

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Future Farmers Parent Banquet Fine Success

Annual FFA Parent and Son banquet-barbecue, honoring parents of Future Farmers, Saturday, May 18, was declared a big success by all attending.

The barbecue supper was held in the high school band hall with the Greenhand boys doing the serving. The hall was attractively decorated with banners, pennants, ribbons and trophies won by the FFA boys during the past year. Over 100 ribbons provided an attractive background display for the informal gathering.

Mr. Finis Harmon and Mrs. H. Harris were in charge of the food preparation while Mr. Harmon and a host of FFA boys prepared the barbecue. The Greenhand boys washed the dishes after the banquet.

Highlights of the program included an address by Pete Baker, area FFA president. Pete stressed that "opportunities" do not come our way, you have to seek them. Other highlights that impressed the audience was the presentation of Mr. A. V. Sheppard as an "honorary member." Sam Skipworth read the citation while the chapter officers presented the ceremony in a very effective and touching manner. Mr. Sheppard makes the fourth honorary member of the Robert Lee Chapter.

Other parts of the program included the welcome by Joe Harmon, recognition of special guests by Jamie Schooler, a history of the FFA by Dennis Blair and presentation of Chapter Farmer Awards by Tom Sawyer.

Special entertainment was provided by Sammie Duncan and Jack Denman.

Freddy McDonald presented the chapter sweetheart, Martha Humphrey, with the official sweetheart jacket.

Award winners are as follows: Sheep award — Bub Burson Swine, — Dennis Blair Beef — Freddy McDonald Farm Mechanics — Tom Sawyer Entertainment — Sammie Duncan

Public Speaking — Kenneth Wink Joe Harmon was presented the De Kalb award as being the most outstanding senior FFA member. Certificates of merits were presented to Frankie Wojtek, Sam Skipworth and Jamie Schooler.

The coveted Star Farmer Award went to Bub Burson, chapter president, who was master of ceremonies.

Over 100 people attended the barbecue and remarks after the program indicated the banquet was the best ever in Robert Lee.

Special thanks go to Gene and Bob Baker for assisting with securing of food, Gandy's Creamery for donating the ice cream and Supt. and Mrs. Frank Coalson for preparing the beans.

## BIRTHS

MILLICAN—Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican (Barbara Casey) are parents of a daughter born May 10 in a San Angelo hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and has been named Pamela Kay. She has a sister, Cynthia, 1½ years old. The father is employed by Wel-ex Servicing Co. and will move from San Angelo to Hobbs, N. Mex., in the near future. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey of Bronte.



MARTHA HUMPHREY  
... FFA Sweetheart

## Homecoming At Sanco Set For June 2nd

With wet fields and pastures and wild-flower covered hillsides, the scene is laid for the annual Sanco homecoming commemorating the seventieth year of this farm and ranch community.

Sunday, June 2, is the day of the annual affair, consisting of a program with brief religious service in the morning, beginning at 10:45, basket dinner at the tabernacle and afternoon of visitation with old friends and neighbors.

With the oldest post office in Coke County still to be functioning, the community reviews its past in this reunion, while an old derrick looks down on its Yellow Wolf Valley and others in prospect cause speculation and interest concerning its future.

The homecoming event is sponsored by the Sanco Community Association, of which Guy Denman is president and Mrs. Zolene Reid is Secretary-Treasurer. Around 350 letters are being mailed to former residents of the community, and the Association is inviting all former residents, all their kin, and friends who wish to visit with them to be present for the day.

## Seniors Need Dough and Will Work For It

In order to make money to cover expenses for a planned trip, the Senior Class is having a work day Saturday, May 25. Prices are as follows:

Car wash, \$1.75  
Trash Hauling, \$1.00  
Cleaning yards and cutting grass, \$2.00.  
House cleaning, \$.75 per hour.  
Miscellaneous other work, \$1.00 an hour or by contract.

For service call GL 3-3911 or come by the school building from 7:00 in the morning until ????

Senior girls will have cakes on sale from 3 to 4 Saturday afternoon for the convenience of people coming to the drawing.

Any work for the class will be appreciated and a good job will be done.

Mrs. J. O. Rudd and Carolyn Simpson were weekend guests of Mrs. Iris Evans of Brownwood. While there Mrs. Rudd and Mrs. Evans were hostesses at a brunch given at The Southernaire honoring their niece and daughter, Diane Evans, who is graduating from Brownwood High School.

## Net Is \$300 But Weather Hurts Pancake Supper

Rain storms and a power failure put a serious crimp in the Pancake Supper here Friday night, but the event was a financial success.

Sponsored jointly by the Silver Lions Club and the Robert Lee BCD the affair was promoted to raise funds to get additional equipment for the community building in the new County Park here.

More than 500 tickets at 50c each were sold in advance, and total ticket receipts was \$289, according to a report made by the committee chairman, W. D. McAdams. Robert Lee business firms made up a purse of \$77.50 to help with expenses, making total receipts of \$366.

Fred McDonald, Jr., general chairman, says most of the food was donated, but some expenses were incurred. He will make a detailed report for publication next week and estimates a net profit of \$300.

Electric current went off at 5 p. m. and rains threatened throughout the evening. A number of people came before dark, while candles and lamps were used later. Everyone who came was served a fine supper of pancakes, syrup, bacon, butter, coffee or milk. Less than 400 plates were served.

Members of the Lions Club at Silver were on hand 100% to help Robert Lee workers in handling the affair at the school cafeteria. Entertainment features were enjoyed by various performers recruited by Mrs. Jeff Dean and Jack Denman.

The Robert Lee high school band gave its concert with the aid of poor lighting, but the event could not be postponed because of the school term ending this week. Electric power was not restored until 9 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Havins and children left last Thursday for their home at Farmington, New Mex., after a two weeks vacation visit with home folks in Robert Lee. Buddy is employed by Halliburton, well servicing company. They visited over night Thursday at Colorado City with the Don Havins family.

Mrs. H. R. Richards is much improved at Coke Memorial Hospital where she has been treated the past week for a back ailment. She expected to be dismissed from the hospital yesterday.

## Class of Twenty-Two 8th Graders Awarded Certificates of Graduation

A class of 22 received certificates to enter high school at the Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises at Robert Lee school auditorium Tuesday night. A large crowd attended.

Jenell Jeffery, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb, was the valedictorian and Vicki Wojtek gave the salutatory address. The class history was read by Patsy Woods. Brenda Joyce Cowley gave the class will and the prophecy was given by Gayle Lewis.

Main address was given by Supt. Frank D. Coalson and M. E. Petross, high school principal, presented the diplomas.

Following the program members of the class enjoyed a prom at the new community building at the

## HOME FROM GALVESTON

Delbert Lee is back in San Angelo and is being cared for at Memorial Hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lee, went to Galveston and brought him home Friday from John Sealy Hospital where he had been under observation for a month. Medical specialists gave out discouraging reports for his recovery. He suffered a head injury in an auto wreck in February and has never regained consciousness.

His older brother, Robert Lee, last week enlisted in the army at Abilene. Robert graduated from high school here a year ago. Residents of Robert Lee for a number of years, the family moved to San Angelo a year ago.

## Steers Annex Bi-District Diamond Title

The Robert Lee high school Steers are bi-district champions following a 16-1 victory at Eola Monday. They defeated Eola 9 to 0 here the previous Friday, and made it a clean sweep of the play-off series.

Paul Tinkler, Robert Lee freshman southpaw, allowed only one hit in the last Eola game. Robbie Godwin and Richard Dumas each hurled one of the final innings. Dumas held Eola hitless last Friday.

The Steers had beaten Wall two straight and took a two of three series from Miles in the first play-off.

Robert Lee wound up a highly satisfactory base ball season. They were defeated by Miles once and lost four to San Angelo teams prior to engaging in conference competition. The Steers had a season record of 10 victories and five defeats.

Henry Nease coached the base ball team again this season. While a half dozen regulars will be lost by graduation, there remains a good nucleus for a strong club again next year.

## CAIS HAMILTON ILL

Cais Hamilton, 75, well known Robert Lee resident, suffered a stroke early Sunday. He lives alone at his home but was able to attract the attention of his neighbor, Newt Fields. He was taken to Coke Memorial Hospital by Sam Williams in the Clift ambulance. Mr. Hamilton has been showing improvement this week. He is the father of Mr. T. Z. Phillips of Silver, who has been at his bedside much of the time.

## 28 High School Seniors To Get Their Diplomas

Climaxing a dozen years of study, Robert Lee high school seniors were looking forward to their graduation Thursday night of this week. The big event is scheduled for the school auditorium at 8 p. m.

Diplomas will be awarded to eleven girls and 17 boys, a total of 28. It is one of the largest graduating classes in the history of the Robert Lee 12-grade high school.

Scholastic honors were achieved by Mary Beth Schooler, with an average grade of 94.4. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schooler, and was chosen to give the valedictory address.

