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THE BIG BOSS AT GOODFELLOW—President Dwight D. Eisenhower smiles broadly at the crowd which met him when he landed at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo last Sunday night. In the above photo, the President is seated with Col. R. C. Crawford, commander of Goodfellow. After a short drive to VIP quarters, the President retired for the night. He arose early Monday morning for a breakfast and conference on the drouth situation in West Texas. Following this he made a 22-mile tour of an area southeast of San Angelo, which showed effects of the long drouth in this area. (Official USAF Photo by M/Sgt. Dave Brian)

Coke Farm Agent Had Part In Ike's Drouth Inspection Tour of Southwest

By JACK B. WAIDE
Coke County Agent

There have been millions of words written about President Eisenhower's visit to San Angelo, and the temptation for me to add a few more is overpowering.

The high point of the day for those from Coke County came when Mary Beth Schooler, 4-H club from the Edith community, was introduced to the President as the representative of all 4-H clubs girls in this area. We can all be proud that a girl from this county was so honored.

County Agents in the area and representatives of the other agencies served as press guides on the tour. My assignment was the sixth bus. The passengers included two photographers and the very distinguished editor of the Robert Lee Observer and the equally distinguished editor of the Bronte Enterprise. Ben and Kirk really pulled my teeth, so to speak. I spent hours preparing to answer questions for Eastern reporters or others who were not familiar with conditions in West Texas and my two reporters turned out to be men who are extremely well qualified to write on the effects of the drouth. My notes were useless.

It was an interesting tour. The first stop at the Wilbert Block farm must certainly have impressed all members of the Presidential party. Mr. Block served overseas for almost 3½ years. He has a wife and three children. He has been active in community affairs and his farm was as neat as could be. In spite of the nice things about Mr. Block he harvested exactly nothing off of 140 acres of cotton and 190 acres of grain sorghum.

The next stop on the Earl Bird ranch seemed to interest both the President and Secretary Benson. Mr. Bird was burning pear for his cattle. Other pear burning operations were pointed out on the Bird ranch and the Simcik dairy. Bare

ranges and a deserted farm along the route served to point up the devastating effects of the drouth.

Joe Lefley gave the secret service agents a few more ulcers by attracting President Eisenhower's attention for an unscheduled stop. Joe had put hay out next to the road in such a way as to make his Angus cows form the word IKE. His horse trailer was pulled up next to the fence and a big sign read, "IKE, we veterans like your leadership in peace too." Secret service men hit the ground running when the President's car stopped. The cows did it. President Eisenhower is apparently very fond of his own Angus cows.

Other points along the tour that were called to the attention of the official party and the press were fields of stubble and tabossa grass flats where both were two years old. Tabossa grass didn't even green up in that area last year and the ash gray color plus the fact that all other grass was eaten off to the ground pointed up how dry the area is. A deserted farm and the story behind it was the last thing the President saw.

The tour was concluded with six mile trip along the highway where cars were permitted to park so that people could see President Eisenhower. The tour was about 20 minutes behind at this point and it was necessary for them to drive so fast that I am sure many people were disappointed. My wife and children were parked by the side of the road. Adele said the children didn't look for President Eisenhower but that they were disappointed enough to cry a little because they didn't see me. It's great to be a father.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vestal of Ballinger and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poe and little son, Rodney of Sweetwater were Sunday evening guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haley.

COLD WEATHER HERE

Coke County has experienced the coldest weather of the winter this week, with a temperature drop to 19 degrees early Thursday morning. A chilly wind swept in from the north Sunday night, following a balmy day which saw the mercury mount into the 80's. It became colder as the week advanced and was below freezing both Monday and Tuesday nights. Temperatures failed to rise above the freezing mark all day Wednesday. A warmup is forecast for the latter part of the week.

When Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield and her family were unable to join all other Bilbo children in a family gathering here over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Bilbo then departed for Afton, Okla., to spend a week with the Littlefield family. Jarvis and his wife, the former Jo Anne Bilbo, have four sons and one daughter.

Half Million Drouth Aid Paid in Coke

Coke County farmers and ranchers will have received \$573,534 in federal aid for various Conservation and Agricultural Stabilization Practices, according to J. E. Quisenberry, county ASC secretary.

The money has already been paid except for the 1956 annual reserve conservation payment of \$105,275, and the conservation practices payment amounting to \$131,207. These funds will be dispersed in March.

Other payments previously paid by the Coke ASC office include: Soil Bank Acreage Reserve: Wheat, \$6,032; Cotton, \$39,718. Wool Incentive: Payment on wool, \$118,431; payment on lambs, \$1,272.

Feed Program: Disbursed for dealers certificates, 1955 program, \$51,497; 1956 program, \$58,998. ACP Program, \$65,650; emergency wind erosion, \$5,448.

DEATH OF MRS. STEWART

Death came early Thursday to Mrs. C. D. Stewart, one of the community's oldest residents. Her passing occurred at 5:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at Coke County Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient several months.

Mrs. Stewart was past 91 years of age. She had been in declining health for some time and her condition was critical the past ten days.

Relatives have been at her bedside the past week, including her daughter, Mrs. V. B. (Daisy) Duncan of Big Lake, and her sons, Ray of Lamesa and Marvin of Robert Lee.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Robert Lee Methodist Church, with the Rev. Travis McNair officiating. Arrangements are in charge of Clift Funeral Home. Burial will be in Paint Creek cemetery at Edith.

Attorney Buys Bank Building

The old Robert Lee State Bank building has been sold to Frank C. Dickey, Sr., at a reported price of \$5,000.

Mr. Dickey and his son, Frank, Jr., who conduct the Robert Lee law firm of Dickey & Dickey, will probably use the building for their offices, but the move is not definite, according to a statement made to The Observer by Frank Dickey, Jr. New owners have already had the interior of the building redecorated.

The structure was specially built to house the bank and has a built-in vault. Old fixtures remain in the building.

Last year the Robert Lee State Bank erected a beautiful new \$50,000 building across from the northwest corner of the court house square.

VAUGHAN MAKING REPAIRS

Workmen are busy this week making repairs at Vaughan Chevrolet Co. which was badly damaged by fire two weeks ago. Robert Vaughan, owner of the business, states he received a satisfactory insurance settlement, although he did not receive full reimbursement for his loss. Capps & Casey have a crew at work. Interior of the building is being entirely gone over, the roof was braced and a new corrugated steel roof was added. New partitions, parts bins, office panels, etc., are now being constructed.

Mrs. Ray Lester is making a good recovery in Coke Memorial Hospital here where she underwent major surgery last Friday.

364 Poll Taxes Paid in County

Up to Wednesday noon only 364 Poll Tax Receipts had been issued in Coke county. Deadline for paying poll taxes is only two weeks in the distance, Jan. 31.

Voters should remember that Texas will have an important special election this spring to name a new United States Senator. You must have a poll tax receipt to vote in any election, either local, school district or state-wide.

Bob Edwards again has a poll tax receipt book to make it easier for Silver residents to pay this tax.

