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Four sons and four daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Havins, Coke County pioneers, were pictured while attending the annual Havins family reunion here last weekend. Front row,

left to right, Mrs. Bessie Caudle-Reed, Mrs. Bernice Roberts, Mrs. Eva Vowell and Mrs. May Winants. Top row, Fred Havins, Pat Havins, Fern Havins and Mike Havins.

## Robert Lee Was Scene of Reunion Of Havins Family

Annual reunion of the Havins family was held in Robert Lee over the Labor Day weekend. The event was climaxed with a basket dinner Sunday noon at the new air conditioned recreation hall at the County Park.

More than 100 descendants of the Havins family were present, and 30 or more guests attended. Swimming in the adjacent pool was enjoyed by many of the visitors and everyone was delighted with the new park and its excellent facilities for recreation.

All of the eight surviving children of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Havins attended. They include four boys and four girls, as follows: Mrs. May Winants, San Antonio, Mrs. Eva Vowell, Abilene, Mrs. Bernice Roberts, Schulenberg, Mrs. Bessie Caudle-Reed, Riverside, Calif., Fred and Mike Havins of Midland and Pat and Fern Havins of Robert Lee. Another brother, Roth Havins, died a few months ago in California.

Following dinner an informal program was enjoyed with Gene Roberts of San Angelo, last year's president of the group, presiding. Otto Havins of Hondo read an interesting letter which his grandfather had written telling in a humorous vein some of his early day experiences in West Texas.

Mrs. Pat Kelley of San Antonio, daughter of Mrs. Winants, reported

## BIRTHS

**HATLEY**—Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Hatley (Jean Irons) are parents of a daughter born Sept. 3 at 9:50 a.m. in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and has been named Kimmie Jay. She has three brothers, Stevie, Bobby and Tommy. The father is employed by Texas Natural Gasoline Corp., at Glendive, Mont. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley of Robert Lee and Mrs. Mae Leazebee of Chicago, Ill.

**TORREZ**—Mr. and Mrs. Tiodoro T. Torrez of Robert Lee are parents of a daughter born at 2:20 p.m. in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds and has been named Teresa Hernandez.

ed on a family history which she is compiling and already has a list of more than 1,000 descendants of the first settlers who came to America from France. They were then known as DeHavens. She mentioned tracing land grants in the capitol at Austin in which her great grandfather had been given tracts of Texas land back in 1850.

Cleo Havins was elected president for the coming year and his cousin, Mrs. Velma Hightower of Midland, was chosen secretary. Mrs. Shirley Brownfield of San Angelo served as secretary the past year.

Mrs. Reed, who came the longest distance, was accompanied by a 10-year-old grandson, Ronnie Veach. Two sons of the late Roth Havins who came to the reunion were Weldon Havins of Coronado and Tracy Havins and wife of Escondido, Calif.

An old friend of the family, Hix Sturman of San Leandro, Calif., who was visiting in West Texas, was also a guest as were Mr. and Mrs. John Vowell of Clinton, Okla.

### TOOK RESERVE TRAINING

James Coffman, associate Coke County ag agent, has returned from two weeks' of active duty with the army reserve at Ft. Polk, La. He is a sergeant with Co. B 871st Engineers Bn. at San Angelo and attends a weekly drill period in addition to the two weeks of active duty each year. At Ft. Polk the engineer reservists constructed a new air base runway, building the strip through a pine forest. James has been in the army reserve five years, starting while he was a student at A & M College. During his absence Mrs. Coffman visited in the home of her parents at Borger.

### WILL STUDY IN DALLAS

Sam Williams will enroll Monday at the Dallas Institute College of Mortuary Science for a three months course in funeral directing. For the past 15 months he has been employed by the Clift Funeral Home in Robert Lee and Bronte.

Donny Duncan and family returned last week to Glendive, Mont., after a visit with kinfolks in Bronte and Robert Lee. Donny is employed by Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. and formerly was employed at Silver before his transfer last spring to the company's new plant at Glendive.

## Stamford B Here Saturday Night For Grid Opener

Stamford high school B team comes to Robert Lee Saturday night of this week to open the local football season. Lueders had been scheduled for the first game, but was unable to field a club this year and will play 6-man football instead.

Robert Lee Steers are liable to get a real workout when they engage the Stamford outfit, even if it is against second stringers. Stamford has won the Class AA state championship the past two years which indicates they have a large squad and a capable B lineup.

Game time is 8:00 p.m. and a crowd is expected to be on hand for its first opportunity to watch the 1957 Steers in action. This is not a practice game by any means, as the Stamford contest was arranged on a home and home basis, with Robert Lee opening there next year.

Coach C. D. Manire took his squad to Winters Saturday night where they scrimmaged the Winters B string. The boys are reported to have looked good and the workout highly beneficial. The Steers made two touchdowns and held Winters scoreless.

Garland Davis, high school English instructor, is serving as assistant coach this year. He is a former Robert Lee halfback.