In second place is June McKinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McKinley. Her grade was 94 and she will be salutatorian.

Highest ranking boy graduate is Richard Dumas, who finished with an average of 93.6. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dumas.

A feature of the commencement program will be awarding of honors by Supt. Frank D. Coalson. Presenting diplomas to the graduates will be Prin. M. E. Petross and Jack Cowley, president of the school board.

The seniors have been feted at various functions during the past couple of weeks, and still look forward to their trip which will be taken after the term ends.

The class has three sets of cousins, the Hesters, Harmon and Schoolers. Joyce Hester is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hester, and Sharon is the daughter of Mrs. Earl (Jockey) Hester and the late Mr. Hester.

Joe Harmon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon and Jerry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon. Van Schooler is a son of Mrs. Tom Schooler and the late Mr. Schooler and Mary Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schooler.

Four pages of senior pictures and special news articles pertaining to graduation will be found in this newspaper.

Senior class officers:  
President, Joe Harmon.  
Vice-Pres., Jack Gray.  
Secretary, Carolyn Simpson.  
Treasurer, Carolyn Box.

## Silver To Send 8 Sophomores To Robert Lee Hi

Out of ten ninth graders finishing school at Silver this year, eight have filed transfers to attend Robert Lee high school next fall. Silver has only a nine grade school and pupils have the privilege of then going to Colorado City or Robert Lee.

Those transferring to Robert Lee include Mike Wheeler, Jennie Lou Anderson, Danny Arthur, Bonita Butcher, Gary Ledbetter, Carol Ann Hatfield, John Douglas Walker and Freeda Jones.

The four boys in the group have played junior high football under Coach Guy Wheeler and will be welcomed recruits to the Steer squad next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eads and little son and Mrs. Lillie Gaines plan to leave Friday of this week for Hill City Kans., where they will spend two weeks visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. Forrest Wanker, and family. Mrs. Wanker is the former Bertie Mae Gaines.



# THE OBSERVETTE

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

## After Graduation

The seniors were asked what they will do after their graduation. Here's the report:

Wade Anderson — Go to work.  
Fred Ashworth — T. V. School in Ft. Worth.  
Carroll Bagwell — S. A. C.  
Carolyn Box — Business school  
Cynthia Bryan — Get married.  
Wayne Caulder — Might go to S. A. C.  
Delton Chatham — S. A. C.  
Jim Cox — Go to work  
Butch Davis — S. A. C. to major in education  
Richard Dumas — Play baseball  
Sammie Duncan — T. V. school in Ft. Worth.  
Nancy Fulkerson — work.  
Carol Geer — Texas A & I.  
Robbie Godwin — Texas A & M  
Jack Gray — Be a Marine Sergeant.  
Joe Harmon — Work.  
Jerry Harmon — Work.  
Joyce Hester — Business school.  
Sharon Hester — That's a good question!  
June McKinley — Hardin Simons or S. A. C.  
Byron Russell — Go to Texas A & I.  
Mary Beth Schooler — Texas Tech.  
Van Schooler — Work.  
Carolyn Simpson — S. A. C.  
Donald Walker — Work.  
W. H. Wyatt — Mechanic  
Vivian Ybarra — Undecided.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Waide entertained with a barbecue buffet supper and dance at their home Tuesday evening honoring five of the graduating seniors, Carolyn Simpson, Carol Geer, Byron Russell, Robbie Godwin and Delton Chatham. Sixteen guests were included for the occasion.

## Teachers Make Plans For Summer

The teachers of Robert Lee school were asked last week what they would do this summer.

Mrs. Powell — going to the Rio Grande Valley.  
Mrs. Byrd — going to Dickens.  
Mrs. Grambling — going to visit in Oklahoma.  
Mrs. Russell — visit in Oklahoma.  
Mrs. Dean — stay at home and write operas for next year.  
Miss McLure — visit and take a trip.  
Mr. Webb will go to Brownwood and may take a course, but will mostly loaf.  
Mrs. Webb will go to school in Brownwood.  
Mrs. Coalson will help teach Bible school, may take a trip to California, and work in a garden.  
Mrs. Wojtek may go to school.  
Mr. Davis will go to school at West Texas State College.  
Mrs. Manire will take a swimming course, work between here and Fort Worth, and near the end of the summer will go to North Carolina.  
Mr. Coalson will make a trip to California and then remain in Robert Lee.  
Mr. Farris will go to school in Abilene and make a trip to Austin.  
Mr. Petross will start roughnecking Saturday morning.  
Mrs. Nease will go to Lubbock with Mr. Nease and remain home.  
Mr. Nease will go to school at Texas Tech and then come back to Robert Lee.  
Interviews weren't obtained from Mrs. Eastland and Mr. Harris. I'm sorry I couldn't get these.

## JUS' TALK

By NETTIE BOB BELL

WONDERING:

Why W. H., Don, and Wayne don't remember Saturday night??  
Why Carolyn C. is so happy??  
Where Kenney and Dennie were going in the little black and white Ford about 9:00 Saturday nite??  
Why Stewart, Skipworth, and Duncan weren't at the Baccalaureate Service Sunday nite? Have fun boys?  
Did the sophomores crash the Freshman party or were they invited?  
Why Carolyn and Delton, Carol and Butch made so many trips to Simpson's house Saturday night?  
What happened to Kenney's neck and Jerry Dean's nose?  
What Carolyn, Sandra, Kenney, Marta and Frances talked about Thursday night?  
Why so many cars were assembled in front of the Childress' house??  
Why the Senior boys are taking up a collection? Party?  
What Melvin was doing on the Water Valley highway Saturday nite?? Your voice carries a great distance!  
Who the two silly Senior Girls are? I thought you all were!  
Carolyn Lee, Joyce, and Sharon spent the week-end in San Angelo.

Looking for jobs?

Doris and Bill, Carol and Byron, Carolyn and Delton went fishing after Baccalaureate. Got a yellow cat fish about 8 lbs., but say, what happened to poor Delton? He has been limping around school! We hear Carolyn pushed him off the side-boards of the pick-up.

## Who Is It? ?

By DORIS SPARKS

The girl of the week is:  
Height — 4'11"  
Weight — 120  
Color of hair — Black  
Color of eyes — Brown  
Favorite Color — Blue  
Pastime — None  
Entertainment — Movies  
Slang Expression — "Golly"  
Pet Peeve — None  
Favorite Song — Pledge of Love  
Favorite Food — Chicken fried steak.  
The boy of the week is:  
Height — 6'  
Weight — 172  
Color of hair — Dark Brown  
Color of eyes — Brown  
Favorite Color — Yellow  
Pastime — Music  
Entertainment — Love to dance.  
Slang expression — Hey, Babe  
Pet peeve — People who snob others or brag.  
Favorite Song — Come Go With Me  
The boy and girl last week were Jo Ann Millican and Johnny Jones.

## NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at

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its regular meeting place in the Courthouse in the town of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, at 9 o'clock A. M., beginning on Wednesday the 5th day of June, 1957, and from day to day thereafter, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Coke County, Texas, until such values have finally been deter-

mined for taxable purposes for the year 1957, and any and all persons interested or having business with said board are hereby notified to be present.

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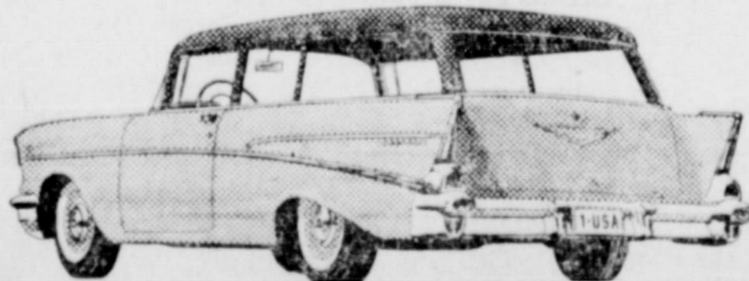
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## Silver News

Mrs. T. Z. Phillips has been at the hospital in Robert Lee much of the time this week where her father, Cais Hamilton, is a patient. He suffered some kind of a stroke and was taken to the hospital about 6 o'clock Monday morning.

Another Silver patient in Coke Memorial Hospital is Gary, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skrabanek. His mother has been at his bedside. The child has appendicitis symptoms.

Mrs. Frank Mullican and son, Larry, made a weekend trip to Dallas. They were accompanied home by their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bill Hood and little son, Kregg. They will spend the week here while Mr. Hood is in St. Louis on business for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

David Haught, pumper here the past two years for the Texas Co., is being transferred to the Vealmoor field in West Texas. He and his family returned the end of the week from a two weeks' vacation trip to Illinois. They will move to

their new station this weekend. Members of the Church of Christ and other friends honored the Haughts with a going away party Monday night at the Frank Mullican home. The couple was presented with two nice blankets.

