton business in West Texas."

"Everything was just like children workin' when we were farming in the early days. They used a one horse plow—something to throw the dirt up against the cotton—a turnin' plow, we called it and double shovels—that's to kill weeds with."

"While I was commissioner, we used a turnin' plow and a drag to build roads. I graded two miles of road out of Robert Lee, using a drag made out of two long straight poles. We didn't put gravel on it—didn't do that until years later. I guess that was the first graded road in Coke County."

Goss is remembered by the old timers as a "walker." Coke County folks still remember his walking from the Goss farm at Meadow Mountain to Robert Lee or to Hay-

rick, where Goss assisted in teaching school for a brief period.

Goss moved to Colorado City in 1918 and was elected County Commissioner of Mitchell County in 1925. He served in Mitchell County as a Deputy Sheriff for many years, and was highway foreman for the highway department for several years.

He makes his home with his son, Tom Jay Goss II, Colorado City, and a sister, Mrs. Elsie Davis of San Angelo. His daughter, Mrs. George Eidson, lives in Irving, Texas.

When you have something to sell, you can't beat an Observer WANT AD for results.

Court House Has Office Equipment Of Best Quality

Brand new equipment, including desks, tables, counters, chairs, filing cabinets, etc., was installed in the new Coke County Court House. It was purchased from Stafford-Lowdon Company of Fort Worth, one of the state's largest office supply and lithographing firms.

The equipment is known as the Century line of the Art Metal Company of Jamestown, N. Y. They are an old and reliable firm. The county has been assured that the equipment is the best that is avail-

able and will last as long as the court house stands.

Each piece of equipment was designed and fitted for the department for which it was intended.

The office furniture is highly attractive and adds much to the appearance of the new county building.

OFF-SHORE WELLS COSTLY

Drilling a well in offshore waters costs roughly six times as much as a land well, according to the American Petroleum Institute. A study of drilling costs covering 82 wells in the Louisiana area indicated the average well cost \$298,800, compared with the on-shore cost of \$50,000.

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County Clerk Has Numerous Official Duties

J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler is shown above with his two efficient deputies. They are Mrs. Barton Waldrop (left) and Mrs. Josephine Lindley.

Mr. Tinkler was appointed County and District Clerk a year ago when Weldon Fikes resigned the office to become County Auditor. For several years previously, Tinkler had been Deputy Sheriff.

Mrs. Waldrop had been employed in the clerk's office a number of years, while Mrs. Lindley came to the office recently after resigning a similar position in the Tom Green County Clerk's office.

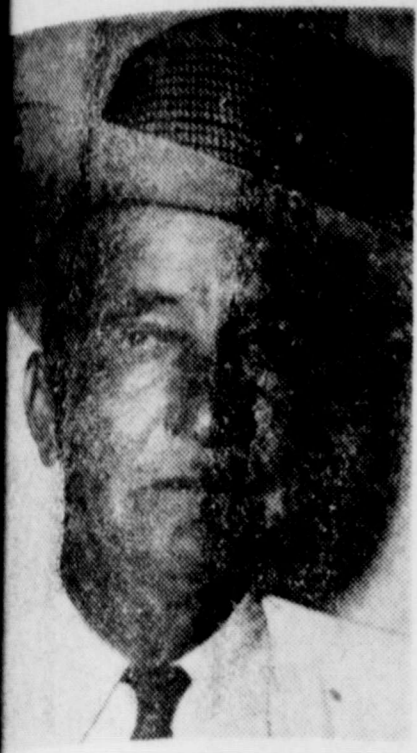
Mr. Tinkler's duties include acting as clerk of the Commissioners Court and serving as Clerk of the County and District Court. His office also is responsible for recording and filing deeds, mortgages and legal papers of all descriptions.

Recording duties have been made easier in the office by the installation of a Photostat, a description of which appears elsewhere in this newspaper. The Photostat is located in a large fireproof room directly under the clerk's office. It has no outside entrance and is reached only by stairs leading down from the

clerk's main room.

A vault on the main floor also provides safe keeping for most of the official records. The vault is fireproof and has no windows.

Mr. Tinkler and his wife have three children. Jerry is a sophomore in high school and Paul is a freshman. Their daughter, Betty, is in the sixth grade.