The squad seems in good condition, except for minor bruises and blisters, and a few sprains which should be all right by the end of the week. Danny Arthur, sophomore from Silver, was in uniform this week and is expected to be used at an end position.

Tentative starting lineup against Stamford B is as follows:

**Backs**—Freddie McDonald, left half; Bub Burson, right half; Tom Sawyer, quarterback; Don Stewart, fullback. Ronnie Sims and Gary Ledbetter are other half backs, while Johnny Walker is Sawyer's understudy.

**Line**—Troy Walls and Freddie McDaniel, ends; Tommy Gibson and Melvin Duncan, tackles; Bobby Cowley and Dale Dean, guards; Sam Skipworth, center.

It looks like a first rate starting lineup, with the reserves not too deep. Twenty-six men are on the Steer squad.

### HOUSE WARMING FOR BROWNS

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown were honored with a house warming the night of August 22 at their recently completed new home in the south part of town. The home is of particular interest, since stone from the old court house was used in its construction. The attractive residence has three bedrooms, three baths, a den, living room, kitchen and attached garage. A fence also to be from old court house stone remains to be constructed.

## Rites Held For John Lara, 78,

Death has come to John Lara, 78, well known Robert Lee resident for many years. He and his family were the first Latin-Americans to make their home here.

John had been in failing health the past few months, but worked part time this summer. He became seriously ill the first of last week and spent a few days in the Bronte hospital where he died at 8 o'clock Friday night.

Funeral services were held at the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 3 p.m. Sunday with the Rev. Travis McNair, pastor, officiating. Arrangements and burial in the new Latin-American County Cemetery here were in charge of Clift Funeral Home.

Mr. Lara was born at Brackettville April 18, 1879. He was reared in farm and ranch work and came to Coke County from Ozona 34 years ago. He married Cecelia Mendes of Del Rio in 1905. He farmed a short time between Robert Lee and Bronte before moving to town.

Surviving are his wife, Cecelia, three daughters, Mrs. Janie Tinerrina, Mrs. Julia Torres and Mrs. Pauline Balderas; and two sons, Luther and Alvin Lara, all of Robert Lee. He was the last survivor of a family of several children.

John had many friends in the community, which fact was attested by the large gathering at his funeral. He was a hard worker, honest and faithful, and he had a happy and cheerful disposition.

## Wallace Clift Will Study for The Ministry

Wallace Clift has given up his career as a lawyer to enter the ministry. He and his wife visited here recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift, and other kinfolks and left Tuesday of last week for Oakland, Calif., where he enrolled at the Episcopal sponsored Divinity School of the Pacific.

Born and raised in Robert Lee, Wallace is highly educated and for the past five years has been at Houston where he was connected with the law firm of Baker, Botts, Andrews and Sheppard. He specializes in corporation cases.

During World War II he enlisted in the Navy and attended college some time while learning foreign languages. Later he accepted a civil service appointment and spent a year in Seoul, Korea, in government work. He obtained a degree at the University of Texas and then attended Harvard Law school where he graduated with honors.

He spent two years in the government's Security Department in Washington, D. C., before resigning to accept the Houston position.

## Enrollment Off As School Opens For 1957-58 Term

Robert Lee public school opened Tuesday with an enrollment of 303, compared to 311 pupils attending the first day of school last year.

Supt. Frank D. Coalson presided at an assembly in the auditorium at 9 a.m. He welcomed students, teachers, parents and friends, gave encouragement to pupils and expressed hopes for a successful year.

Prayer was given by the Rev. Bennie Smith and he brought a brief message on the first verse of Genesis, "In the beginning..."

P. E. Webb, elementary principal, introduced his new teachers including Mrs. Joe Watterson, Mrs. Hale Kincaid and Mrs. E. W. Olson. Mrs. Jimmy Smith and Mrs. Travis McNair were introduced as new high school instructors by the principal, M. E. Petross.

Two numbers were sung by the "Bachelors," high school vocal group. They include Ronnie and Richard Sims, Jerry Dean and Don Weathers. Mrs. Jeff Dean is their piano accompanist.

Ronnie Sims also played a piano solo in Liberate style.

Because of the illness of her mother Mrs. Lillian Eastland was unable to be on hand as teacher of the second grade. Mrs. Hale Kincaid of Silver has accepted the position temporarily. She holds a master degree from Texas Tech and is a former high school teacher.

High school enrollment started with 96, with 14 of those students coming from Silver. The grades have 207 pupils, there being 40 in the third grade where two teachers are assigned. Mrs. Sam Powell reported 32 beginning pupils in her room.

O. W. Davis, Jr., 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis, underwent an emergency appendectomy Tuesday night at Coke Memorial Hospital. His condition yesterday was reported as highly satisfactory.



WALLACE B. CLIFT, JR.

After joining the law firm he met Miss Jean Dalbey, who obtained a law degree from the University of Texas and was employed in the same office. They were married a few months later.