PAY INCREASE SLATED FOR COKE OFFICERS

Coke County Commissioners Court in session this week voted a pay increase of \$400 per year for elective county officials, including the commissioners, and \$300 per year for precinct officers, including justices of the peace and constables.

All other court house employees, including deputies and clerks, were also given a raise of \$300 per year. Likewise road hands were raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hour and each precinct will have a road foreman to receive \$1.75 per hour.

Unaffected in the action is the pay of County Auditor Weldon Fikes and his deputy, Mrs. Golda Smith, whose salaries are set by the district judge.

Revision of the salary scale is in line with action taken in other West Texas counties, and it is pointed out that wages all over the country have been advanced to keep up with higher costs of living.

Maximum salary of principal county officials is set by law at \$6,700. Coke County has an assessed valuation of nearly 30 million dollars.

At their session Monday the Commissioners passed an order to turn over the Conference Room to the ASC Office, and designated that in the future the Grand Jury Room on the second floor would be used as a Conference Room.

This room, located in the southeast corner of the second floor, has a large table and a dozen or more chairs. In making more space available for ASC operations, the Commissioners have not disturbed the offices of any county official.

While the ASC is a federal agency, the county has an established policy of furnishing quarters as a courtesy. This also applies to the Soil Conservation Service and the County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent, both of whose departments are sponsored to some extent by the state and federal government.

Commissioners will use road employees in some of the work of landscaping the new county parks. Fern Havins, Precinct 1 Commissioner, now has some of his men and equipment working on the new park in Robert Lee. Commissioner Ed Hickman of Precinct 3 said he will also assist with the work when his equipment is moved from the Divide.

Judge Jeff Dean was on hand to preside over the Commissioner Court sessions this week. Good reports came from Claude Dittmore, Precinct 4 Commissioner, who is being treated for a heart ailment in the Bronte Hospital.

TAX PAYING TIME

H. S. Lewis, tax assessor-collector for the Robert Lee Independent School District, calls attention to the Jan. 31 deadline for paying 1956 taxes. After that date a penalty is attached. Mr. Lewis says school taxes have come in fairly well, but he anticipates a lot of activity during the next two weeks by property owners who want to escape paying penalties for permitting their taxes to become delinquent.

Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr. of Sanco has been employed as a clerk in the office of Paul Good, sheriff and tax assessor-collector

THE OBSERVETTE

Published by Students of Robert Lee High School
CAROL GEER, Editor

JUS' TALK

By DORIS SPARKS

W. H. is having a time with his girl. W. H. are you free or not??

Jerry, Don and Gary went visiting Saturday night. Boys, we hear they come in all sizes.

All Senior boys besides Richard and Sammie are now wearing their rings.

The Senior girl's motto is "To the poles, to the poles."

Jack and Ann, Wort and Patricia, Delton and Squeakie, Mike and Francis, Dale and Marta, Troy and Kenny, Freddy and Martha, Tom and Gay, Fredrick and Linda went mountain climbing Sunday afternoon.

Jimmy and Dennis came in this week-end to see Mary Beth and Carroll. Tommy also came in to see Junp.

Last Wed. nite Silver girls and Robert Lee boy's had a few disagreements.

Carolyn and Delton, Carol and Fredrick went to the show Sat. nite.

Tuesday nite Jack and Wayne went to San Angelo. Fatima and another unidentified victim were in the car.

Gay, Squeakie, Peggy, and Patricia came to R. L. to the show Fri. nite. Is the show all they came to see.

Carolyn Lee says that she didn't have to climb that pole to get the ring after all. She just shook it hard.

Dennis and Mary Beth broke up this week-end. True love never runs smooth.

We hear Chunkie and Peggy got a shock when they opened the janitor's door?? What was it??

Other Sat. night dates were Sharon and Alex, Joyce and Charlie, Carolyn and Delton, Carolyn Lee and Dwight.

Friday night couples were: Sarge and Cynthia, Sharon and Alex, Carol and Charlie, Joyce and Skeeter, Carolyn Lee and Ken.

WONDERING??

Why Freddy and Martha, Tom and Gay didn't climb the mountain Sun. afternoon.

Were you kids tired??

Why Linda was with Fred Sun. Isn't she Donald's girl??

Why Peggy was riding around in a '56 Cheve??

Why was Harold and Douglas disappointed Sat. nite??

Why were four girls scared to go home Fri. nite.

What Carol will do now that Charlie is gone??

Where Skeeter hid himself Sat. night?

If Dwight and Carolyn Lee are going steady??

Why Alex waited until 10:30 to go after Sharon Sat. night.

Who Joyce was with Saturday night. Do Carol and Skeeter know?

Who said "Carolyn Lee is going with pole boys. She'd go with anybody." and got the answer "not anybody! I wouldn't go with you."

Grade School News

By JUDY ALLEN

Mrs. Byrd's second grade is making attractive pictures with snowmen.

Mrs. Eastland's second grade is having fun learning to play checkers, dominos, Old Maid, and other games. They are learning to tie knots with strings. The snowmen, they are making, are going to have different expressions, such as sadness, happiness, and angeriness.

Jane Strickland has been ill with a severe cold.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grades have collected seven dol-

lars for the Red Cross is Hungary. They have started another collection, and anyone wishing to give to this collection, see one of the students in these grades or Mrs. Dean.

The ones really "cramming" for Mid-term tests are the fourth and fifth and sixth graders, although, many are exempt because of their attendance.

The sixth graders are studying famous people. They have finished their science book. Only five have to take the Mid-term test.

WHO IS IT?????

By NETTIE BOB BELL

The girl this week is a lower classman. She stands 5' 7½ inches in height and tips the scales at 119 pounds. She had brown hair and green eyes. Red seems to be her favorite color and basketball is her favorite sport. "Young Love" is tops among songs as far as she's concerned and chicken salad is her choice among foods.

Like many others, English is her hardest subject. Dancing is her favorite entertainment and going to the show is her pastime. You may hear her say "Lordy" as that's her slang expression and "goody-goody's" are her pet peeves.

The boy is also a lower classman. He stands 5' 5" in height and weighs 115 pounds. He has dark brown hair and blue eyes. His favorite sport is hunting and blue is his favorite among colors. He likes most bop tunes but "Young Love" is his favorite song. Venison is his favorite food, different anyway. English seems to be his hardest subject also. Dancing is his favorite entertainment and ping pong is his pastime. "Girls" are his pet peeves and he has no special slang expression.

The boy and girl last week were Freddy McDonald and Jane Austin.

Girls Basketball

Both the B team and the A team had a victory over Bronte last Thursday night. Starting line-up for the B game was Fowler, Hood, McDaniels, Gray, Counts and Humphrey. The final score was 49 to 22. The starting line-up for the A game was Sparks, Robertson, Bagwell, Allen, Geer and

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Gartman. The final score was 53 to 48. Hood, Sparks, Kinsey, and Sawyer also played well.