A. E. SUGGS is owner of Suggs Construction Co. of Big Spring, who had the contract to construct the new Coke County court house. His firm is now constructing a similar building in Kent County.

The petroleum industry places the equivalent of 81 quarts of petroleum products each morning on the doorsteps of every person in the United States.

By volume, the four principal petroleum products account for six sevenths of total petroleum demand.

Court House Dedication, Oct. 13.

Congratulations

To the People of Coke County upon completion of their fine New Court House.

We are proud to have furnished the modern equipment for the County Home Demonstration Agent's Kitchen.

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DEEPEST WELL 4 MILES DOWN

The deepest oil well in the world was brought in this year when drilling in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, produced a flow at 21,443 feet.

The well took more than a year to drill, cost more than two million dollars, and has a total depth of 22,570 feet. That's more than

four miles straight down.

In addition to oil, flowing at the rate of 500 barrels daily, the well also produces 599,000 cubic feet of natural gas each day.

In grandfather's time, 210 hours were needed to produce as much as a workman does today in 40 hours.

CONGRATULATIONS

To The County Officials and

The People of Coke County

The New Court House

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BRONTE, TEXAS



Sheriff's Office Is Busiest Place In Court House

One of the busiest offices in the new court house is occupied by Paul Good, sheriff and tax assessor-collector. It is located on the southwest corner of the building.

This photo taken in the office last week shows Mrs. Good, who is a clerk in the office, Sheriff Good, Mrs. Waymond (Copey) Davis and Mrs. Ronie Baker. Mrs. Davis is the former Betty Carden of Silver, and Mrs. Baker was formerly Sammie Jo Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fowler.

Additional help is required at busy seasons, such as compiling the tax lists in late summer and auto registration time in March. Deputy O. B. Jacobs, who is in charge of property assessing and also helps with office and criminal work is not shown in this picture. Frank Keesee of Bronte, is also a deputy sheriff, drawing part time salary. He and Mr. Jacobs are

shown in another picture.

Before his election as sheriff in 1946, Mr. Good served a number of years as a deputy sheriff for the late Frank Percifull. Paul is now completing 10 years in the office. He was renominated without opposition this year for a 4-year term.

The sheriff and tax office has more contacts with the people than any other office in the court house. Most people come in at least two times a year to pay taxes and buy their car tags. They're smart over there, however, and many people are asked to fill out their property rendition when they come in to get their auto license plates.

The sheriff and his family reside in the jail building, a block west of the court house. There are several cells, but few prisoners to feed.

Sheriff and Mrs. Good have two children. Their daughter, Katie Sue, is the wife of Fred Parker, and they reside on a ranch near Stephenville. They have two little sons, who get to Robert Lee occasionally for a visit with their grandparents.

The sheriff's son is Eddie Good,

who is a petroleum engineer employed by Sun Oil Co. at Silver. He is married to the former Billie Roberts, daughter of the late Lee Roberts and Mrs. Donie Roberts.

Court House Dedication, Oct. 12.



Knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.— (Romans 6, 9.)

Jesus, our Redeemer, Savior, Friend—ever present, always patient and understanding in loving kindness—walks and talks with us this very day as He did with the people who knew him in ancient days, when we free ourselves of sin and in prayer seek His presence.