Joe Ash recently accepted a position with Paymaster feed company with headquarters in Junction. He and his wife, the former Donna Jean Jameson, moved to Junction two weeks ago where they have a furnished apartment. Joe, former Bronte resident, is a graduate of Texas Tech and recently completed two years of military service. His older brother was also employed by Paymaster when he was killed in an auto crash two months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom and son, Bobby Hugh, visited over the weekend in San Angelo where a family gathering took place on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones. Mrs. Jones is the former Esther Allen, youngest of the Allen children.

Mrs. R. S. Anderson returned

Sunday from spending a week at Lampasas with her sister, Mrs. F. L. Spurlin and family. The Spurlins suffered heavy property damage in the recent Lampasas flood. A news article concerning their experiences appears on another page of The Observer.

Silver has three members of this year's high school graduating class at Colorado City. They are Fredine Theis, Delores Jones and Tommy Wilkes. The class returned late Monday night from a senior trip spent at a Dude Ranch at Banderita, and the group also visited in San Antonio and Austin. Commencement is May 31.

Jack Morgan returned the end of the week from two weeks of active duty with the Navy Reserve at Terminal Island, Long Beach, Calif. He learned much about new installations which the Navy has adopted at the big shipyard. Mr. Morgan is a Sun petroleum engineer here.

Forrest Ferguson, Sun production field clerk, is taking a three weeks' vacation. He and his family are visiting kinfolks at Natchez

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Miss., and points in Alabama.

E. W. Olsen, Sun pumper, is taking a vacation of three weeks.

Wives of Sun employees honored Mrs. Phil Wall with a stork shower at the Methodist Church Wednesday night.

Paul Gilbert, Sun production chief clerk, is driving a new air conditioned Ford sedan which he purchased from Ivey Motor Co. in Robert Lee.

David McKinnon and family returned last Thursday from a two weeks vacation spent at Edam and other points in East Texas. They report fair weather during their visit and the country looking fine from previous generous rains. Lots of fresh strawberries right out of the garden. David is a Sun production field clerk.

Weekend guests in the home of Bob Edwards and family were his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Galloway, of Hardtner, Kans. They had been visiting at Ozona and were accompanied by Mrs. Galloway's father, R. A. Edwards,

who will soon return to his home in California after visiting his son, A. J. Edwards, at Ozona.

Mrs. J. D. Jett returned Sunday from a few days in the Colorado City hospital where she was a medical patient.

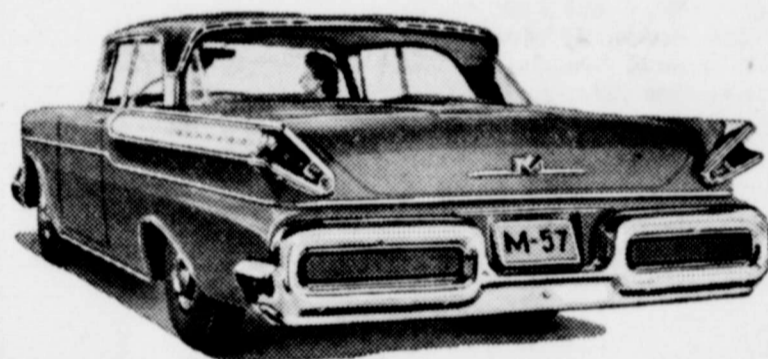
Jim Herford, Sun Pipeline Co. employee, is taking a two weeks' vacation. He and his family will spend the period with kinfolks in South Texas.

Silver Lions Club at their Tuesday night meeting heard a report from the recent bi-district convention in Lubbock from Walter Rogers of Colorado City, district deputy governor. They also enjoyed an interesting film made at the Lions Crippled Childrens Camp at Kerrville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson will come from San Angelo to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson. Clifford is attending San Angelo College on a football scholarship and will work for J. P. Jameson this summer.

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## Silver News

W. E. Moore and wife are spending a week's vacation in East Texas and Arkansas. He is a Sun Pipeline employee.

Sun Oil Co. has begun the big task of repairing roofs which were damaged by a hail storm of two weeks ago. New roofs will be necessary on a total of 71 buildings, mostly residences and a few warehouses owned by the company. The repair work will be supervised by John Brown of Robert Lee, who has a contract to handle maintenance of Sun buildings in this area.

### LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Silver public school will wind up the year with junior high graduation exercises Friday night. A program appears in this newspaper.

Supt. Paul Ashby and his family plan to remain here most of the summer, although he will attend a two weeks' workshop at the University of Texas late in July.

Prin. and Mrs. Guy Wheeler and son, Mike, will spend the summer at Denton. Mrs. Wheeler will attend North Texas State and obtain a degree. Mr. Wheeler and Mike are looking forward to a lot of golf and fishing.

Donald Geer was given a leave of absence this week so that he could attend a National Guard School at Ft. Sill, Okla. Don Gressett and wife will spend the summer in Westbrook where he will work for the ASC in measuring crop land. Violet Brown plans to take summer work at a school in

Colorado and Mrs. O. W. Newell will resume studies at Duluth, Minn. Perry Elliott has a summer job traveling for a seed company.

### 4TH GRADE NEWS

The fourth grade class honored their parents with a party Friday afternoon in their classroom. Refreshments of punch, cookies and mints were served. After the party, the fourth graders presented a play, entitled "Folk-o-Rama, U. S. A., The teacher of the class is Miss Violet Brown.

Thursday afternoon the fourth grade will have a weiner roast at the C. A. Kennedy home. This outing is sponsored by the room mothers. Chairman of the room mothers for the year has been Mrs. Frank Mullican. —Sue Ree Kennedy.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We wish to state again that a Vacation Bible school will be held at the Baptist church, June 3-7, for all children, aged 3-17, with sessions each morning from 8 to 11. Preparation Day will be May 31, 9-11 a. m. Workers from the various churches will help in the school under the direction of Ray M. Spark. The superintendents of the departments are as follows: Nursery 3 year, Mrs. Hodge; Beginners, Mrs. O. L. White; Primary, Mrs. John Followill; Juniors, Mrs. W. R. Whitaker; Intermediates, Mrs. Leslie Copeland. Mrs. Ray M. Sparks will care for babies under 3 years of age for the mothers who will work in the school.

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## Junior High Graduation

Silver Peak School  
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8:00 P. M.

Processional	Mrs. J. B. Higginbotham
Invocation	Rev. Ray Sparks
Salutatory	Bonnie Butcher
Valedictory	Peggy McCallie
Introduction of Speaker	Paul Ashby, Superintendent
Address	Rev. Charles Camp
Presentation of Diplomas	Jack McCallie
	School Board Member
Presentation of Awards	Guy Wheeler, Principal
Benediction	Rev. Ray Sparks
Recessional	Mrs. J. B. Higginbotham

USHERS—Members of Eighth Grade Class  
Linda Dean, Jo Nell Garrett  
Larry Lindsey, Rusty Whitaker

### Graduating Class

Arthur, Danny (with honors)  
Butcher, Bonnie (with honors)  
Clifton, Sandra  
Hatfield, Carol Ann  
Jones, Freda  
Ledbetter, Gary  
McCallie, Peggy (with honors)  
Shimer, Jay  
Walker, John  
Wheeler, Mike

## Spurlins Suffer Heavy Damage In Lampasas Flood

Losing heavily from property damage but escaping with their lives after standing in water waist deep throughout the night, was the experience of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. (Jake) Spurlin of Lampasas.

This report was brought back by Mrs. R. S. Anderson of Silver who hurried to Lampasas the day after flood waters caused several deaths and enormous property losses in the stricken city.

Mrs. Spurlin, the former Eva May Stepp, was raised at Silver and is Mrs. Anderson's oldest sister.

The family owned and operated a large grocery store and had a home and other property near by.

The disaster occurred late Sunday, May 12, when a levee broke following heavy rains and permitted flood waters to flow into a large section of the city.

The Spurlin store was located only a short distance from Sulphur Creek which overflowed, and water several feet deep ran into their establishment. Mr. and Mrs. Spurlin spent the early part of the night across the street on higher ground. Later they returned to the store and remained until the water receded next morning.

They owned a small dwelling house near the store in which the tenants, an aged man and woman, were drowned. A 14-room apartment house a block away, also owned by the Spurlins, was totally destroyed.

The Spurlin residence and contents were damaged when two feet of water ran through the house. Their daughter, Mrs. Jules V. King, and her step-daughter were at the house when the flood came but escaped to higher ground.

Mrs. Anderson said her kinfolks had not totaled up their losses which would run high. Some canned goods and other merchandise in the store was salvaged, she said.

By the end of the week much had been accomplished toward cleaning up the flooded area and repairs to buildings and streets were well under way.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

May 16—John L. Bruton, Mrs. Ethel Green admitted.

May 17—Mrs. T. A. Richardson, W. B. Clift admitted.

May 18—Mrs. Oscar Collett, Mrs. Lillian Eastland, Mrs. Bob Patterson admitted. Mrs. Floyd Higgins, John L. Bruton, Mrs. Ethel Green dismissed.