Mrs. Clift has also given up her position and plans to devote full attention to home making and being a preacher's wife. Her parents reside in Austin.

Wallace was raised in the Methodist Church. He and his wife became interested in the Episcopalian faith when they visited a number of churches in Houston. Both have since become Episcopalians.

Wallace, who is now 31 years of age, had thought of becoming a minister since about the time he graduated from high school.



MRS. STANLEY ERWARD ADAMS, JR.

## Stanley E. Adams, Jr. Wed Aug. 23 To Christie Ann Bell, Illinois Girl

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place in Barrington, Ill., at Bellwood, the home of the bride's mother, on August 23 when Miss Christie Ann Bell, daughter of Mrs. Harold E. Bell and the late Mr. Bell, became the bride of Stanley Edward Adams, Jr., of San Angelo.

The double ring ceremony at 4:30 p.m. was read by the Rev. Joseph Williams, Episcopal minister.

The bride was given in marriage by Andrew J. Dallstream. She wore a gown of white Alencon lace applied on net over a full taffeta skirt. The bodice was designed with a scooped neckline and shirred cap sleeves. Her matching fingertip-length veil was attached to a tiny pearl cap.

She carried a white prayer book with an orchid and lilies of the valley.

The mother of the bride wore a pale blue lace over taffeta gown with matching accessories. The bridegroom's mother selected a dusty rose lace over pink taffeta for her gown, with accessories to match. Both wore appropriate color corsages.

Mr. Adams, Sr. attended his son as best man. Wedding music was presented by Mrs. Helen Roland.

A reception and buffet supper was served in the home immediately after the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Occidental College, Los Angeles, Calif., and attended the University of Texas and the University of Mexico in Mexico City.

The bridegroom, former Robert Lee resident, is a graduate of San Angelo High School, the University of Texas and attended the University of Mexico. He is attending the University of Texas Law School.

The couple will be at home in Austin following a wedding trip to Canada and New Mexico.

The bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams, and his grandmother, Mrs. J. N. Adams, all of San Angelo, were among the out of town persons attending the wedding.

Juanita Fultz of Denton was a weekend guest in the home of Editor and Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick.

## Rites Held For John H. Stroud In New Mexico

John H. Stroud, a resident of the Richland community of Roosevelt County, New Mexico since 1912, died suddenly at his home about 2:00 p. m. July 28, 1957.

Although he had suffered a heart attack about six years ago he had been able to carry on at his farm and ranch, and had no warning of the sudden attack which quickly claimed his life. Members of his family and several neighbors who were visiting the Strouds were at the home at the time.

Mr. Stroud was born November 10, 1888 in Stockdale, Texas and moved to Robert Lee, Texas when he was a small boy, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Stroud.

He and Miss Myrtle Sturman of Robert Lee were married in 1911. They moved to Roosevelt County N. M. in 1912 and have resided there since then.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stroud taught school for several years in rural schools in Roosevelt County, New Mexico. They retired from teaching in 1933 and have devoted their time since then to farming and ranching at Richland, New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle and four children, Rufus Stroud, of Albuquerque; Mrs. Lucille Cox, Artesia, Colorado; Mrs. Johnnie Gardner, Causey, New Mex.; and Jim Stroud of Houston, Texas. Eleven grandchildren also survive, Mrs. Rosalie Davis, Big Lake, Texas; Mrs. Donna Burney, Justiceburg, Texas; Jerry and Jimmy Lou Stroud of Lovington, N. M.; Warren, Kenneth and Gary Brakebill of Causey, N. M.; Don and Edwin Stroud, Albuquerque, N. M.; Enid and Iris Cox of Artesia, Colo.

There are also four great grandchildren, one brother, a twin, Jim Stroud of Levelland, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. M. J. Franklin, Crystal City, Tex., Mrs. Viva Roberts, Midland, Tex. and Mrs. Kate Pate, Clyde, Tex.

The funeral was held Tuesday, July 30, at 2:30 at the Fourth St. Church of Christ. The minister was R. L. Allen. Burial was in the Rest Lawn Cemetery, Portales, N. M.

Pall bearers were Jim Williamson, C. J. Carpes Jr., Karl Cox, Ernest Kilgore, David Massey and Clarence Fuller. Honorary pall bearers were: A. F. Jones, Ted Williams, A. L. Williamson, W. A. Strawn, J. O. Creighton, and Earl Sites.

All sisters and brothers of Mr. and Mrs. Stroud attended the funeral except Mrs. Stroud's only sister, Mrs. Mildred Warren and one brother, Hix Sturmen of Oakland, Calif., due to illness.

## PERSONALS

Marion Cox, switcher for Crescent Oil Co., near Silver, has been treated in Coke Memorial Hospital here the past week for injuries received in an oil field accident. The calves of both legs were severely cut and bruised when a valve blew out while he was at work. He is making a good recovery and expected to be released from the hospital yesterday.