Over the weekend the girls and their coaches traveled to Lakeview for an all girls tournament. The girls were off to a bad start by letting Richland Springs slip by them with a 26-40 loss. The next game against Bronte was more successful with a 42-40 victory. The girls also played a hard game against Rankin but came out on bottom with a 47-52 loss. The starting line-up for the tournament was about the same as for the Bronte game Thursday night.

There will be games with Miles Tuesday night and with Mertz on Friday night. Both games will be away from home.

F. H. A. News

The Robert Lee Future Homemakers met for their regular meeting Monday, Jan. 7. There were about twenty-seven members present. We discussed naming our chapter. We plan to do this at our next meeting. Mrs. McNair brought our program. She gave a book review on Episode of Sparrows. We all enjoyed it very much. Brenda Corley was

also a visitor. Our next meeting will be Jan. 21. — Reporter, Charlene Robertson.

SLANG WORDS

By CAROL GEER

Slang is the short, quick thrust, here today and gone tomorrow. Some slang words and phrases are designed for the long pull through the centuries and some merely to brighten the passing moment.

There are two kinds of slang, good and bad. "So's your Aunt Tilly," "23 skiddoo," "Man," and etc. are popular for awhile and soon die. Others, as "go out on a limb," "holding the bag," "spill the beans," "making with the eyes," etc. last a long time because they take a vivid short cut to one's thoughts.

Much of our today's slang was used by the Greeks and Romans.

BAND PARENTS TO MEET

A meeting of the Robert Lee Band Parents Club has been scheduled for next Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Band Room. All members are requested to attend.

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

Got 5 minutes for fun?

That's all the time it takes to fall in love with Ford's spunkier V-8 power, its smooth as velvet ride, its easier-than-ever-handling

Love at first sight! That's the case with thousands of folks all over America. And why not? Those Ford Custom models are over 16 distinguished feet long. Those Fairlane models over 17 elegant feet long. And those lower, longer, sleeker lines! No wonder Ford's year-ahead styling sweeps you right off your feet.

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advances, you'll discover the smoothest riding, easiest handling low-priced car ever.

And of course, you'll find new, snappier power to go with Ford's out-of-this-world ride. It's the same exact brand of get-up-and-go that powered the '57 Ford to 458 national and international power-endurance records at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. And there's more of this skedaddle right through Ford's entire V-8* and Six lines. What's more, with a whole host of engineering advances, you can expect traditional Ford economy at its finest.

You bet! 5 minutes in the new kind of Ford and you'll want to drive it home. Why not visit your Ford Dealer's today. You have nothing to lose but your heart.

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Life Magazine Writers Visit Wink Family

By Jack B. Waide
County Agent

Photographers for Life Magazine were in Coke County last week looking for material for a story on the drought. Their main interest was in a family where the wife had taken over management of the farm or ranch and the husband was working out to make the living. The Leslie Wink family was perfect for this type of story.

Mrs. Wink put on a real exhibition of pear burning for them. This is one of her daily duties now and in addition to this she and Kenneth put in the small grain last October and November.

We left the Wink farm and went over to the Bronte oil field where Leslie was working on a roustabout crew. There they were able to get some fine shots of Leslie doing some typical oil field work. The representatives of Life

were very impressed with the courage displayed by this family and if their superiors in the New York office agree, we will surely have a story in their magazine.

These two reporters opened my eyes as to the importance of the drought tour by President Eisenhower. Apparently conditions are much worse in Karnes County where one-third of the population is on relief. These same reporters had done a story on conditions in Karnes County earlier and couldn't get it printed.

The fact that President Eisenhower came down here has focused the attention of the nation on our situation and there is sure to be much more public support for any emergency program which might be required.

With Our SUBSCRIBERS

Frank Burns, former long time resident of the Edith community, writes to have his Observer chang-

ed from Eden to Route 1, Bronte. From Mrs. C. S. Schooley, 3700 Oak Hill St., Ft. Worth: "Please find check enclosed for renewal of The Observer. We enjoy getting the home town paper."

From John W. Byrd, Happy, Texas: "Dear Mr. Kirk: You will find check for the old Coke County Observer. Just as well send it along for two years (\$5.00.)"

In renewing their Observer subscription this week Mrs. Joy Blacklock of Baytown writes: "Mr. Kirk: I lifted this piece about the wildcatters from the Baytown Sun. Maybe your Robert Lee folks would get a laugh from it. A new years wish for you all there would be lots more rain. We could use quite a bit more here."

IT COULD BE TRUE

Cities Service Co. has an Humble Bee that it calls Service, and in Service this month is one of the best stories we've ever read about a Texan in the oil business.

We had heard it before, but never had seen it in print. For that reason, we are reproducing

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it here.

Texan who also happens to be an oil man tells the following story. He heard it from a wildcatter who heard it from a wildcatter who claims he was there at the time:

A wildcatter died and promptly took off for heaven. St. Peter stopped him at the pearly gates and told him heaven was run on a quota basis, and the quota for wildcatters was used up.

The wildcatter, like all his breed, refused to admit he was licked. He moved back to let others pass through, then stepped into line again and asked St. Peter if it mattered which persons made up the quota. Puzzled, St. Peter replied it made no difference that he could see.

"If I went in and got one wildcatter to leave, could I take his place.

"You could," answered St. Peter.

The wildcatter asked for a pass, received it, and entered heaven.

To St. Peter's amazement, he soon saw dozens of wildcatters dashing by him, headed for hell. The one with the pass was not among them.

Bursting with curiosity, St. Peter sent for him, and said, "So you got the wildcatters to leave. How did you do it?"

"Simple," answered the wildcatter. "I told them they've struck oil in hell."

"Ingenius!" said St. Peter admiringly. "Now, I suppose you're happily settled in your niche in heaven?"

"As a matter of fact, no," said the wildcatter. "I'm leaving too. That rumor could be true!"

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives had all their children and their families here for the Christmas holidays. They included Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rives and son and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mauldin and two children of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rives and two children of Odessa.

MERCURY BOOSTS PRODUCTION TO A MERCURY A MINUTE TO MEET DEMAND

CO-OP

A record 40,000 Big M's being built in January... a 43% increase over December. A Mercury a minute, every minute of the day and night! All Mercury assembly plants are working overtime with the largest work force in Mercury history to meet the tremendous buyer demand. The landslide swing to Mercury is solid evidence that the new Big M is the most exciting car value of 1957. Never before has so much bigness and luxury cost so little. Prices for America's most beautiful and advanced car are just an easy step above the low-price three.

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Don't miss the big television hit, "THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW," Sunday evening, 7:00 to 8:00. Station KTXL, Channel 8.

IVEY MOTOR COMPANY

Press Association's Proposed Bills Stress Access to All Public Records

AUSTIN — The Texas Press Association will base its legislative program on the premises that the best way to keep public officials honest is to keep them public.

The bulk of 16 bills to be sponsored by the Association of Newspapers pertain to public meetings of public bodies, free access to public records and requirement for periodic reports on some public funds not now open to inspection. Most of them are directed toward what last year's TPA president Russell Bryant of Italy calls "better government."