May 19—J. C. Hamilton admitted.

May 20—Mrs. Sam Fowler, Jimmy Caraway, Gary Skrabanek admitted. Mrs. Lillian Eastland, Mrs. Oscar Collett dismissed.

May 22—Gary Skrabanek dismissed.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Black and children, Sylena and Tommy Lee, Jr., were guests over the weekend in the home of Mrs. Black's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis. Mrs. Black is the former Daisy Nell Davis. The Blacks had been at Crane and were returning to their home at Wills Point in East Texas where Tommy operates a welding shop.

Mrs. Jim Mauldin received word of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Betty Eubanks of Collins, Miss. Her passing occurred May 17 and she was 95 years of age. Mrs. Olene Sims is a great-granddaughter of the deceased and her son, Ronnie, was the first great-grandchild.

Elton Millican and family of Pampa were here for a weekend visit with kinfolks and were honored at a family picnic held Sunday in the new park in Robert Lee. Elton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Millican. His wife is the former Luwanna Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon.



### Notes From The Oil Field

Sun Oil 1 Price, 4,452 feet in shale ad lime.

Gulf 1-A Simpson, 4,184 feet in lime and shale.

Humble 1 Bird, coring below 6,717 feet in lime and shale.

Murray Petroleum of San Angelo will drill a 1,000-foot cable tool wildcat in Coke County, seven miles southwest of Robert Lee. It will be the No. 1 Marvin Stewart.

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## Notary Publics To Qualify At Clerk's Office

Secretary of State Zollie Steakley has announced that he will reappoint persons now holding notary public commissions but that such persons must re-qualify by the filing of a new oath and bond with the County Clerk of his residence between June 1, 1957 and June 10, 1957.

Steakley emphasized that notaries public should not send requests for reappointment or for commissions directly to the Secretary of State. The law specifically requires the County Clerks to approve notary bonds.

Any person not now a notary public who desires appointment should apply to his County Clerk between May 1, 1957 and May 20, 1957. Application during this period will assure prompt attention before the rush procedure of reappointing present notaries.

Secretary of State Steakley further pointed out that each person applying for a commission as a notary public must be at least 21 years of age and a resident of the county for which he is appointed. The exact name and permanent address must be furnished the County Clerk.

### FRESHMAN PARTY

The Freshmen held their class party Thursday, May 16. Sponsor was C. D. Manire. The group enjoyed swimming, a picnic supper and dancing. The dance was held in the new community center in the county park. Each member contributed to the picnic supper and punch was served. Several mothers were present. We all had a wonderful time. — JoAnn Hood, Reporter.

Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman have received word that their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Turner of Artesia, New Mex., is making a good recovery at an El Paso Hospital where she underwent major surgery last Friday. Mrs. Turner is the former Georgia Hickman.

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## Twisters Win; Goodfellow Here Sunday

The Ivey Motors Rabbit Twisters of Robert Lee scored their second shut-out victory of the Conter Basin League season Sunday when they blanked the Miles Giants 9-0, on a 4-hitter turned in by Ralph Carrigan.

Robert Lee jumped onto the offerings of Don Peebles in the early innings and tallied six runs before he was relieved by the high school hurler, Ben Lacy.

Royce Smith with three hits, Carrigan with two and Richard Dumas with a triple led the Twisters 10-hit attack. Peebles poled a double for the only extra base hit for Miles.

Robert Lee previously defeated Sonora 9-0 to take first place in the loop standing. No other league games were played last week. The Twisters repeated their fine play in the field, and no errors have been registered in either the Sonora or Miles contests.

Norman Roberts was on hand to aid the Robert Lee lineup. He held down the left field spot and batted cleanup. He will be available this summer and will be employed at Texas Natural Gasoline plant.

Lester Bird will also be in the Ivey Motors sponsored club lineup within the next week or two. The former Texas A & M first baseman has returned to his home at Winters where he is employed

by Humble Oil & Refining Co. He played with Robert Lee a few years ago.

Local fans are looking forward to next Sunday's game when the crack Goodfellow AFB Skyhawks engage the Twisters on the new diamond at the County Park. Their lineup includes a number of former college and professional ball players. Game time is 3 p. m.

### BEGIN CITY SPRAYING

Robert Lee city officials this week started spraying to combat mosquitoes and other insects. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the spraying equipment covered the town, throwing out a fog of DDT solution. Because of the wet weather mosquitoes are a greater menace this year, and it is planned to continue the spraying as long as necessary.

## Work Resumes On State Road To Water Valley

Commissioner Ed Hickman reports that surveying the west end of the Farm to Market Road project from Robert Lee to Water Valley got under way this week.

Mr. Hickman held a recent conference with Engineer Bailey of Sterling City, who will be in charge for the Highway Department. About 5.6 miles of new road is included to reach the Tom Green county line.

After the road has been surveyed Mr. Hickman will secure right of way deeds and do the fencing.

Bailey advised the road should be completed this fall, although it is doubtful if blacktop paving can be added until next spring.

### HOME MAKERS TEA

Freshmen Homemaking girls gave the incoming freshmen a Tea Monday, May 13. Before the tea the new girls were taken on a tour of the homemaking cottage. Refreshments included lime sherbet, punch, banana nut bread sandwiches, pineapple hors d'ourves and mints.

The eighth grade sponsor, Mrs. P. E. Webb, and home economics teacher, Mrs. Henry Nease, were honored guests.

Freshmen girls hope the event was enjoyed by all, and that the eighth grade girls will receive as much pleasure from their homemaking studies as the class had this year.

### FORMER RESIDENT VISITS

Memories of a five year period she spent in Robert Lee during her girlhood were recalled this week by Mrs. A. B. Wilson of Midland who visited here from Monday until Wednesday. She is the former Minta Chaney, daughter of Ben Chaney, who was well known as a livery stable operator and also handled mail routes in and out of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Wilson worked for some time in the Barron Store and her sister, Georgia, helped in The Observer office when George Cowan was the editor. They were friends of Bessie Newton and other members of that family, and Mrs. Wilson recalled many of the old acquaintances of 50 years ago.

The Chaney's moved to Colorado City and Mrs. Wilson's married life was spent on a farm near Midland. She lost her husband a few months ago and is making her home part of the time with a daughter at Crane.

Mrs. Wilson was accompanied on her visit to Robert Lee by Mrs. Marie Reynolds, a real estate broker of Midland.

Mrs. Romie Baker returned Sunday from Fort Smith, Ark., where she had accompanied her husband who is stationed in the army at nearby Ft. Chaffee. Romie has started special training in the Supply Department and was not allowed to reside off the post for the present.

### LITTLEFIELDS HONORED

A number of home town friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield honored the couple at a picnic Tuesday night of last week in the new community building at the county park. Mrs. Littlefield is the former JoAnn Bilbo. They were here on a visit and left the following day for their home at Afton, Okla., where Jarvis is farming and operates a dairy. Besides the honored couple those attending the picnic were Messrs. and Mmes. Vaughan Davis, Eddie Good, Willis Wayne Smith, Jim Mac Mathis, Howard Varnadore, Paul Burns, Hershall Hall, Bill Allen, Royce Smith, Frank Percifull and Robert Boren; also Mrs. Vincent Hanna and Mrs. Lendy Devoll.

### GAVE McKNIGHT ADDRESS

The Rev. Travis McNair Methodist minister of Robert Lee, addressed the graduating class at McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital Tuesday night. A class of eight student nurses completed two years training in specialized tuberculosis nursing. Mrs. McNair is a member of the State Board of Tuberculosis Nurse Examiners and helped conduct recent examinations at McKnight.

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## Want Ads

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FOR SALE OR RENT—Our house in Robert Lee. Jack Looney, Rte. 1, Park Hill, Okla. 44tf

FOR SALE — My home and three lots in Robert Lee. Anyone interested in the purchase of same is requested to contact me. Frank Percifull, Dial GL 3-4581. tf

FOR SALE—Surplus apartment equipment — Frigidaire refrigerator, \$35; apt. size gas range, \$20; gas water heater, \$25; dinette, table and 4 chairs, \$25. Mrs. H. L. Scott at Roach's Dry Goods. 51tf

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- DASH DOG FOOD - - - - 9 Cans \$1.00**
- Country Butter 1b. 59c**
- SALAD DRESSING, Morton's - - - - Pint 25c**
- CORN, Our Darling, No. 303 - - - - 2 Cans 35c**
- FOREMOST GANDY'S 1/2 GAL.  
**Mellorine or Fro-zan 39c**
- BAMA RED PLUM JAM, 20 Oz. Glass - 3 for \$1.00**
- FROZEN ORANGE JUICE, 6 Oz. Can - 2 for 35c**
- ZESTEE  
**STRAWBERRY PRESERVES - 20 Oz. Glass 39c**
- INSTANT COFFEE, Maryland Club - 6 Oz. Jar \$1.35**
- GOOCH'S BLUE RIBBON  
**Bacon 1b. 63c**
- ALL MEAT  
**Bologna 1b. 35c**
- SEVEN BONE  
**Roast 1b. 49c**



# CONGRATULATIONS

# CLASS of 1957

## 1957 Corral

May 13 was a busy day at Robert Lee High School. The halls were busy with rushing students who wanted their new and attractive yearbooks autographed by each of the student's classmates. The annual wears a burnt orange cover with a black inlay.