Congratulations

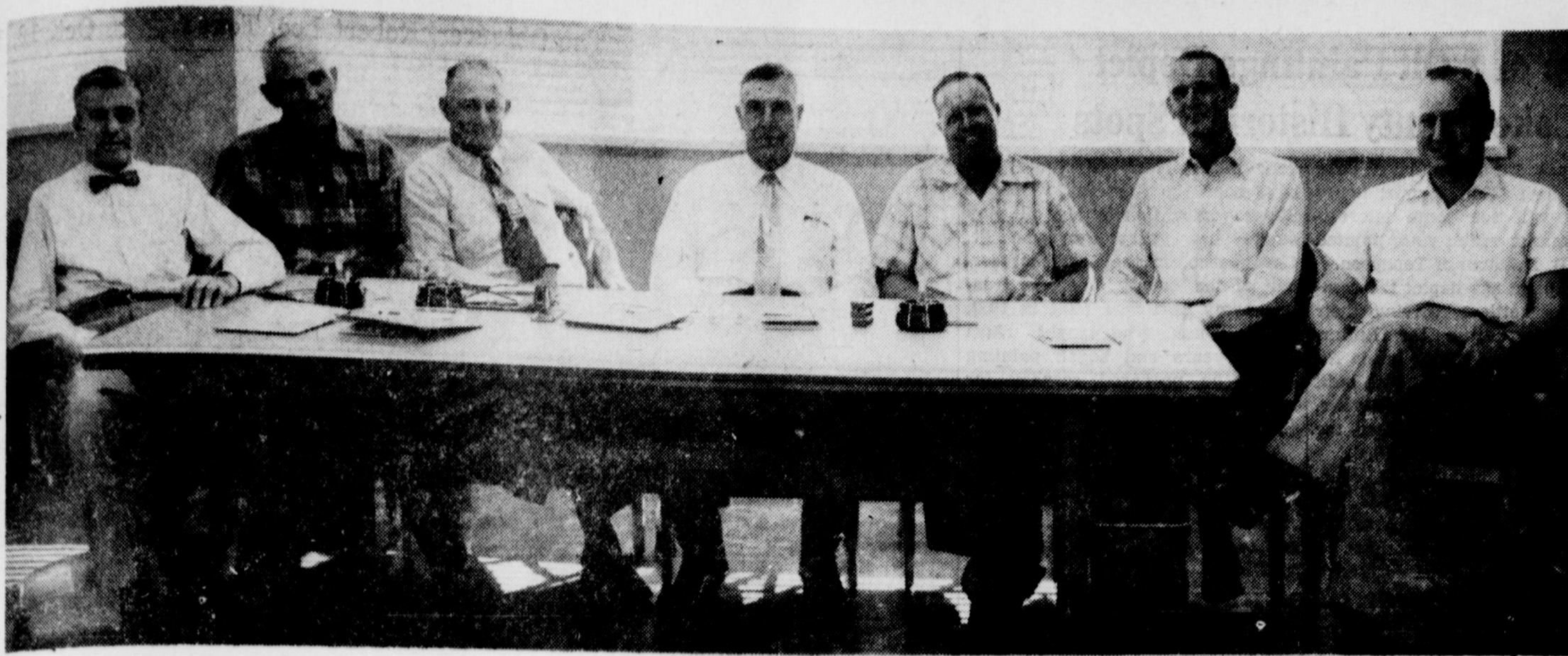
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Reading from left to right: Jeff Dean, County Judge; Claude Ditmore, Commissioner Precinct 4; J. W. Service, Commissioner Precinct 1; Ed Hickman, Commissioner Precinct 3; Howard Brock, Commissioner Precinct 2; J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler, County Clerk; Weldon Fikes, County Auditor.

Commissioners Job These Days Very Important

The position of County Commissioner in Coke County is much more important today than it was a few years ago. Before oil was discovered at Silver late in 1946, the county's taxing valuation was only 4½ million dollars. This year it is more than 29 million. This has resulted in a comparative increase in taxes, and it is the primary duty of the Commissioners Court to see that the tax money is spent wisely. Nowadays it is

just about a full time job.

Some outstanding improvements have been achieved without increasing the tax levy. More than one-half the hospital bond issue of \$75,000 voted a few years ago has been paid off.

The court house bonds of \$300,000 voted in 1954 were sold at a low interest rate of 2¼ per cent. The county's improvement fund has money to retire these bonds without a new levy. Same situation exists in regard to the county park bond issue of \$130,000 voted this year.

The Commissioners are setting up plans to retire the county bonds

within ten years. That looks like good business, since a possible decrease in oil valuations may result in a decrease of the county's taxing valuation.

Commissioners also are in charge of road work, and funds are divided among the four precincts by agreement of the Commissioners. This plan adopted a few years ago seems to be working out satisfactorily.

OCEAN OF OIL AWAITING NEW TAPPING IDEAS

The techniques of oil production have come a long way since the first commercial well was drilled in Pennsylvania back in 1859. But even the most modern methods leave much to be desired. The best present recovery techniques still leave quantities of oil underground.