They were prepared under supervision of outgoing Attorney General John Ben Sheppard and were largely based on the roadblocks he encountered in official investigations in Duval County.

They are designed to prevent recurrence of the political control which developed in Duval County and of the inability to find new facts about public money which citizens experienced there.

Two grew out of the insurance failures which plagued the state a year ago — one requiring published statements of financial condition, on unannounced demands of the state twice a year. The other provides a prison sentence for publishing untrue statements.

Bryant said they would prevent repetition of one flagrant case in which an insurance company reported an incomplete building among its assets. The state official checking the report would have no reason to question it, Bryant said, but there would have been widespread attention to that kind of re-

port in the home county of the company.

Another corrective bill that grew out of state's experience in land frauds (veterans) would require publication of notices of applications in the home county of applicants and in those where land is located.

Such publications would have prevented the block deals in which purchase rights of veterans were bought up and used without their knowledge, Bryant said.

One of the proposed bills would require publication of the full texts of ordinances before passage by municipal governing bodies.

Free inspection of public records would be sought in one bill which sets a fine of \$100 to \$500 for refusing to permit inspection and which makes the offense grounds for removal from office.

Removal from office also would be made a penalty for any public official who fails to comply with laws requiring publication of public statements.

Easier prosecution of officials charged with taking public money would be made possible in a bill which would allow trial in the county of the offense, any adjoining county or Travis county. Sheppard said it would facilitate prosecutions of persons allied with political "machines" and virtually immune in their home counties.

Any public official who declined to testify about his official conduct on the grounds it might tend to incriminate him would be subject to removal under another bill.

News coverage of political conventions would be guaranteed another bill which changes the elections code requirement that only qualified voters must be allowed to attend precinct conventions. The new bill specifically would make eligible representatives of newspapers.

One bill would require an audit of county records an petition of 30 per cent of the qualified voters; another would require financial statement annually by all school and junior college districts.

Open meetings of all boards and agencies of state, county, city and other political subdivisions would be required under a bill that proposes a penalty of \$100 to \$1,000 for violators.

Participation in closed meeting, would in addition, make an official guilty of misconduct sufficient to justify removal proceedings.

Removal of public records or papers would be made a felony under one of the association bills.

It would be punishable by a term of three to seven years in prison and would be subject to prosecution in the county where the offense occurred, any adjacent county, where the Attorney General's staff is located.

The Press has not announced legislative sponsors for the bills but it is expected to have that phase ready for the annual meeting here Jan. 18 and 19. Tom Whitehead of Brenham will assist Bryant as legislative chairman.

Blue Panicum Grass Seed Are Now Available

The Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District is happy to announce that they have been able to locate good blue panicum grass seed from Mill Iron Ranches, Childress, Texas, D. K. Glenn, Secretary of the Board, has announced.

The board has asked David Key, Key Feed Store, Robert Lee, and J. W. Teague, Red Chain Feed Store, Bronte, to handle the seed. The store owners have agreed to stock some seed. They urge the landowners and operators that will need seed this Spring to place their orders with them within the next few weeks. With the cooperation of the landowners and operators they will be able to supply their needs, Glenn pointed out.

Owen Colvin has finished root plowing 76 acres of mesquite infested rangeland. He has overseeded with blue panicum, blue grama, and buffalo grass. "I hope to get some grass growing on my pastures," Colvin said.

Root plowing is progressing on W. A. Hickman's ranch south of Bronte. He also is overseeding with blue panicum, blue grama and buffalo grass.

Reese McCarley, district cooperator with the Coke County Soil Conservation District, has finished root plowing 17 acres of mesquite infested rangeland on his ranch southwest of Blackwell. The land was also seeded to native and introduced grasses. McCarley is planning to begin construction of 1½ miles of level closed end terraces as a part of his plan to control soil erosion.

R. E. Hickman, Robert W. Walker, Fred McDonald and Fred Roe, Sr. are other district cooperators that are planning to root plow part of their mesquite infested rangeland.

Construction of four miles of level closed end terraces and one mile of diversion terraces was completed this week on T. P. Carter's farm five miles southwest of Blackwell.

PERSONALS

Melvin Bahlman was in Robert Lee Friday visiting among friends and looking after business matters. He reports the new dry cleaning business he established in Sweetwater last year is meeting with fine success. Before moving to Sweetwater he sold his Robert Lee business to his brother, Nelan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boren and children, Kathy Beebe and John, of Snyder were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. Mrs. Boren is the former Jamie Bilbo.

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UCRA Officers Are Re-Elected

Directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority in their annual meeting here Tuesday evening re-elected their same officers which include:

L. T. Youngblood, President.
Porter Henderson, Vice-Pres.
G. C. Allen, Secy-Treas.
Both Mr. Youngblood and Mr. Allen have served as officers of the UCRA group for the past 12 years.

Matters of business pertained to discussion of the new water district proposed at Christoval to provide a new municipal water supply, where a bond election has been set for Jan. 28.

A new water system for the Carlsbad community has been

completed with the assistance of the UCRA. Mr. Allen said the Carlsbad and Christoval projects were handled in a manner similar to the Bronte and Robert Lee advanced funds to construct the plants, with the loans to be paid off from earnings. No interest charges are collected by the UCRA.

FARM BUREAU OFFICE

Coke County Farm Bureau has set up an office in the old Ag. Annex, across west of the court house. Permission was granted by the Commissioners Court to use the front one-half of the barracks type building. O. T. Colvin, who is in charge of Farm Bureau insurance and income tax service, is using the office and Farm Bureau director meetings will be held there.

NOTICE TAXPAYERS

FARM BUREAU INCOME TAX SERVICE

I will be in my office in the old Agricultural Building across from the Courthouse in Robert Lee to assist you with your income tax returns on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and will be at the Red Chain Feed Store in Bronte on Saturdays until further notice.

O. T. COLVIN

Blackwell, Texas

Phone 172 Blackwell

Reserve District No. 11

State No. 1684

REPORT OF CONDITION of

ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business December 31, 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

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 508,787.89
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	542,184.50
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	170,876.41
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	25,000.00
Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,000.00
Loans and discounts (including \$1,707.48 overdrafts)	412,016.09
Bank premises owned \$54,693.64, furniture and fixtures \$13,644.17	68,337.81
(Bank premises owned are subject to \$ None liens not assumed by bank)	
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
Other assets	988.45
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,731,192.15

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,413,417.33
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	10,895.17
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	181,371.65
Deposits of banks	14,425.73
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	2,734.02
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,622,843.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,622,843.90

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital*	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	5,848.25
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	2,500.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	108,348.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$1,731,192.15

*This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with 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 President and Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. A. Richardson

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

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INVESTIGATE BREAK-IN AT LOCAL SCHOOL

Robert Lee school building was broken into Thursday night of last week. Burglars got away with around \$17.00 in money and caused considerable damage to doors which were pried open.