As we began to turn the pages of the Corral, we are very happy to find that our book was dedicated to one of the outstanding backers of Robert Lee High School, Mr. S. E. Adams.

The Corral staff was headed by Carolyn Simpson, Editor and Robbie Godwin, Business Manager. Garland Davis was the Faculty advisor and sponsor.

The administration comes next in the Corral. They are the men who guide our school system. The Board of Education, Supt. Frank Coalson, and Principals M. E. Petross and P. E. Webb have steered us through a very successful school year. Our hats are off to them.

The faculty is our next stop as we take our little journey through the Corral. The smiles are kind and the hearts are big. Sometimes the faculty grows stern, but we realize they do it for our good. A school's leadership is not complete without such people as the custodian, office help, lunchroom ladies, office secretary, and bus mechanics.

The Classes are the next features of our book. Class officer pictures, senior accomplishments and activities, and individual photos of all the students appear in this section. This is where the many student autographs are found in our book. That is, after the first day the book arrives.

The favorite section is the favorite section of the Corral. This year the favorites were chosen as follows:

Senior Class — Caroyn Box and Sammie Duncan.

Junior Class — Carolyn Elliott and Gary Jackson.

Sophomore Class — Kenny Sawyer and Jerry Tinkler

Freshman Class — Jerry Sparks and Paul Tinkler

Most handsome and beautiful — Carol Geer and Tom Sawyer.

Outstanding citizens — Vivian Ybarra and Butch Davis

Best personalities — Carroll Bagwell and Jack Gray.

FFA and FHA — Martha Humphrey and Delton Chatham.

Football and band — Carolyn Simpson and Ronnie Sims

Our activities come next in our book. The Student Council is the first that we find. Robbie Godwin has served as President the past year, and Mr. Harris and Mr. Petross were our faculty advisors.

The Literary Club, a new organization on our activity list, has been guided by Mrs. Coalson and Mr. Farris. The President was Carroll Bagwell.

The High School cheerleaders deserve much credit this year. They have done an outstanding job and should get just recognition. They are Doris Sparks, Carroll Bagwell, Carolyn Box, Kenney Sawyer, and Carolyn Childress.

The Observette Staff this year was sponsored by Mr. Davis. We hope that we have served him and our editor, Carol Geer, as a good staff should.

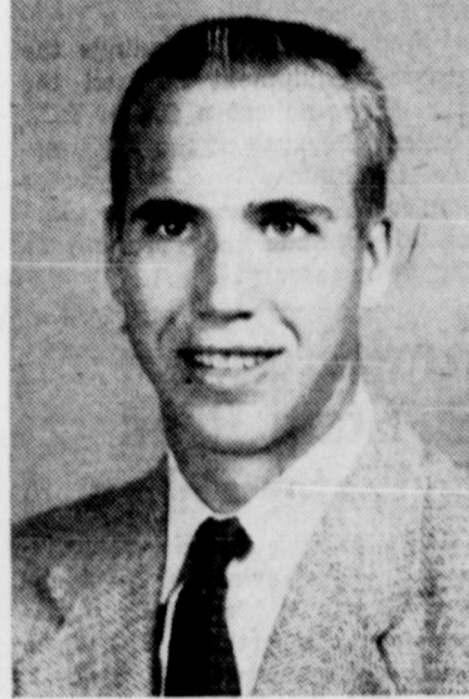
We come to our band next. They have been an inspiration to our entire school. The band has successfully been directed by Mr. Farris. Larry Rabb has served as the



MARY BETH SCHOOLER  
Valedictorian



JUNE MCKINLEY  
Salutarian



RICHARD DUMAS  
... top ranking boy

## Steers Take Bi-District

The Robert Lee High School "Steers" stamped the Pastures of the Eola baseball squad. The Steers were never in doubt as they handed the Eola lads a 16-1 trouncing. Paul Tinkler was the winning pitcher. He chunked four innings. Robbie Godwin tossed two and Richard Dumas pitched the last inning as a farewell to high school baseball. The win gave the R. L. H. S. Steers their second bi-district title under Coach Henry Nease.

The Steers started the season against the 4-AAAA San Angelo Bobcats. They played the San Angelo boys some fine games, but were unable to defeat the Bobcats. Miles was the first district foe. They beat the Steers soundly, but the Robert Lee boys evened it up with a victory at Miles. We won a sudden-death playoff for the opportunity to meet Wall Hawks for the district.

The Steers made it two in a row against Wall for the district championship. Eola also went down without a third game in the series needed.

President, Butch Davis directed the band on the field as Drum Major and Martha Humphrey was head majorette.

The Robert Lee FFA chapter won wide recognition for the school and the Corral was proud to recognize them. Chapter Advisor was Mr. Hulan Harris. Bub Burson served the organization as President.

The FHA Chapter, sponsored by Mrs. Nease, is an organization that the Corral is glad to picture. The girls chose Carolyn Elliott as their President.

The Corral tour stops next at the football corner. Coaches C. D. Manire and Henry Nease led the "Steers" through a successful and sporting season. Boy's basketball, Girl's basketball, Baseball, and track follow in the yearbook's sports section.

We can't leave our little trip without visiting the sections of snapshots. The students have lots of fun seeing their friends in the various creations that the snaps editor makes. And, of course, if it were not for our advertisements, a yearbook could not be published. We want to thank our advertisers for the financial backing and wonderful spirit of help.

We have enjoyed our annual. We hope you have.

## 1957 Graduation Exercises

Thursday, May 23, 1957

School Auditorium, 8:00 P. M.

### Program

Processional .....	Mrs. R. C. Russell
Invocation .....	Rev. Bennie Smith
Salutary .....	June McKinley
	"Well Begun Is Half Done"
Vocal Solo .....	Richard Sims
	"Graduation Day"
Valedictory .....	Mary Beth Schooler
	"Striking A Match"
Awarding of Honors .....	Frank D. Coalson
Presentation of Senior Gift .....	Joe Harmon
Awarding of Diplomas .....	M. E. Petross
	and Jack Cowley
Benediction .....	Rev. Travis McNair
Recessional .....	Mrs. R. C. Russell

### SENIOR CLASS ROLL

Wade Anderson	Jack Gray
Fred Ashworth	Jerry Harmon
Carroll Bagwell	Joe Harmon
Carolyn Box	Joyce Hester
Cynthia Bryan	Sharon Hester
Wayne Calder	June McKinley
Delton Chatham	Larry Jack Rabb
Jim Cox	Byron Russell
Butch Davis	Mary Beth Schooler
Richard Dumas	Van Schooler
Nancy Fulkerson	Carolyn Simpson
Carol Geer	Donald Walker
Robbie Godwin	W. H. Wyatt
Sammie Duncan	Vivian Ybarra

CLASS COLORS: Blue and Silver

CLASS FLOWER: Red Rose

MOTTO: "Forward Ever; Backward Never."

SPONSOR: Mr. G. E. Davis

## Let's Recount 1956 -- 1957

The Robert Lee High School football squad had a very fine season as far as the won-lost average goes. The "Steers" finished second in district play after a loss to Hermleigh. It was a hard fought battle, but the Steers were unable to score against the heavy Cardinals. The game was played in the mud.

The basketball squad was not as impressive as the other athletics. They did manage to win some trophy winning games in tournament play.

The Steers placed two boys in the regional meet in track. Freddy McDonald and Sammy Duncan ran in the meet in Odessa.

The baseball team was the outstanding team. The Steers won their second bi-district title in as many years. The boys played a brand of baseball far above their opponents.

Boy athletic personalities included all-district football players: Jack Gray, Richard Dumas, Robbie Godwin, Sam Skipworth and Troy Walls.

The girls entered two athletic divisions. They were beaten out by Mertzon in district play. The girls also sent a track team to the state-wide Bluebonnet Belles track meet.

Our high school literary team scored second place in the literary meet in San Angelo. We took two girls to the regional meet in Odessa. They were Martha Humphrey and June McKinley.

The FFA judging teams made several impressive wins throughout the area. They also scored wins in district contests. The chapter won the district title.

The FHA accomplished many very successful projects in the community. They also had state officers from our local chapter.

The juniors and seniors put on very fine and entertaining plays for the community this year.

The grade school had a very successful year, too. They won the district literary meet without any difficulty.

The graders also won grand credit with their splendid operetta.

The junior high basketball and football squads had good seasons with the basket ball team winning the Silver tournament.

The band was one of the impressive organizations of the year. They played three local concerts, won numerous music awards, and won the regional "sweepstakes" award in Abilene.