Petroleum engineers, for exam-

ple, have estimated that almost 200 billion additional barrels of oil, which today are unrecoverable by conventional means, are waiting to be tapped by secondary recovery, or by some new and as yet undiscovered method.

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City Drug

Coke Moves Forward

Dedication of Coke County's new Court House is another step forward in our county's steady march of progress in recent years. We unite with the rest of our citizens in having a deep feeling of satisfaction in the realization of this beautiful and modern county building.

We also are keeping step and will dedicate our new Banking Home next week.

Robert Lee
State Bank

Group of 8 Oil Paintings Depict Old Coke County Historical Spots

Visitors at the dedication of Coke County's new \$300,000 court house Saturday will see some interesting landmarks which were painted by Mrs. B. D. Dunn of Tennyson.

The oil paintings depict the coming of the settlers, driving their cattle herds across the Butterfield Trail ford of the Colorado River. Also the old court house built in 1891 and torn down this year, and Hayrick Mountain where the first court house was located.

Other scenes include Mt. Margaret with an elevation of 2,300 feet in the southeastern corner of the county; Dripping Springs, a landmark on the Old Field Ranch

near Edith; Horse Mountain east of Sanco; the Jameson ranch at Silver where Coke's big oil play started ten years ago; and Ft. Chadbourne, in the northeast corner of the county where a frontier army post was built in 1852.

Mrs. Dunn, who taught school for 22 years and began painting when she prepared scenery for school plays, visited all the places she has painted.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Neel, Mrs. Dunn studied Coke County history and talked to many old settlers before attempting to make the historical paintings.

County Voted 10 to 1 for New Court House

At a special election Oct. 30, 1954, a bond issue of \$300,000 to build a new court house carried by a vote of 537 to 58. The overwhelming endorsement was about 10 to 1.

All sections of the county supported the proposal and about 600 ballots were cast. Silver, Wildcat and Hayrick voted 100% for the bonds and there was only one vote against in Juniper and the absentee boxes.

Robert Lee cast 271 votes for the bonds and only two against. The bonds carried in Bronte 98 to 18. Voting against the bonds by small margins were Divide, Ft. Chadbourne and Walnut.

My Neighbors



"I almost forgot to ask, dear. What bank shall I overdraw our account in?"

Court House Dedication, Oct. 13.



BUTTERFIELD TRAIL CROSSING—One of eight paintings hung in the new Coke County Court House is the Butterfield Trail crossing over the Colorado River between Robert Lee and Bronte. The Trail was the first mail route for southwest Texas. Paintings were the work of Mrs. B. D. Dunn of Tennyson.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

of Robert Lee, Texas at the close of business September 26, 1956, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

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| Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection . . . | \$ 403,493.24 |
| United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed | 492,717.00 |
| Obligations of States and political subdivisions | 169,063.13 |
| Other bonds, notes, and debentures | 25,000.00 |
| Corporate stocks (including \$2,850.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) | 2,850.00 |
| Loans and discounts (including \$2,446.04 overdrafts) | 411,454.64 |
| Bank premises owned \$1.00, furniture and fixtures \$2,949.70 | 2,950.70 |
| Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate | 40,593.45 |
| Other assets | 282.45 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$1,551,254.61 |

LIABILITIES

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| Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations | \$1,182,818.12 |
| Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) | 4,851.72 |
| Deposits of States and political subdivisions | 234,762.01 |
| Deposits of banks | 14,425.73 |
| Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.) | 462.19 |
| TOTAL DEPOSITS | \$1,437,319.77 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$1,437,319.77 |

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

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| Capital | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Surplus | 50,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 11,434.84 |
| Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital) | 2,500.00 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | \$ 113,934.84 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL ACCOUNTS . \$1,551,254.61
 * This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$50,000.00.

MEMORANDA

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

I, T. A. Richardson, Vice Pres. & Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. A. Richardson

CORRECT—ATTEST: G. C. Allen, L. C. Ivey, Victor Wojtek, Directors.