It was the first time the new school house has been entered since it was completed two years ago, but previously the old building had numerous break-ins.

The crime was discovered at 7:30 a.m. Friday by Custodian Sam Fowler when he came to work. Sheriff Paul Good and his deputy, O. B. Jacobs, were notified and conducted an investigation.

They learned that entry had been made through an unlocked window of the girls rest room. Entrance to the superintendent's office and the grade school principal's office were gained by breaking the glass and prying open the heavy doors. Some of the expensive doors and locks were badly damaged.

A large vault leading off from the secretary's office was also entered, but the combination lock was not damaged. All the rooms entered were ransacked and papers and records strewn about.

Money losses included \$10.00 in change taken from the vault, about \$3.00 from the March of Dimes receptacle and \$4.00 from a lead pencil vending machine. A single blade chopping ax used in prying open the doors, was left near the east door where the intruders likely left the building.

Sgt. Melvin James and Sgt. John Dement of the San Angelo police department were called to assist in the investigation. They secured finger prints and took several pictures.

Authorities were advised of five other schools having been entered in nearby counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin visited friends and looked after business matters here over the weekend. They are located at Odessa where Mr. Garvin is employed on construction of a large synthetic rubber plant.

Mrs. J. O. Rudd has been helping with typing work in the Adams Abstract Co. office here. A number of years ago she served as deputy county clerk at Brownwood. Her husband in partnership with Lea Aldwell operates the Harris Ranch south of Robert Lee.

THAT'S STEALING Jan. 14, 1957

Dear Kirk,

Have you and your wife been out to the farm lately? If you haven't maybe you better go see what all is missing, and I'll bet there is things gone too. There are some folks around town that I suppose think they're priveleged characters. They have gone all over the country cutting up iron and picking up everything they think might be scrap iron. It makes no difference to them that its on someone else's property. They just go ahead and steal it. And around old vacant houses and some places where people live but aren't home, they just go help themselves and cut up things and haul it off. Such as an old syrup mill, with sentimental value and an old tractor and a plow.

I don't know what has to be done to stop all this but these people should remember "Thou Shalt Not Steal." And maybe they better look up the meaning of the word. — A Reader.

Mrs. McNair Appointed To State Board

Mrs. Travis McNair, wife of Robert Lee's Methodist minister, is a new member of the state Board of Tuberculosis Examiners. Her appointment was made earlier this month by Gov. Shivers.

The two other members of the Board include Miss Mildred Blair of Sanitorium, recently re-appointed, and Mrs. Howard Smith of Austin, whose husband is a State Department of Health executive.

Mrs. McNair is eminently qualified for the position, having assisted in setting up the examining board a number of years ago when she was educational director of nurses at Sanitorium.

She is a registered tuberculosis nurse herself and previously served as director of nurses at the City-County Hospital in Laredo, where her husband was manager. Later the couple transferred to Sanitorium where they served from 1946 until 1950 when Mr. McNair decided to enter the ministry.

Mrs. McNair advised The Observer that the position will not require too much of her time, since examinations for tuberculosis nurses are held only once a year.

The training school for tuberculosis nurses at Sanitorium is one of the few schools of its kind in the entire country.

STOCK SHOW JAN. 28

Coke County Livestock Show will be held in Bronte this year at the new park. We have made a change this year in that girls have been asked to participate with exhibits of the work done in the girls 4-H club and homemaking departments in the two schools. We hope to have a show that will be interesting to everyone in the county. Judging will start promptly at 10 a.m.

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

PERSONALS

Fred McDonald, Jr. last week accompanied his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. S. Brown, to northeast Texas where she looked after business matters preparatory to moving back to Coke County. Mrs. Brown, the former Mrs. O. V. Looney, lost her husband a few weeks ago at Whitewright. She has returned to Bronte where she has an apartment in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Caperton.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamilton and daughter, Donna Shirlene, were here for a weekend visit with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, and his sisters, Mrs. Raymond Shanley and Mrs. Carl Hurley. Donald is employed as a roustabout with the production department of an independent oil producer at Odessa.

Mrs. S. C. Gibson last week accompanied her sister, Mrs. Goldie Loggins and son, Mike, of Amarillo to Houston where the 15-year-old youth was examined by heart specialists. It has been determined that he has an aorta deficiency and his condition is regarded as critical.

Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw and son, Floyd, of Bronte stopped in Robert Lee Saturday and renewed their Observer subscription. They were enroute home from a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. D. (Maurine) Sparks and family at Colorado City. Floyd returned recently from Henderson, Nev., where he had been employed in a titanium metal refinery since last August.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is the intention of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, to increase the salaries of all of the elective County and Precinct Officials of Coke County the sum of \$400.00 each per year, except that the salaries of the Justices of the Peace and the Constables shall be increased the sum of \$300.00 each per year. This action to be taken February 4, 1957.

BCD LUNCHEON

Proposed soil and water conservation projects were discussed at Wednesday's luncheon meeting of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development. G. C. Allen, secretary of the Upper Colorado River Authority, reported on the UCRA meeting here Monday night and suggested that county, state and federal agencies might join with the UCRA in making possible more small water conservation projects. Jack Waide, county agent, announced the annual Coke County Livestock Show would be held Jan. 28 at Bronte. O. F. Armstrong, state soil and water conservation specialist, will speak at next week's BCD luncheon. Rev. Travis McNair presided over the session. He urged members present endeavor to bring another member next week to bolster up the lagging attendance.

Want Ads

LOST—Part cocker red male dog, white nose and throat, spot on right hip. Please notify R. C. Patterson. 1p

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

NOTICE—For those who want me to prepare their income tax, I will be in Robert Lee Jan. 19. Call 67-J or see Delmir Sheppard for appointment.—Jack Brock.

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Silver News

TEACHERS RE-ELECTED

All Silver school teachers were re-elected at a Monday night meeting of the school district trustees.

Supt. Paul Ashby's contract was extended to three years and he was voted an increase in salary. The contract of Guy Wheeler, principal and coach, was extended to two years and he also received a pay increase.

All other members of the teaching staff will receive increases as provided by state law. The Silver district pays a bonus of \$925 per year over the state minimum schedule. Only two instructors do not have college degrees and they plan to complete the required work next summer.

The Silver community is highly pleased with its school and credit is due the teaching staff for having one of the best years the district ever enjoyed.

BOBBY ODOM HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom went to San Angelo Saturday afternoon where they met their son, Bobby Hugh, who has returned home after nearly two years of military service. He was discharged the middle of the week at Ft. Lewis, near Seattle, then came home by plane via Los Angeles, Albuquerque, and on to San Angelo.

Bobby Hugh was inducted at Abilene on March 23, 1955 (it being his 21st birthday). He took basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif., and the past 16 months was stationed at Seoul, Korea. He was a clerk-typist in headquarters and was discharged with the rank of Spc. 3rd Class, which is similar to the former grade of corporal.

The Odoms are planning a barbecue at their home next Sunday when kinfolks will join in welcoming Bobby Hugh home.