Our student council completed its first successful year. They accomplished several worthwhile projects, installed new organizations, and began a movement to install the National Honorary Society for Robert Lee High School. It's been a very, very successful year.

The Senior girls honored their classmate, Cynthia Bryan, with a surprise kitchen shower Thursday, May 16, after school. It was held in the home of Carol Geer. Ten senior girls attended.

The cake was decorated with white icing and a small bride and groom set. Other refreshments were Cokes and candy.

After the shower, the girls went swimming.

## Senior Farewell

By CAROL GEER

The Seniors of 1957 would like to take this opportunity to say farewell as students of R. L. H. S. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the teachers who have helped us along this far. Not only have they been teachers to us, but also friends.

We have enjoyed attending school in the new school building the last half of our high school period. We would like to express our thanks to the people of the community for providing us with the new plant and facilities.

We also wish to thank our parents who have done their best to bring about this occasion. We will always be proud to say that we graduated from R. L. H. S.

The Senior Class.

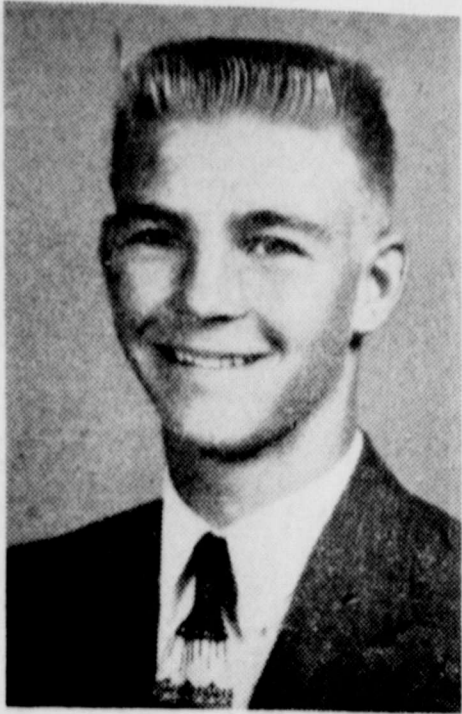


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Senior Class Sponsor





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NANCY FULKERSON



CAROL GEER



ROBBIE GODWIN

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and

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## Senior Class Will

We, the below listed, leave to our fellow students and underclassmen the following items, ideas and individual characteristics to be used as the Junior recipient chooses.

Wade Anderson passes on and leaves his towering height to Bub Burson, who might be able to use it.

Frederick Ashworth wills his ability to win favor of the girls to Dennis Blair, who needs just a little touch.

Carroll Bagwell leaves her grace, agility, and ability in feminine sports to Carolyn Elliott, who must try and fill the bill.

Carolyn Box wills to Doris Sparks her comb and the ever burning desire to make the boys come crawling.

Cynthia Bryan leaves the ability to be engaged throughout the senior year and not slip to Nettie Bob Bell.

Wayne Calder bequeaths his penmanship and charming way with the teachers to Dennis Blair.

Delton Chatham passes on to Lester Hatfield his tackle position and his little friend "Sparkle-tooth" Wylie.

Jim Cox leaves his muffers, his short stubby hair, and his way with the girls to Freddie McDaniel.

Butch Davis bequeaths his outstanding ability to learn English and his musical talent to Bub.

Richard Dumas passes on his ability to play baseball to Hoot Gibson in the hopes that he can pitch no-hitters.

Sammie Duncan leaves his "pickin and singin" to Frankie Wojtek to take his mind off women.

Nancy Fulkerson wills Carolyn Elliott the right to take one last look at Sammie Joe.

Carol Geer is passing her acting ability down the line to Gay Hollis, who never acts.

Robbie Godwin leaves thirty pounds and his fullback slot to Bub Burson, who'll be in there buckin 'em.

Jack Gray leaves his personality, charm, athletic ability, and curly black hair to Tom Sawyer.

Jerry (Bear) Harmon is ready to will his bright mind and devoted calm attitude to Monty Trimble.

Joe Harmon wills his extra

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Good Luck

**SENIORS**

May you succeed in all  
your future endeavors.

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Best Wishes  
**SENIORS**

May success be yours in  
what ever walk of life you  
choose to follow.

**J. L. Tinkler  
And Family**

Best Wishes  
**Senior Class**

We are very proud of you  
and we know your parents  
and friends are, too.

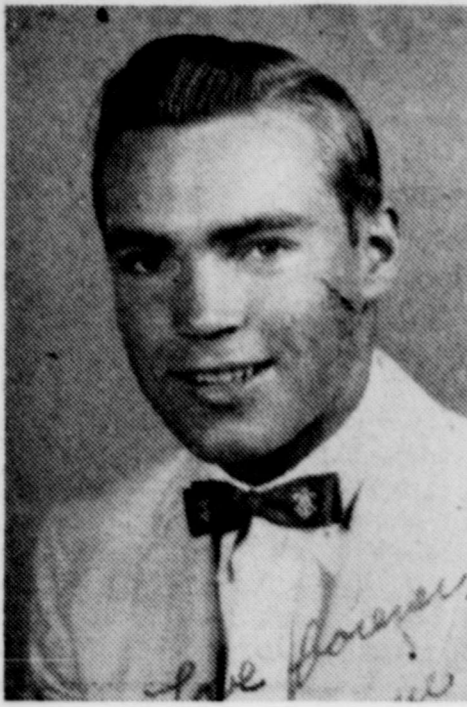
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**WE'RE PROUD OF ALL OF YOU**

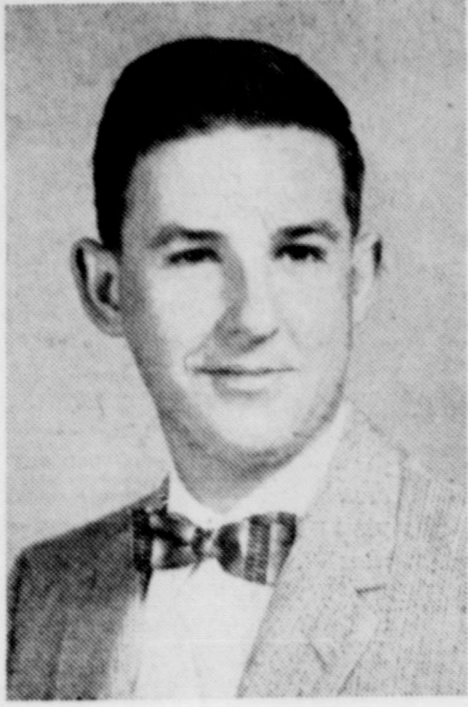
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serve you well in years to come. We congratulate  
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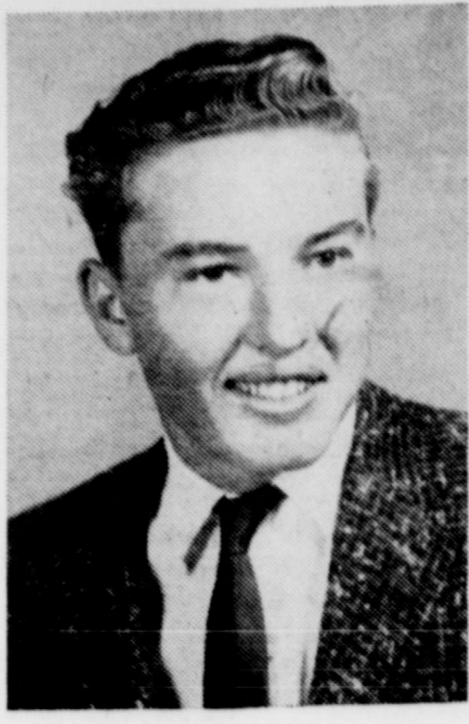




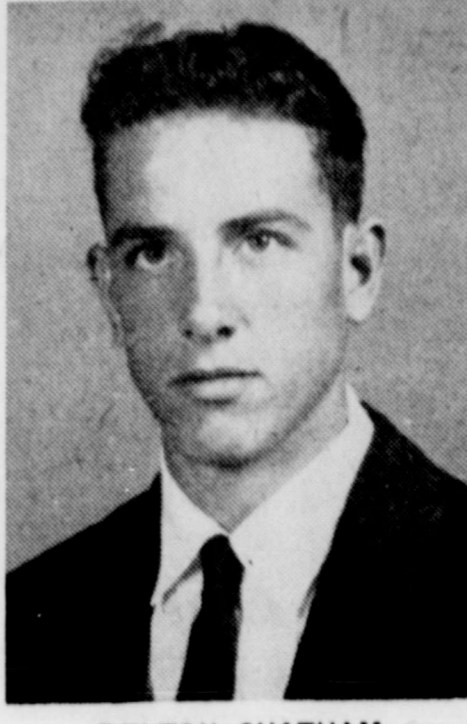
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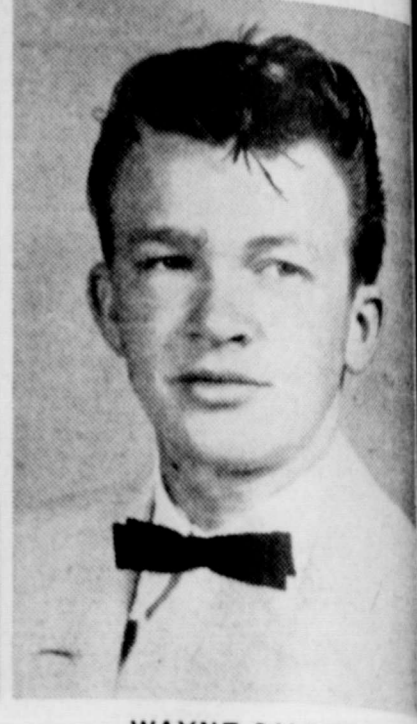
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JIM COX