State of Texas, County of Coke ss:
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 1956.
 Wm. H. Allen, Notary Public

COKE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

JEFF DEAN
 COUNTY JUDGE

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| ED HICKMAN | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3 |
| CLAUDE DITMORE | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4 |

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Robert Lee, Texas



Mrs. Gray Holds Strings to Coke County's Purse

Mrs. Gertrude Gray serves as Coke County's treasurer, and is handling the position in a highly capable manner. Her term of office held over this year and she won't have to run again until 1958. Her single-room office is located on the north side of the long corridor, near the west end. After tax money is collected it is deposited in the banks to her credit, and she is the only person who can pay it out.

The treasurer makes a monthly report and a more detailed quarterly statement which must be approved by the commissioners court and published in a Coke County newspaper. With new tax money coming in now, the county will have right at a million dollars on hand by the end of October.

Mrs. Gray was a Bronte widow with five children when she was elected county treasurer four years ago. Her two older children, Mary Ann and Jimmy, are now in college. Jack is a senior in Robert Lee high school, and the two younger daughters, Patty and Barbara, also attend school in Robert Lee.

If you don't get The Observer, you don't get the news!



INSPECTOR — J. P. McSwain served as inspector while the new Court House was under construction. He was employed by the architects and saw to it that plans were carried out in detail and that no faulty material was used. Mr. McSwain resides in Abilene.

OIL SEARCH COSTS HIGH

By the end of 1956, the petroleum industry of the United States will have disbursed around six billion dollars in capital expenditures. Of this total, approximately 4,200,000,000 dollars will have been invested in the search for, and production of, oil and natural gas.

Congratulations

To County Officials and all persons who had a hand in building the new Court House.

It was badly needed and is outstanding among the number of fine improvements which Coke County has achieved.

The dedication Saturday will be a happy occasion for everybody.

S. E. (Skinny) Adams



CONSERVATION OFFICIALS—Chief conservationist in charge of Soil Conservation work in Coke County is A. V. Sheppard. Standing by the filing cabinet is N. B. (Bart) Geer, conservation engineer, who serves both Coke and Runnels Counties. Another member of the SCS staff is L. L. Wilkins of Bronte, who was not present when the photo was taken.



Weldon Fikes Is Coke's First County Auditor

Shown at the desk in the above photo is County Auditor Weldon Fikes and his office secretary, Mrs. Frank (Golda) Smith.

Mr. Fikes a year ago resigned as County Clerk to accept the position as auditor.

A new state law which went into effect in the fall of 1955 made it mandatory for counties with a taxing valuation of more than 15 million dollars to employ an auditor. Coke County was included in that bracket since it has a valuation of nearly 30 millions.

County Auditors are appointed by the District Judge, and Fikes was named by Judge Joe L. Mays. His court house experience was a deciding factor in his selection.

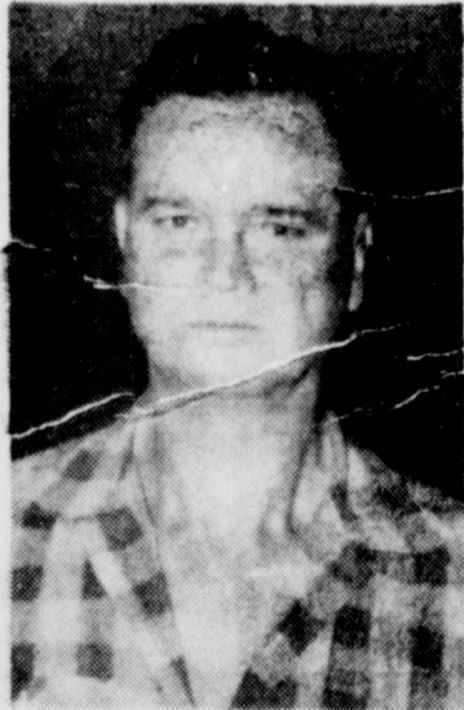
The auditor checks all claims coming before the Commissioners Court, and compiles monthly detailed reports of county finances, etc.

A World War II veteran with service in the Aleutians, Weldon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Fikes. He is married to the former Brice Stewart, daughter of Marven Stewart. They have three daughters, Marion, 10, Farrell Jean, 8, and Elaine, 4 years old.

Mrs. Smith has had wide office and clerical experience and for several years was employed by Adams Abstract Company.