Ike Snead has been sent to Pampa for temporary duty as a Sun production foreman. Bill Broocks, former Silver resident, who moved to Pampa a short time ago, has recently been moved to Sun's office in Dallas.

Mrs. Charles Crowson was hostess at a party Tuesday honoring her little son, David Lee, on his birthday.

Mrs. J. W. Dale returned Sunday to her home at Novice after a visit since Christmas in the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. F. Bradham. Mr. and Mrs. Bradham took her home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz of Levelland were weekend guests of their friends, the David Haught family. Other recent guests in the Haught home were his cousin, Richard McCance, and family of

Sundown.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weddel and children, Jodie, Jay and Jon, of Snyder were recent visitors in the James C. Furr home. Mr. Weddle is an employee of Texas Standard Oil Co.

Mrs. J. C. Furr has received word that her grandmother, Mrs. Robert Wilson, is in a Brady hospital due to a broken hip which she received from a fall last week.

Mrs. J. B. Higginbotham gave a party Saturday afternoon honoring her youngest daughter, Linda, on her tenth birthday.

A 1/C and Mrs. Clifford Wilson of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. Buzzie Thorp and son, Jahew, of Throckmorton were called here last week by the death of the ladies' uncle, Delia Jameson. They were guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snyder and daughter, Peggy Jo, motored to Delmita over the weekend. They visited former Jameson plant employees, including J. W. Fisher, Blackie Keener, Pritch Brown, Don Bates, Bill Craig, Pete Screws, and Willard McCuffie.

Frank Kaiser also spent the weekend with friends at Sun Field.

Mrs. John Hollis last week began part time duties as a nurse at Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee. She was formerly a nurse at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole S. Johnson, Sr., of Port Neches are here for a week's visit with their son, O. S. Johnson, Jr., Sun Pipeline Co. employee.

Mrs. Jennie J. Kesner of Sour Lake is here for an indefinite stay in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Theis, and family.

Supt. Paul Ashby, accompanied by Supt. Frank Coalson of Robert Lee, attended a state-wide meeting of school administrators in Austin last week. They returned Friday.

Mrs. M. W. Brown of Silver was admitted to Coke Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee for medical treatment.

BASKET BALL NOTES

Silver will be host to a Junior High basketball tournament Jan. 31-Feb. 1-2. Prin. Guy Wheeler says boys and girls teams from seven schools have been entered and only pupils from the 7th, 8th and 9th grades will be eligible. Schools to be represented include Silver, Sterling City, Eola, Millersview, Robert Lee, Westbrook and Paint Rock. Three trophies will be awarded in both the boys and girls divisions, and individual awards will be presented to members of the all-tournament teams.

Opening the tourney Thursday night, Jan. 31, Silver will take on Sterling City in boys and girls contests.

Silver split a double header here Monday night with Bronte. Silver girls won their game 35-23, while the local boys were nosed out 44-41.

Four games will be played next Monday evening when Lakeview

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youngsters invade Silver. Starting at 4:30 there will be contests for the seventh, eighth and ninth grade boys teams, followed by a girls junior high game.

The March of Dimes is now going full swing in Coke County. Do your part by making a liberal contribution when a worker comes to see you.

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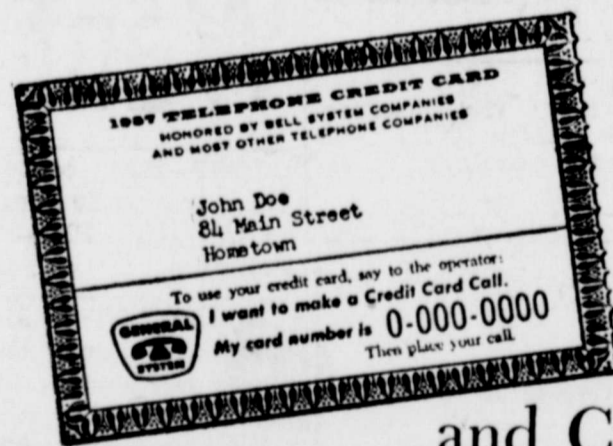
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Home Demonstration Club Activities

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

I held the preliminary meeting for the HD semi-tailoring workshop Friday with six leaders from the four HD clubs attending. I gave a program and demonstrations on Purposes of the Workshop, Fashion Trends for 1957, Selection of Patterns, Fabrics and Findings, Interfacings and Their Preparation for Use, Sewing Equipment and Pressing Equipment. The group will meet at my office on Tuesday, Jan. 22, for pattern alteration, cutting and marking, and several other demonstrations. Ladies enrolled as leaders are: Mrs. A. D. Fields and Mrs. Weldon Fikes, Friendship; Mrs. Frank Mullican and Mrs. Jahew Jameson, Silver; Mrs. C. E. Arrott and Mrs. H. A. Springer, Bronte; Mrs. Finnell Smith and Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Green Mountain. Mmes. Fields and Jameson were unable to attend the Friday meeting. Each lady attending this workshop will construct a suit consisting of a lined coat or jacket and skirt or dress.

Another honor came to Mary Beth Schooler when she was chosen to represent 4-H girls of this area in a visit with President Eisenhower Monday in San Angelo. Seemed to be a nice present for her 18th birthday! She was introduced to him and shook hands with him. She looked mighty pretty on TV standing near Mr. Eisenhower.

Mr. Waide and I went to San Angelo Tuesday with a committee from the Sanco Cemetery Association. We "shopped around" for shrubs to be set out soon. Others in the group were Mr. Ulmer Bird, Mrs. Smith Bird and Mrs. Robert Walker.

Great Plains Plan To Aid Farmers To Be Stepped Up

Temple, Texas—State Conservationist H. N. Smith of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service today announced plans to take quick action to put into effect the stepped-up Great Plains program in this state.

Smith said that he has called a conference of state leaders of agricultural programs and agencies in Texas for Jan. 11 at College Station. At this meeting a plan of action was blueprinted on the farm and range lands of the 85 counties in that portion of the state.

Administrative responsibility for and leadership in the Great Plains program was recently placed on the Soil Conservation Service by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson.

Smith pointed out that Secretary Benson's order provided for the combining of the resources of the Department of Agriculture's various agencies in a step-by-step process for making long-time adjustments in land use, cropping systems, and in the treatment of cultivated lands and range, under the climatic hazards of the Great Plains.

The Great Plains program, brought into being by Public Law 1021 only last August, is designed to give farmers and ranchers, in the Great Plains area of the 10 involved states, both immediate and long-range help in the use of their land within its capabilities, Smith pointed out.

He explained that Public Law 1021 authorized an appropriation of not over \$150 million for a 15-year period. Funds to aid farmers and ranchers are expected to be available after July 1, 1957. Expenditures may not exceed \$25 million in any one year.

The program will apply in counties to be designated by the Secretary of Agriculture in portions of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma,

South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. "The continued drought in these states has emphasized the need for such a program to help develop a more stable farm and ranch economy in this region," Smith said.