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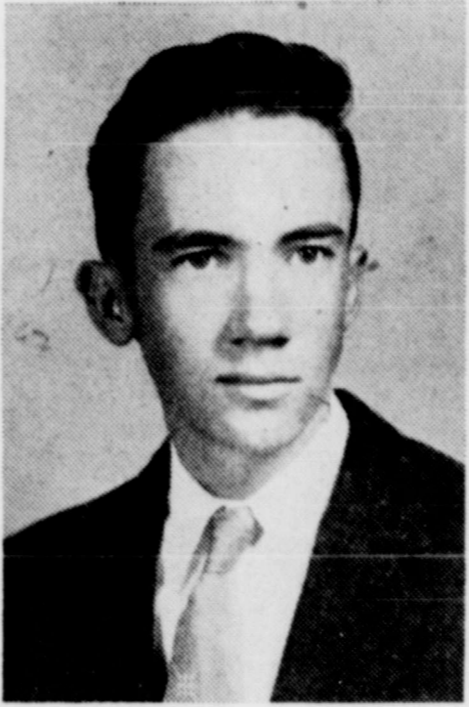


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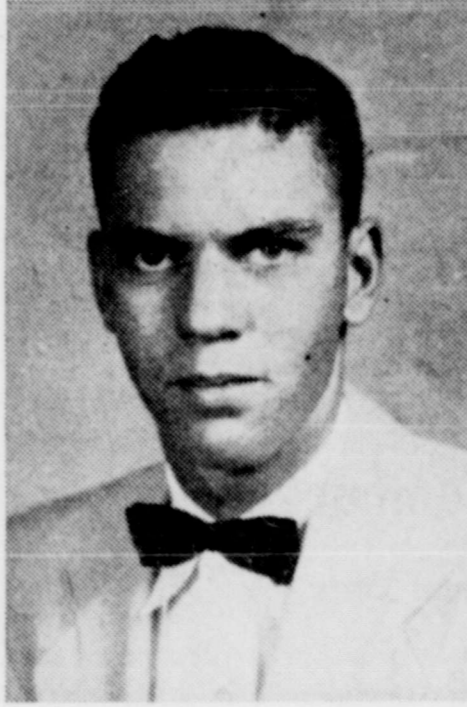
### OUR BEST WISHES

To every member of the Class of 1957. You've worked faithfully to achieve this great honor, and we extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for your success.

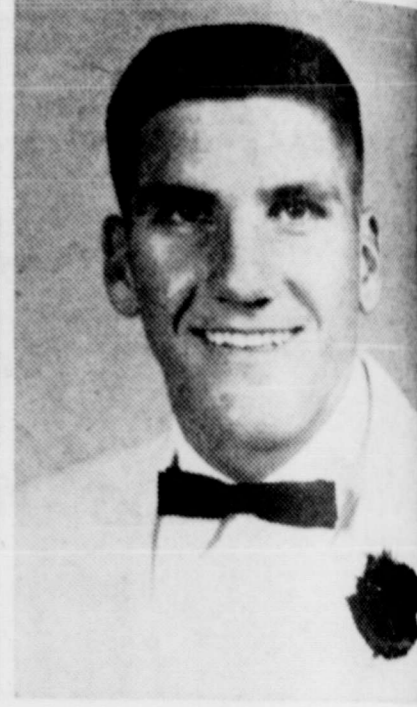
**Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard**  
Sinclair Service Station



JOE HARMON



JERRY HARMON



JACK GRAY

### We Want to Extend Congratulations

To each and every member of the Graduating Class. Robert Lee is proud of you.

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### SUCCESS

TO THE SENIORS OF '57.

They are all boys on this page, but they send their sweethearts to us.

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Beauty Salon**

### CONGRATULATIONS

To the Class of 1957  
The Biggest and Best

**Bahlman Cleaners**

### Best Wishes To The '57 Graduates

May each of you achieve a full measure of happiness and prosperity.

**Black Gold  
Angus Farms**

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson

### TO THE CLASS:

We are happy to have this opportunity to extend our congratulations and best wishes to this very fine group of graduates.

**Mr. and Mrs.  
Bruce Clift**

### BEST WISHES

To every member of this fine class of High School Graduates. May each of you achieve a full amount of success.

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Robert Lee**

**Sun Grocery  
Silver**

### To The Seniors:

We've enjoyed your goodwill and friendship through the years and our best wishes go with you.

**Foremost Dairies**

Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman  
and Brenda

### Best Wishes

for your future health, happiness and success. We congratulate every member of the class.

**ROACH'S**

### SUCCESS TO YOU

You're a fine group of young people who have achieved an important milestone in life. We extend congratulations.

**Vaughan Chevrolet Co.**

### CLASS WILL—

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weight and mean looks to Hood Gibson.

Joyce Hester wills her tiny waist line and pleasant smile to Nettie Bob.

Sharon Hester leaves to Carolyn Elliott her ability to bop and her long golden locks to Gay Hollis.

June McKinley bequeaths her freckles to Nettie Bob Bell.

Byron Russell leaves his poise, politeness and personality to Dale Dean who needs to limit his gab.

Mary Beth Schooler leaves to Gay Hollis her beauty, enthusiasm and industrious effort.

Van Schooler wills his left-handed ways plus the ability to go steady to Tom Sawyer.

Carolyn Simpson leaves her charming personality and sweet disposition and leadership ability to Charlene Robertson.

Donald Walker leaves his fast hard living and loud ways to Chunky Calder.

W. H. Wyatt bequeaths his ability to sleep through Government to Bub and hopes that he can make as good grades.

Vivian Ybarra leaves her one little knack of catching the right guy to Gay Hollis who is really out trying.

### Senior Girls Guests At Luncheon

The Senior girls of Robert Lee High School were entertained with a luncheon Saturday, May 18, in the home of Mrs. Shirley Nease. Co-hostess for the affair was Mrs. Rose Marie Davis.

The luncheon of chicken salad, baked potatoes, English peas, relish plate, hot rolls and strawberry angel food cake was served buffet style. Table appointments used were of silver, china and crystal.

Senior girls attending were Carroll Bagwell, Cynthia Bryan, Carol Geer, Nancy Fulkerson, June McKinley, Mary Beth Schooler and Carolyn Simpson.

Mrs. Nease has taught home making in Robert Lee high school the past two years.