Some 45,000 Oklahomans are directly engaged in the production of oil and natural gas, and many thousands more are employed indirectly as a result of oil and gas production.

In terms of total assets, the petroleum industry is the largest of all manufacturing industries, and is second only to the food and beverage industry in terms of total sales.



A. Z. STURGES was superintendent of construction on the new Coke County Court House. He and his wife made many friends during their stay of more than a year in Robert Lee. They are expected back for the dedication ceremonies Saturday.

Wylie Sends Best Wishes

Oct. 8, 1956
4807 Canton Ave.
Lubbock, Texas

Mr. A. J. Kirkpatrick
Chairman of the BCD
Robert Lee, Texas

My Dear Friend Kirk:

We would like very much to attend the Dedication, and the BCD Barbecue sounds good, but as it looks now we will be unable to attend either.

You will please express our sincere appreciation to the County Commissioners Court and the Committee for their invitations to this Dedication and the BCD barbecue.

And may I say that our only wish for the Citizenship of Coke County and its officials, is the best of everything.

Sincerely,
McNeil Wylie

Three hundred gallons of jet fuel are required to taxi a current jet bomber from the warmup ramp to the end of a runway for take-off, usually a distance of one and one-half miles.



JUDGE'S SECRETARY—Mrs. R. C. Patterson is shown at her desk as you enter the office of County Judge Jeff Dean. She is really deputy superintendent of schools and draws her salary from the state school fund. Mrs. Patterson is the former Mary Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks, southeast of Robert Lee.

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West Texas Utilities Company

Dear Folks:

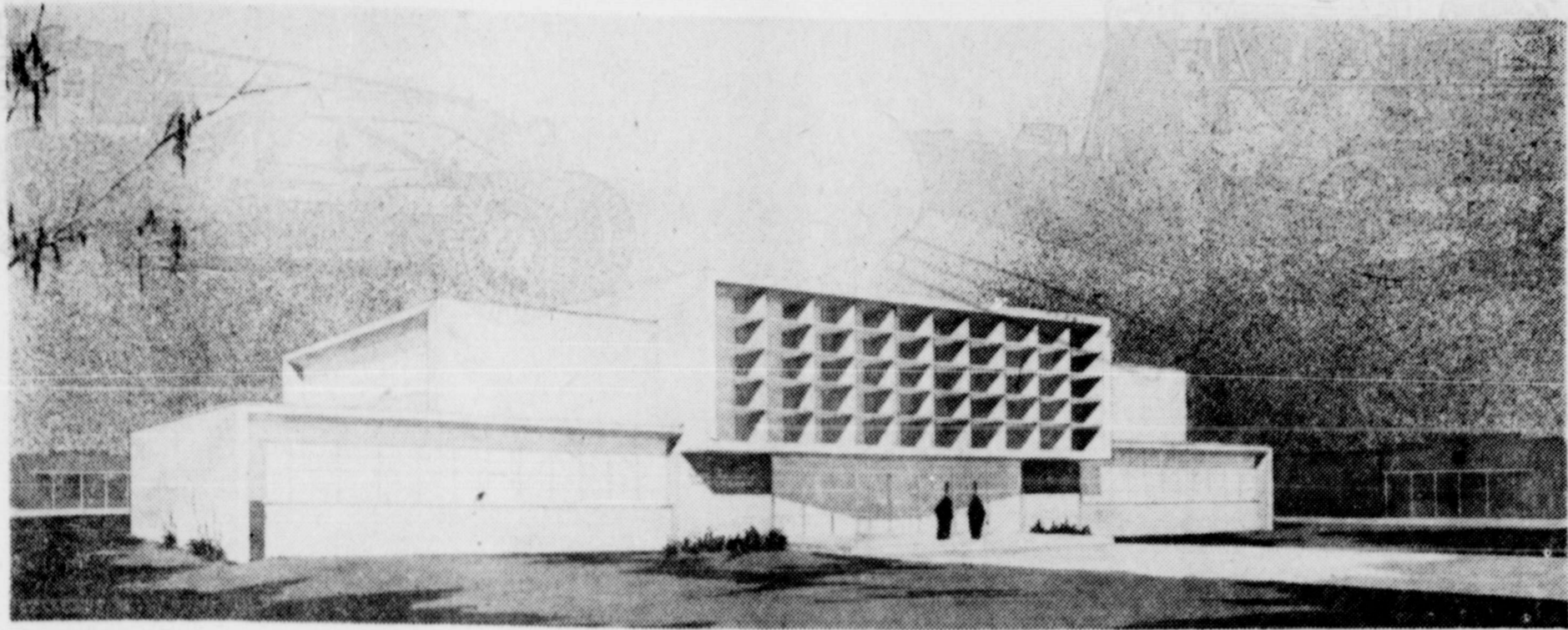
We at the West Texas Utilities Company are mighty proud of our New Courthouse. All new things cost money, and our new Courthouse is no exception but we are glad to pay our share of taxes to build, all of us, this fine new building. We know the people who work in our new Courthouse will be mighty proud to have all of us visit them during their formal dedication on October 13, 1956. We'll be there supplying Electricity for the lights, air-conditioning and all the other 'hundred and one' services we perform.