Tommy Hood returned Wednesday to Austin where he will continue his studies at the State School for the Blind after a summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jett Hood. Mrs. Hood and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bobby Hood, took Tommy to Austin and returned home Wednesday night.

Miss Violet Brown returned recently from Colorado where she studied graduate work in education at Denver University. She was accompanied by her cousin, Mrs. Jessie Lemons, junior high librarian at Snyder. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Brown, Violet this week began her fifth year as a teacher at Silver.

Baylor Walker, Mrs. Virgil Streng and daughter Melissa, and Mrs. Jo Horne spent Sunday with the Gorman Walker family near Coahoma. They were accompanied home by Donnie Walker, who had spent a week with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vowell of Clinton, Okla., arrived Friday for a visit with kinfolks and old Coke County friends.

### BCD LUNCHEON

A good attendance was reported at the Board of Community Development luncheon Wednesday noon at Varnadore Cafe. Most of the business session was devoted to the discussion of highway safety, including a proposed stop sign at the intersection near the Baker Grocery & Market, and means of stopping fast and reckless driving on and near the school grounds. During the fall BCD meetings will be held only twice a month, on the first and third Wednesdays. Next luncheon meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 18.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough this week began her ninth year as third grade teacher in the public schools at Lake View. She holds a master degree in education.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb and son, Mack, and their daughter, Mrs. Vincent Hanna and sons returned Saturday night from a 17-days trip to Yazoo City, Miss., where they visited relatives of Mrs. Hanna's late husband. They also did some sight seeing enroute, including Jackson, Miss., and the battle ground and museum at Vicksburg.

Mrs. I. B. Millican is spending the week with her son, Talman, and his family on their farm near Panhandle. She made the trip with another son, Alton Millican, and his family of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown and daughter, Marsha, were recent guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. Dale is employed on a Humble drilling rig which is now working near Kingsville.

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### FOOTBALL BARBECUE

Robert Lee high school football squad and coaches were honored with a barbecue supper following practice Friday night at the stadium. Sponsored by the Quarter Back Club, the event is an annual affair and is highly enjoyed by the young athletes and gridiron fans. At a business session S. C. (Bill) Gibson was elected president to succeed Bob Godwin, and Garland Davis was re-elected secretary. Mr. Gibson is connected with the Ernest Clendennen Welding Service at Silver. He and his family reside in Robert Lee and his son, Tommy, is a senior in high school and a member of the football team. Membership tickets are again \$2.00 and a membership campaign is now under way. The club helps in many ways to boost football activities and will furnish a free supper for the team after each home game.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Brown returned the last of the week from a pleasant week's trip. They visited their son in Dallas, then went to Hot Springs, Ark., and points in the Ozarks. Mr. Brown was taking a week's vacation from his duties as a pumper on the Sterling-Coke line for Magnolia.

W. A. Eoff of Tuscola has been under observation and treatment the past week in Coke Memorial Hospital. He is the father of Mrs. W. D. McAdams.

Mrs. Melvin Childress was transferred back to Coke Memorial Hospital here Wednesday after a week in Shannon hospital where she underwent observation and treatment.

## Played With Nat'l Collegiate Band At Salt Lake City

Robert Lewis Jay returned last week from a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he attended the convention of the National Inter-Collegiate Band Association. He made the trip in his auto and was accompanied by four fellow students at Sul Ross College.

Robert Lewis was successful in tryouts and was selected as a tenor trombonist in the concert band of 140 musicians. College and universities from all over the United States were represented. Conductor of the group was Col. Santleman, retired former conductor of the U. S. Marine Band.

A guest composer was the well known Robert Russell Bennett and a premier of one of his recent compositions was played at the final concert. The band rehearsed and gave its concerts in the famed Mormon Temple.

The annual band session is sponsored by Kappa Kappa Psi, national honorary band fraternity.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay, Robert Lewis will return this week to Sul Ross where he is majoring in chemistry. He is also outstanding in band work. He was in charge of swimming and the recreation program at the County Park here this summer. Robert Lewis is married and has a son, Benie, two years old.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs and children spent the weekend at Lewisville with the former's sister, Mrs. H. L. Brod, and family.

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MRS. BILLY WAYNE ROE

### Dolores Jones and Billy Wayne Roe Wed in Church Ceremony at Silver

Miss Dolores Jones became the bride of Billy Wayne Roe on August 23 in a double ring ceremony at 10 p. m. in the Silver Methodist church, with the Rev. Charles Camp, pastor, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Jones of Silver. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roe of Robert Lee are parents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a waltz-length, ruffled lace gown which featured a scalloped neckline and long sleeves which terminated in points over the hands. The bouffant skirt was designed of lace over ruffles. Her fingertip-length veil of illusion edged in lace was attached to a comb of pearls and sequins. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and lilies of the valley. Miss Dorothy Jean McClusky was maid of honor; bridesmaids were Miss Patricia Conner, Miss Sandra Roe of Robert Lee, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Peggy Snyder of Sun Field, and Gayle Jean was flower girl. The bridesmaids' dresses were fashioned of identical color of blue cotton sateen with lace. The bouffant line making a bouffant skirt, with a bow in the back extending to the hem. They were wearing half hats of lace and mittens were also of lace. Their flowers were white nosegays of carnations.