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

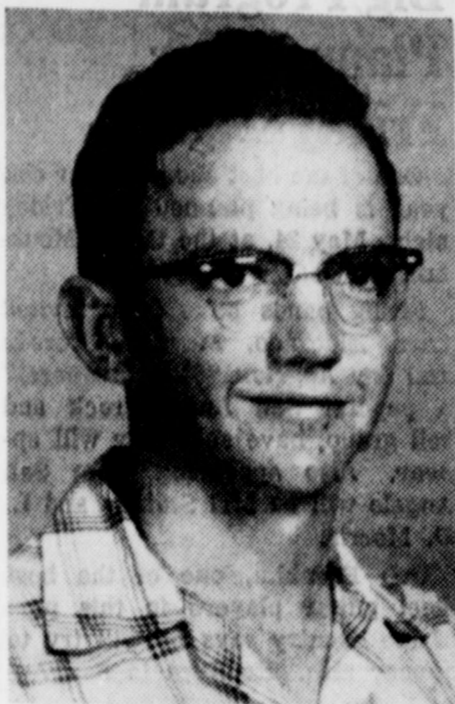




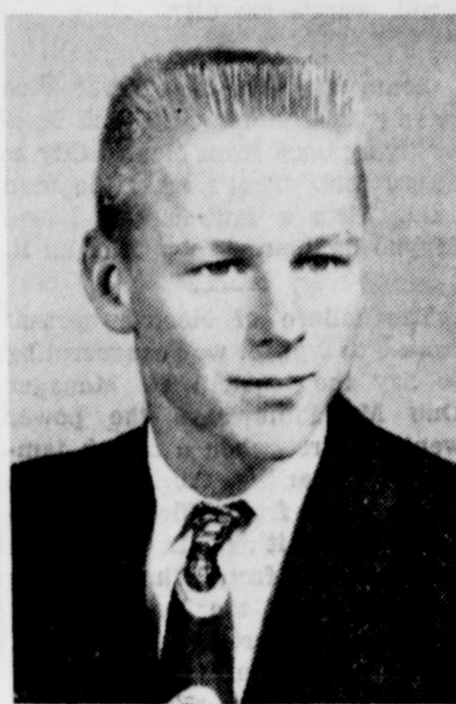
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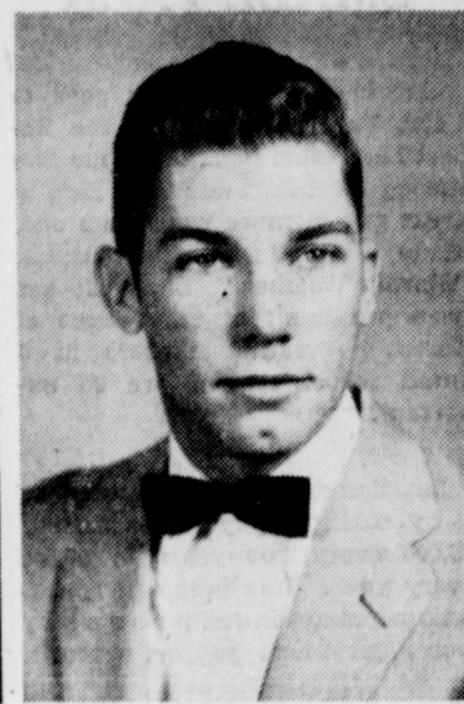
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VAN SCHOOLER

### Community is Proud Of Vivian Ybarra

Miss Vivian Ybarra, a member of the Robert Lee Senior Class, has climbed to a height which makes her an unusual graduate. She will receive her diploma this Thursday evening with the distinction of being the first Latin-American ever to graduate from Robert Lee High School. Vivian, who was born and reared in our community, is definitely a product of our school system, for she entered the first grade here and has never gone to another school.

This graduation event marks the culmination of a long process of ambition, determination, and hard work. All the citizens of Robert Lee are proud and believe that her diploma stands as a monument to what her people can do. Their interests in her indicate that the entire community thinks that investments in education for Latin-American people pay great returns.

This young lady, who has made good marks throughout her high school career, is loved and respected by all her teachers and classmates. She was chosen her freshman year as the Most Friendly Girl in high school by the entire high school and this year she was chosen by the faculty members as Miss Citizenship and received, thereby, two full pages in the High school annual.

Many friends of Robert Lee congratulate Vivian upon her graduation and wish that in the future she may achieve many more honors for herself and for the Latin-American people, whom she so ably represents.

### Church Ladies Honor Seniors At Breakfast

The Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service honored the 28 high school seniors and their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis, with a waffle breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of the church Tuesday morning from 8:30 to 9:30.

Beautiful arrangements of red roses, the class flower, centered each table, and the class colors of blue and white were used in the graduate cap place cards and for the miniature graduate favors.

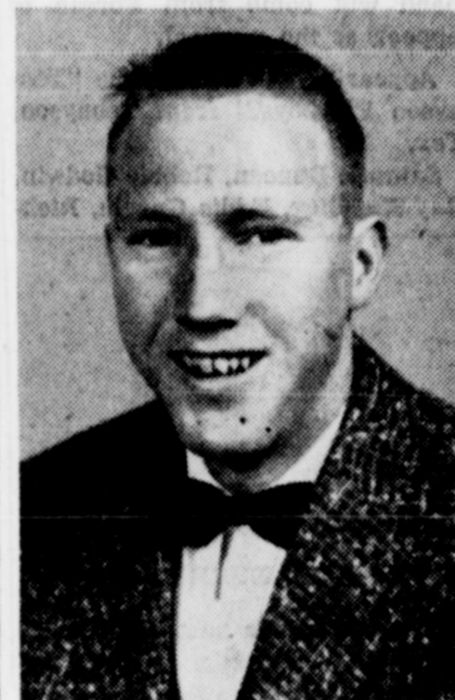
Mrs. Travis McNair was mistress of ceremonies and assisted by Martha Humphrey, Ronnie Sims, Richard Sims and Mack Tubb, entertained with a number of humorous skits and take-offs. The invocation was given by Rev. Travis McNair who also concluded the program with a short talk.

The W. S. C. S. started the custom of the senior breakfast last year with Senator Carlos E. Ashley as guest speaker.

Mrs. Lillian Blair and daughters, Nona Gay and Beckie, of San Angelo visited this week in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican.



CAROLYN SIMPSON



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VIVIAN YBARRA

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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Our bouquet this week goes to Keith Farris, director of the Robert Lee school band, upon the fine success he has achieved. He's a great guy in more ways than one. Made it rain last fall by playing "Stormy Weather." Lately he has been preaching at the Church of Christ. Versatile teachers in a small school system are so important.

Legislators surely have overdone it by asking a pay increase from \$3,000 every two years to \$7,500 every year. This proposed constitutional amendment probably won't get much support when it comes up for a vote next year. One argument for it was to pay the lawmakers enough to keep them honest. If they're not honest, they shouldn't be elected.

Speeders are wheeling through Robert Lee rampant, and nobody is doing anything about it. The city wants to put in a stop signal at the intersection where the main street from down town runs on up to the new park, but can't get Highway Department approval. As Mayor Cumbie Ivey, Jr., says it looks like someone has to get killed first. Surely the speeding is the responsibility of local law enforcing officials. Why don't they stop it!

Birthday congratulations this week to Mrs. John C. Sneed. She's 76, a long time resident of this community, and a booster for this column.

We're going to miss The Observerette during the next three months. Lots of news around the school, and those gals do a good job peering through keyholes and venetian blinds to dig up their intimate chatter. Never did learn who that couple was seen sitting on the

church steps the other night. But heck, what's the dif?

Some of the boys at Silver have been razzing me about Frank Dickey flying back from Mexico City at 50,000 feet. That's what the man said. He's a lawyer, you know. Maybe he'll prepare a brief on it.

The failure of electric current from 5 to 9 p. m. was exasperating to say the least. WTU Manager Dub McAdams says the power went off first when a switch jammed at Sterling City. Then he cut in a line from Miles and lightning knocked it out. Later he tried to use a line from Winters but it couldn't carry the load. Bronte got on but Robert Lee had to wait until several hours later to have electric service restored.

McAdams says long distance phone service was also out of order during the night. It seems the toll lines depend on the Robert Lee lines for energy. Surely that could be straightened out.

### GREEN MT. HD CLUB

Mrs. Fay Roe, home demonstration agent, gave the program on freezing foods when the Green Mountain WHD Club met in a regular meeting at the community center on May 7. Roll call was answered by three members and Mrs. Roe with "a time saving hint."

It was voted to omit the next meeting due to so many school activities.

Mrs. Glenn Waldrop was hostess. Meeting adjourned on time, with next meeting to be June 4.

Mrs. A. F. McKinley finished the school year Wednesday as teacher of the fifth grade at Blackwell. This was her first year there and she has commuted from her ranch home northwest of Robert Lee. Mrs. McKinley has been re-elected but is undecided about accepting the position next year.

## Big Program Planned For Friday Night

One of the best shows so far this year is being planned for Friday night, May 24, at the Green Mountain Musical.

String bands have been invited from Eldorado, Mertz, Forsan and San Angelo. "The Cavaliers," a popular San Angelo rock and roll group, have said they will appear. Also appearing from San Angelo will be Mel Stanley and L. D. Morris.

Gob Franklin, one of the best steel guitar players in this part of the country says he will try to appear also. He lives in San Angelo, too.

Another popular rock and roll band will come from Forsan to appear at the musical.

Appearing also will be the "Tennyson Playboys," from Tennyson, Tex.

Sammie Duncan, Robbie Godwin, Ray Shandley, Eddie Garvin, Rich-



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ard Beck, George Powers, Jack Denman will also be on hand to help round out the show.

It looks like a fine show for Friday night, so everybody come on out to the Green Mountain Musical. Show time is 8 p.m. No admission is charged for the show.

### MORE GOOD RAINS

Rainfall amounting to .70 of an inch was gauged in Robert Lee last Friday and a good half inch fell Thursday morning of this week. Farmers were busy in the fields this week with the planting of cotton and various feed crops. Total rainfall so far this year now amounts to nearly 11½ inches and everyone is optimistic over crops and pasture prospects.

### MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30

Next Thursday, May 30, is Memorial Day, which is designated as a legal holiday over the entire nation. Most Robert Lee stores and offices will be closed all day. No special observance has been planned here, but the new County Park and pool are expected to be well patronized.

Druggist and Mrs. T. W. Farr returned Tuesday from a couple of days visit with the former's brother, Charlie, at the latter's home at Lake Sweetwater. The big lake lacks only four feet from running over the spillway and contains more water than it has in many years.

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