Wind erosion conditions in the Great Plains area of Texas are serious with 403,000 acres damaged during October and November. Approximately 6,500,000 acres in a 68 county area of northwest Texas are in condition to be damaged by wind erosion this winter and spring, Smith announced.

He emphasized that the Great Plains program is not an annual or disaster type program nor does it replace any other existing agricultural program.

"This is a way to an enduring agriculture based on the capabilities of land and geared to the climatic hazards that we all know are ever-present in this important area," he said. "It is not a voluntary program with long-term assurance of needed financial help for a complete soil and water conservation plan applied to individual farms and ranches."

"The program," Smith added, "will point up the responsibility of local people in fitting their agriculture to the capabilities of the land and the hazards of climate. This responsibility is shared by farmers and ranchers, soil conservation districts, county committees, county commissioners and by all other groups, urban and rural, interested in the economy and the development of their home areas."

FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

The Friendship Home Demonstration club met January 10 in the home of Mrs. Will Percifull. Mrs. Pat Rives, president,

opened the meeting with a poem and club prayer.

Six members and the agent, Mrs. Roe, answered roll call. Standing rules were read and adopted.

Pre-tailoring workshops will be held Friday, Jan. 11. Mrs. Weldon Fikes and Mrs. A. D. Fields will attend. Concession stand for livestock show was discussed.

Mrs. Roe gave the program, "Roasting by Dry Heat." Members enjoyed this very much.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Lowell Roane, Jan. 24, probably an all day meeting.

GETS AF DISCHARGE

Don Bell returned to Robert Lee this week after obtaining his discharge at Biggs AFB at El Paso. He served a 1½ year enlistment in the Air Force and was stationed at Biggs since last June where he trained as a weapons mechanic. He will resume work here with his father, Elmo Bell, who is in charge of the body and fender repair department at Ivey Motor Co. Don is married to the former Diane Mitchell and they have a daughter, Theresa Sue, one year old. They will reside in one of the Mrs. H. L. Scott houses in the north part of town.

ATTEND BAKER FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neill of 25 East 17th St., San Angelo, were recently called to Amarillo by the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary Baker. They were accompanied by Buster Bradley and wife of San Antonio and Lloyd Bradley and family of Odessa. Mrs. Neill resided in Coke County many years and Mrs. Baker visited her family here on numerous occasions and made a number of acquaintances in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill moved a few months ago from the North Plains to San Angelo.

Agricultural Engineer from the A. & M. College Extension Service.

The trash burner is to be built of concrete block and steel. A trash burner is a safety device much needed for burning trash about the house.

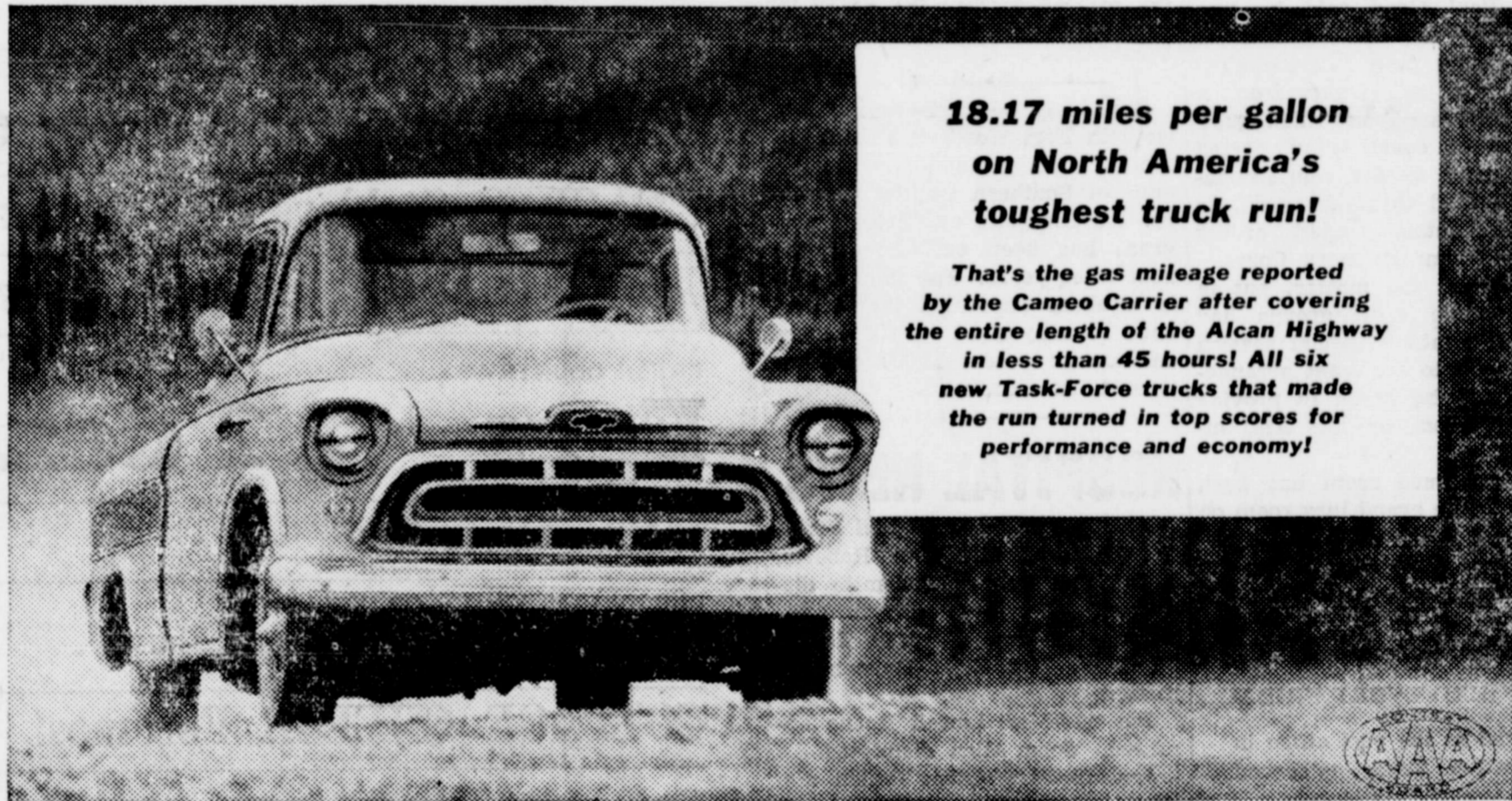
Mrs. Fay C. Roe, H.D.A., Jack Waide and James Coffman, Agricultural Agents, invite the public to attend this demonstration.

WANT A TRASH BURNER?
"Building a Trash Burner" is the topic of a demonstration to be given Wednesday, January 23, at 2:30 by Mr. W. S. Allen. The demonstration is to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Springer in Bronte. Mr. Allen is

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Property owners are advised that City Taxes will be delinquent the end of January. The law provides that a penalty shall be added to taxes which are allowed to become delinquent.