Tom Sawyer of Robert Lee was best man; groomsmen were Moran Russell and Jerry Hurley, both of Robert Lee and John Copeland and James Black of Paris, Tex. Miss Kay Stewart, soloist, was accompanied by Mrs. P. C. Smith of Colorado City. The bride's mother chose for her daughter's wedding a blue lace

sheath with square neck dipping to a V in the back, with blue accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations. The bridegroom's mother wore a tan foille sheath, with a black chiffon drape hanging from the neckline in the back. Her accessories were black and her flowers were white carnations.

The church was decorated with three sets of candelabra banked with emerald fern. Making an arch on either end of the candelabra was a basket of white gladioli. The family pews were marked with white satin bows. A reception followed in Fellowship Hall of the church. The serving table was laid with a white net cloth, with a skirt reaching the floor.

Kenny Sawyer presided at the register and cake and punch were served by Sandra Baker and Mary Frances Wylie.

Mrs. Roe is a graduate of Colorado City high school. Her husband graduated from high school at Paris, Tex. He is employed by Hondo Drilling Co.

The couple's honeymoon was spent at Carlsbad, Ruidoso and other points in New Mexico. They are now at home in the Cortez Harmon residence, one block east of the high school.

### Silver News

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#### PERKINS-PROTHRO CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones and sons are at home after spending a two week vacation in Port Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Long of Big Spring spent the Labor Day weekend visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Millican and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey of Colorado City visited Labor Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Moore.

Visiting in the Zeddie Beal home last week were Mrs. Beal's family, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Epperson and Jean of LaPorte. Coming for the Labor Day weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Beal and boys of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Raines of Aspermont.

Bill Riggs is at home recovering from a recent illness in the Robert Lee Hospital.

Mrs. F. C. Clark visited last week in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock, at their ranch home near Medina. Mr. Clark joined her over the weekend and they returned to Robert Lee Monday.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Aug. 28—Mrs. C. F. Vowell, Mrs. B. B. Duncan, Mrs. Gale A. Brown admitted. Donnie Devoll, D. W. Riggs dismissed.

Aug. 29—Mrs. Oscar Collett, David Furr, W. A. Eoff admitted. Mrs. Ben Bessent and infant son, Robert Craig, Mrs. Robert Lewis Jay, J. L. Tinkler dismissed.

Aug. 30—Daughter born to Mrs. T. T. Torrez. Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry, Jr. admitted. David Furr, Mrs. Oscar Collett dismissed.

Aug. 31—Mrs. C. F. Vowell, Mrs. T. T. Torrez and infant daughter, Mrs. Will Fikes, Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry, Jr. dismissed.

Sept. 1—Mrs. G. A. Brown dismissed.

Sept. 3—Mrs. Sam Fowler, O. W. Davis, Mrs. Bobbie Hatley admitted. Daughter born to Mrs. Hatley. Mrs. B. B. Duncan dismissed.

#### GETS DEGREE AT TECH

Wilson Humphrey, 22 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Humphrey of Robert Lee, graduated from Texas Tech last Wednesday, obtaining a BS degree in Geology. He has a position with Humble Oil and Refining Co. and went to Corpus Christi this week to get his assignment. Wilson is a graduate of Eldorado high school and married the former Carolyn Ratliff of Eldorado. They have a daughter, Betsy, 3 years old. Wilson's mothers and his sisters, Martha, Kay and Mary, were present at the commencement in Lubbock.

Sherman Williams and Jeanie Brown came from Andrews for a weekend visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends.

R. L. Read returned Monday night from a weekend visit with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Masey on their farm near Grosvenor. He reports good crops and pastures in that locality.

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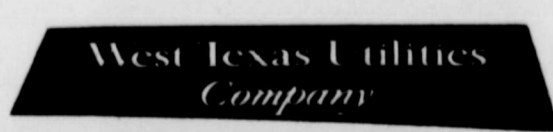


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## Silver News

**WALL** — Mr. and Mrs. Phillip T. Wall are parents of their first child, a daughter, born Aug. 4 in Clinic-Hospital at San Angelo. She weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and has been named Lisa Marie. The father is a petroleum engineer at Silver with Sun Oil Co. production department.

The annual Sun Oil Co. picnic Wednesday of last week was a fine success. Held at Central Fire Station Park in San Angelo. It provided a nice setting for afternoon bingo games, while youngsters had free access to rides in the nearby playground and swimming pool. A barbecue supper was served to 578 Sun employees, their families and guests. Sun officials attending the big event included Pres Pew and family, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Walke and son, Skippy, and H. C. Englund, Jr., and family, all of Dallas, and Pete Wendt, district field clerk of Midland.