We hope to see you there too.

Yours truly,

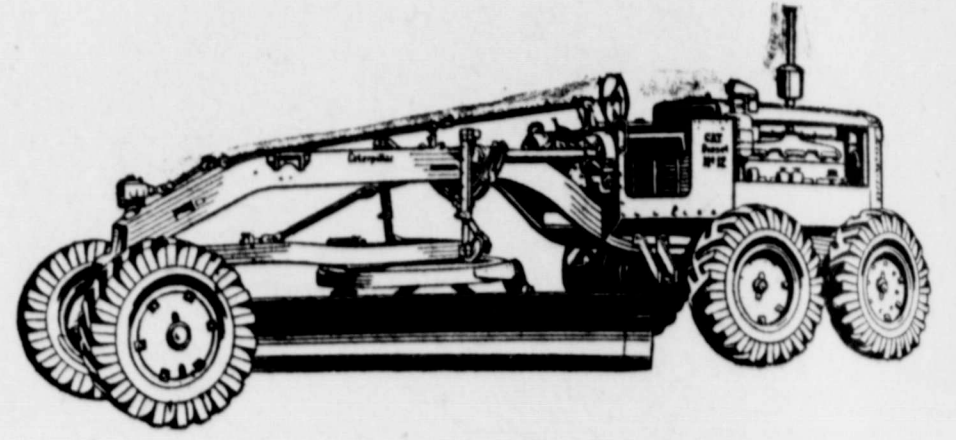
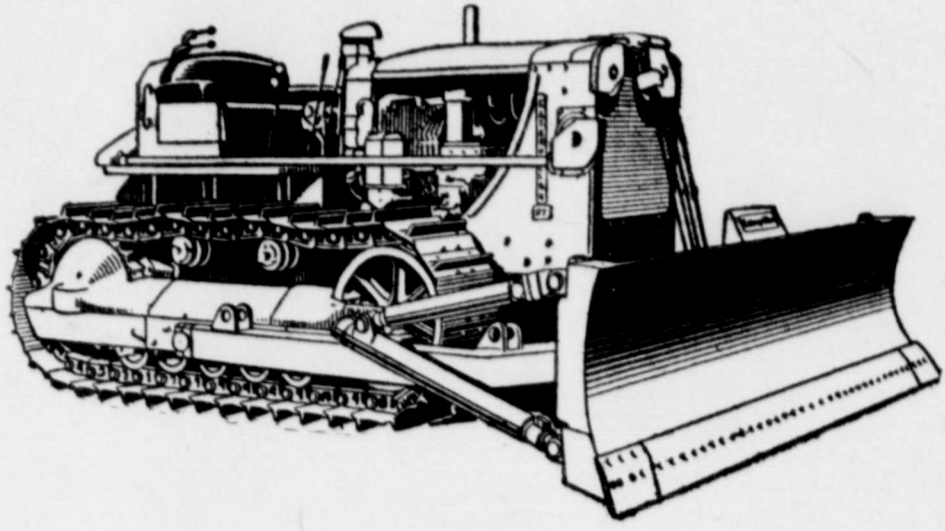
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TO THE
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OFFICIALS



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Court House***

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