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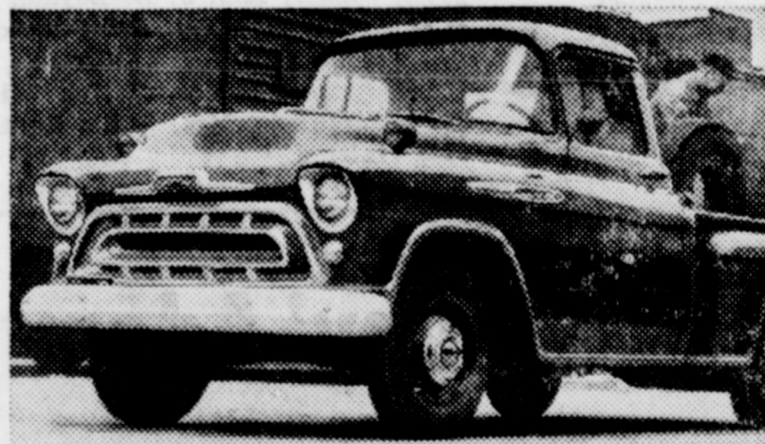
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SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

I'm grandad again. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Dausch of Allison Park, Pa., are parents of a daughter, born Jan. 3 in a Pittsburgh hospital. Her name is Sheila Mary and she weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. She has two sisters and four brothers. The mother is the former Mary Jane Kirkpatrick.

Don't take our word for it because we've heard some thermometers registered all the way from 20 down to 10 degrees Thursday morning. We got our information from Freeman Clark, who reported 19 at the Gulf station. Anyway it was pretty cold for this locality. Let's figure the average at about 15 degrees.

We heard a radio fellow telling about creamed honey that his firm was putting out and he said it was better than the bees could make. We tried it and it's OK. Also we are trying out some whipped butter (probably alleged to be better than the cows can make.) It's all right, too. But we don't agree with the gal on radio who says if she owned all the coffee in the world she would drink it. By the way, instant coffee is really getting popular. We like it at our house.

Seldom do a man's actions tally with his good intentions. The new Texas U. S. Senator is a multi-millionaire. How do so many of these fellows get that way?

Quite a little ruckus around the court house last week. More room was needed for the ASC office and Secretary J. E. Quisenberry was given permission by the commissioners court to use the conference room for additional space. Sheriff Paul Good said he was custodian of the building and objected to the plan. Commissioners obtained an opinion from a San Angelo law firm which quoted a higher court ruling giving the authority to the commissioners. It stated that the sheriff is custodian acting under orders from the Commissioners Court.

This settled the matter, but in the meantime farm groups had been called into a special session Friday night to see what arrangements could be made to provide additional room for the ASC office.

The conference room has been changed to the grand jury room on the second floor, while Mr. Quisenberry and his staff will use the former conference room as needed.

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ed. ASC services are being expanded all the time. It's the busiest place in the court house these days.

It was a wonderful experience to see President Eisenhower in San Angelo Monday morning. Editor Ben Oglesby of Bronte and myself had press credentials and had the opportunity to see Ike closeup on several occasions and go along on the 22-mile tour out into the country.

More than a hundred writers and photographers, representing all the big newspapers, magazines and news agencies of the country, were on hand and it was interesting to see them in action.

Press representatives were served breakfast at the officers club at Goodfellow air base, being guests of the San Angelo BCD. The President and his group, including the Agriculture and Interior Secretaries, had breakfast in a private dining room at the club, but none of the news folks were included.

The President and his group obtained first hand information of the drouth disaster in the few miles journey into the country. He was very much interested in conditions and promised to give all possible help. Winding up his six-state inspection trip at Wichita Tuesday evening, he announced that he would ask for 76 millions in immediate aid to the drouth area.

The President looked to be in good health. He has a wonderful personality and walked briskly. He was well protected by secret service men, probably a dozen or more, in addition to scores of local police and highway patrolmen.

We didn't get to shake hands with the President, although Editor Oglesby did as he was standing near the end of the line when Ike greeted several Air Force officers just after he came out from breakfast.

Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Smith were in Fort Worth this week attending an Evangelistic conference of Southern Baptist Churches. An energetic evangelistic program has been outlined for the next three years. The famous Billy Graham addressed the conference Tuesday night at Will Rogers Auditorium when 15,000 persons were in attendance.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Jan. 9—Mr. and Mrs. Will Fikes, E. C. Davis, Mrs. Lee Roberts, Bryan and Bobby Highsmith dismissed.

Jan. 10—Mrs. G. Ray Lester admitted. Mrs. B. B. Duncan dismissed.

Jan. 11—Mrs. Lowell Roane admitted. John Allen dismissed.

Jan. 12—Mrs. Oscar Collett dismissed.

Jan. 14—Bill Simpson, Mrs. W. M. Brown admitted. Mrs. Roy Taylor dismissed.

Jan. 15—Mrs. Mary McKool, Mrs. Henry Childress, Mrs. Curtis Walker, Mrs. J. D. Boykin, Patsy Woods admitted. Bill Simpson dismissed.

Jan. 16—Mrs. T. W. Wiginton admitted. Mrs. Willis Smith dismissed.

Cancer Society Plans District Meeting Jan. 24

More than 105 delegates from the twenty-one counties comprising District 4 of the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society will open discussions Thursday (January 24) on expanding the attack on cancer in this area.

The day-long meeting will get under way with registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m. in the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo.

Presiding at the opening session will be Mrs. Philip Thompson of San Angelo. Rev. Rodney Gibson, Jr., president of the Tom Green Unit, will deliver the invocation and welcome delegates to the meeting.

After a discussion of the various phases of the cancer control program, delegates will break up into special groups to discuss education, service, publicity and officer planning.

During the luncheon a short business session will be held at which time reports from county units will be heard to be followed by the annual election of district directors. O. H. Chandler, M. D. of Ballinger, will preside at the luncheon and Rev. Morris Elliott of San Angelo will give the invocation. A featured address on professional education will be given by Carl Kunath, M. D. of San

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District Director Herschel Summerlin of San Angelo will preside at the afternoon session at which time careful consideration will be given on how to conduct a successful April cancer crusade.

Coke County people expected to attend the meeting in San Angelo include Mrs. Kenneth Lackey and Rev. and Mrs. Travis McNair of Robert Lee, Mrs. J. B. Mackey of Bronte, Mrs. T. W. Lyle of Silver and Mrs. T. A. Davis of Edith.

Mrs. Roy Taylor returned to her home Monday after a week's stay in Coke Memorial Hospital where she was treated for pneumonia.

BIRTHS

BOYKIN—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boykin (Lavonda Forbus) of Robert Lee are parents of a son born at 12:50 p.m. Jan. 16 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 5 pounds, 14½ ounces and has been named Timothy Joe. He has a brother, 7, and a sister, Peppy, 3 years old. The father is employed by Butane Service Co. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Boykin of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Forbus of Ballinger.

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