Vernon D. Hurt and family have moved to Delhi, La., where he was transferred by Sun's gas department. A former operator at the Lake Trammel plant, he worked here the past few months at Jameson plant.

Jerome Sirus and family have moved to Silver from Colorado City and now occupy a Sun residence in Tubb Camp. He is an operator at Millican plant. Mr. Sirus is scoutmaster of the Silver Boy Scouts.

A new Jameson plant employee is John D. Mumford, who has been transferred from Dallas to become gas tester at Jameson natural gasoline plant. A former football star at North Texas State, he has been with Sun nine years. Mr. Mumford is married and has two small sons.

Ed R. Pace and family moved this week to Dallas where he will be stationed in Sun's regional office as a gas engineer. He has been at Silver more than six years and has served as field foreman and plant engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Pace have two sons, Rusty and John. The family was presented with a bridge table and chairs as a going away gift.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ashmore of Liberty visited here over the weekend with their son, W. L. (Pete) Ashmore, Sun Pipeline chief clerk, and his family. They were accompanied by the former's brother, J. W. Ashmore and wife of Oakdale, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jennings are vacationing this week at Ingleside and Corpus Christi. He is a Sun Pipeline Co. connection foreman.

Jim Hereford has returned to work with Sun Pipeline after a weeks vacation. He devoted the period to working at his new home in Colorado City which he recently purchased.

Joe Nuchia and wife of Beaumont were here last Wednesday. They attended the Sun picnic in San Angelo and were overnight guests in the McClusky home. Mr. Nuchia is safety director of Sun Pipeline Co.

Wilford LeBlanc and Richard

Villier of Winnie were weekend guests of their old friend, W. L. (Pete) Ashmore and family.

Wayne Goodwyn and wife are on a two weeks' vacation. He is a Sun production engineer.

Bob Hughes, Sun production foreman, has returned with his family from a two weeks vacation.

Mack Tunnell, Sun production field clerk, and his family are vacationing this week in East Texas.

Sun pumpers returning from vacations the past week include C. M. Haigood, John Voelkel and E. C. McArthur.

E. G. Roegels and family have returned from a week's vacation and re-opened their Sun cafe which was closed during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Jennings of Port Arthur visited here last week with the former's brother, M. J. Jennings and wife.

Willie I. Tubb was in Silver Tuesday after a Labor Day weekend at Ruidoso where he enjoyed the horse races.

Bill Archer and family of San Angelo were Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. Archer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Jameson and Jerry have returned from a vacation. They visited the Turney Jamesons at Borger and the Jerry Gallier family at Ingleside.

### SCHOOL OPENED TUESDAY

Silver public school opened Tuesday with a first day enrollment of 132. Pupils met with their teachers and were dismissed after getting books and assignments. Supt. Paul Ashby said the enrollment was up a little from the start of school last year.

Twenty-two boys from the 7th, 8th and 9th grades have turned out for junior high football, accord-

ing to Coach Guy Wheeler. Five first string men were lost by graduation but this year's squad has good possibilities and a number of them are experienced. Coach Wheeler hopes to complete his football schedule within the next few days.

### BAND TAKES A TRIP

The Silver Band members made a trip to San Antonio the 30th and 31st. They visited Brackenridge Park and the Alamo. They had a very good time riding boats, swimming and sight seeing. They went to the carnival where most of them came out broke. Adult sponsors were Mr. Donald Geer, band teacher, Mr. Al Holt, Mr. Alton Barker, Mrs. Fred Theis, and Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Jameson.

Members going were Twila Edwards, Beverly Higginbotham, Sue Parker, Sandra Higginbotham, Paul Ferrell, Norman Butcher, Stanley Post, Curtis Higginbotham, Bill Newell, Wayne Reed Jr., Jerry Jamison, Bill Ledbetter, Eddie Parker, John Paul Ashby and Johnny Theis.

### TEXAS NATURAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lambert and daughter are on their vacation. They plan to visit relatives on the Gulf Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King honored the Richard Millers with a dinner Saturday evening. The occasion was the Miller's eighth anniversary.

Alton Ledbetter from Tahoká and Ben Hale from Stanton visited with the Cliff Ledbetters over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parker and girls, a TNGC employee from Houston spent last week here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Specht and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Green and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hearn and daughter spent the weekend at Oak Creek Lake.

Leo Hatfield left last week for Glendive, Montana, where he will reside for six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Parker have in their home this week, his sister and family from Wichita Falls.

Visiting in the Glen Hodge home over the Labor Day weekend are his parents from East Texas.

Calvin and Alice Schovaja are home after a week of vacation in the Big Bend Park.

Mrs. Jim Talley and sons have returned home after spending last week visiting her parents in Pecos.

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### Notes From The Oil Field

#### Stake Wildcat on Homer Carwile

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. of Midland will drill a 7,000-foot Ellenburger wildcat in Coke County, 1½ miles north of Edith. It will be the No. 1 Homer L. Carwile.

Operations are to begin immediately.

Location, on an 80-acre lease, is 2,310 feet from the north and east lines of 183-2-H&TC.

The project is ¼ miles west and slightly north of Tucker Drilling Co. No. 1 Thompson, a 6,776-foot failure, abandoned in 1956. A drill-stem test between 6,740-76 feet recovered 180 feet of slightly oil-cut mud, 900 feet of gas and 1,440 feet of salty sulphur water.

#### RUNKLES WILDCAT

Len G. McCormick & Associates of Midland filed application to drill a 7,700-foot wildcat in Coke County, 16 miles southwest of Robert Lee. It will be drilled as the No. 1 Mrs. Sam A. Runkles.

Location, on a 320-acre lease, is 660 feet from the north and 1,996 feet from the east lines of 28-16-H&TC. Ground elevation is 2,306 feet.

The prospector is ¼ miles west of J. B. Randle No. 1 Harrington, a 7,330-foot Ellenburger failure, plugged and abandoned in 1955. Tucker Drilling Co. has the contract.

#### MENIELLE 2 TESTING

Sun No. 2 Menielle, 8 miles northwest of Robert Lee, drilled

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

The birth of a new car, the Edsel is announced by Ford Motor Company of Dearborn, Michigan. You are cordially invited to see this newest addition of the Ford Family of Fine Cars at your nearest Edsel dealer.

## Want Ads

WILL TRADE house and 3 lots in Robert Lee for Colorado City property. Call 8-3373 or write Bob Ramage, 1244 Walnut, Colorado City, Tex. 12w4p

FOR SALE—Modern 2-bedroom residence and four lots; also 3-room rent house and garage building; located on highway intersection in Robert Lee. Interested parties are requested to contact the owner, Jack Cowley. 13tf

FOR SALE — 1,200 acres of good grass. Fenced in two 600-acre pastures with new 4-wire fence. Watered with everlasting springs. \$15 per acre. One-half minerals. Terms. Jack Looney, Rt. 1, Park Hill, Okla. 44tf

FOR RENT — 2 bedroom rock house, newly redecorated. For information call GL 3-4171. 12w2p

NOTICE — Will do mowing for public. \$1.00 per acre. Roy Martin, Sterling City. Phone 8-2721. 3wp

FOR RENT — House, furnished or unfurnished, 3 bedrooms, TV antenna, laundry privileges. Apartment also. Frank C. Dickey, Sr., Phone GL 3-2581.

FOR SALE — 4-room modern house, \$3,000. See the owner, J. O. McGinley. 12w3p

FOR SALE — 150-gal. butan tank. Frank Percifull.

FOR RENT — 3 bedroom modern home, rent reasonable. Call the owner, Mrs. J. J. S. Smith, phone GL 3-3901. 13tf

to a total depth of 6,200 feet. Casing was cemented to bottom and a 3-foot section of the lower Canyon was perforated.

Some oil was swabbed Tuesday, but operators were expecting to treat the formation.

Shows in the upper Pennsylvania indicated it may also be a dual producer, as was Sun No. 1 Menielle.

Jimmy Wright of Roscoe and his baby are here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Wright. Jimmy is convalescing from recent illness.

Dave Adkins and wife of Kermit came in the last of the week to visit old friends and relatives. They were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burley Adkins.

Bobby F. Roberts is now stationed at Ft. Rucker, Ala., where he is training as a helicopter mechanic. His wife, the former Jeffe Harmon, has joined him at Enterprise, Ala., near his base. Bobby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts, completed his basic training at Ft. Carson, Colo.

Charles McDaniel and wife have been here recently, the former having completed two years of army service at Ft. Sill, Okla., where he was connected with the Medical Corps as a pathologist technician. The eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, Charles will attend school this year at the University of Texas.

### LOCAL NEWS

(Intended for Last Week)

Richard D. (Red) Day received an official notice Aug. 13 that he had been accepted as a permanent employee of Sun Oil Co. He went to work at once and is now serving as a roustabout at Jameson gasoline plant. Red has been engaged in oil field work for a number of years. He was with Younger Bros. for some time and recently had been employed by J. P. Jameson Roustabout Service.

Mrs. M. W. (Buster) Farris spent a few days last week visiting kinfolks in the Brownwood area. She accompanied a group to Burnet where they took a guided tour through the famous Longhorn Cavern. Located 4 miles south of Burnet off Highway 281, it is the third largest cave in America. Over eight miles of the underground passageways have been explored without an end being reached.

Jack Waide and family moved earlier this month to Midland where their address is 1115 Magnolia street. Mr. Waide resigned as Coke County Agent to accept a position with a freight trucking company. He was in training a few weeks at headquarters in Abilene before they moved to Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Webb have been in Brownwood this summer where Mrs. Webb took graduate work at Howard Payne College. They are in Arkansas this week visiting kinfolks.

All rooms in Coke County Memorial Hospital here were occupied yesterday with 13 adult patients under treatment and one infant in the nursery.

George L. Taylor was over from San Angelo Tuesday and stopped by to renew his Observer subscription. A former school superintendent at Robert Lee, Mr. Taylor resigned 11 years ago and moved to San Angelo. He has been connected with the Federal Farm Loan Ass'n and is now a regional supervisor for the Federal Land Bank of Houston. The Taylor's daughter, Judy, graduated from San Angelo high school last year and plans to attend Texas Tech. Their son, Bucky, is now 13 and is a junior high student.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kerley of Hermleigh looked after business matters in Robert Lee Tuesday.

FRESH HOME GROWN

**Tomatoes 2 lbs. 25c**

**Bell Pepper lb. 19c**

**PEACHES, Cock-o-the-Walk, No. 2½ Can - 4 for \$1.00**

**PEARS, Del Monte, No. 303 Can - 4 for \$1.00**

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**OLEO, Hormels - - - - - 5 Lbs. \$1.00**

**CHARMIN TISSUE, 4 Roll Pkg. - - 3 for \$1.00**

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### Light Crust Flour

25 LB. BAG - - - - - \$1.79

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**Coffee lb. can 89c**

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**Shortening 3 lbs. 69c**

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**Biscuits can 10c**

**COMET CLEANSER - - - - - 2 Cans 25c**

**TOMATOES, No. 1 Can - - - - - 2 for 19c**

**PREM - - - - - 12 Oz. Can 39c**

DIAMOND

**SPAGHETTI, with Tomato Sauce - - NO. 300 CAN 2 for 23c**

**Tide 2 lge. boxes 59c**

**SPINACH, Jack Sprat, No 303 Can - 2 for 25c**

**Bacon Squares lb. 45c**

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**Bacon lb. 63c**

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## Ferrells Drove 10,000 Miles On Trip to Alaska

A highly interesting and successful auto trip to Alaska was reported by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell following their return early last week. They came back through Pacific Coast states and visited Mr. Ferrell's mother at Los Angeles before coming on to Robert Lee.

The Ferrells set out on their journey July 21 and got back home Aug. 26. Their destination was Fairbanks, Alaska, where their son, First Lieut. Paul S. Ferrell, is stationed in the Air Force at Eilson AFB.

The period between July 30 and Aug. 10 was spent at Fairbanks. Visiting the son and his wife and two little children occupied most of their time, but some short trips in the Fairbanks area were enjoyed. They found the weather very agreeable and especially noted the long days, with sundown occurring at 9:30 p.m. and sunrise at 2:30 a.m. Fairbanks is getting up pretty close to the Arctic Circle.

The Robert Lee couple made the trip in a new air conditioned Mercury and covered a total of 9,905 miles. It is 4,200 miles from Robert Lee to Fairbanks. They experienced no serious car trouble and had only one flat. Good accommodations were available along their route and roads were better than they expected. The route through Canada is graveled, and road improvements and repairs are being made in many places.

On the trip home they turned off at Dawson Creek and took the southwestern highway to Prince

### To The Editor

#### WHAT ROBERT LEE NEEDS

Tucked into a curve of the Colorado River, just a few minutes drive from San Angelo, lies the village of Robert Lee — capital of the Land of the Rabbit Twisters.

Her history in many respects parallels that of most old West Texas towns; but, surrounded with rich lands and many resources, it has remained small and obscure. Even now it lies buried in enterprises which support thousands of people, many of whom drive from other towns daily to work.

With a fine court house, modern school buildings, modern hospital, parks, fishing, recreation facilities, magnificent lake of food water, fine roads and bridges and many other attractions, Robert Lee is still unable to get off the ground.

What's holding Robert Lee down? A man who has been staying in Robert Lee recently (he likes it here) made some observations which suggested the following points of criticism:

1. Rundown condition of property.
2. Lack of adequate sewage disposal.
3. Rough and unkept streets.
4. No sidewalks.
5. Poor system of water distribution.
6. Unavailability of building sites with marketable titles.
7. High cost of conveyancing.
8. Failure to advertise attractions.
9. Apathy and tendency to knock on part of local citizens.
10. Lack of natural gas lines.
11. Absence of public spirit.

The foregoing conditions boiled down show a situation which is not conducive to local pride. It is the individual responsibility of each local Rabbit Twister to make Robert Lee a better place in which to live, and to boost and work for a better town.

Violence is not advocated, but stop that "woodpecker brigade." Do some mature reasoning and calculating. Act now for Robert Lee.

Frank C. Dickey, Sr.

George and on down to Vancouver. During their trip down the coast cities of Seattle, Portland and San Francisco were visited.

Lieut. Ferrell has another year before his Alaska assignment will be completed. He is in charge of a statistical department for the Air Force and he and his family have good quarters on the base.

## LOCAL NEWS

Robbie Don Godwin leaves Friday for Texas A & M College where he will go out for freshman football. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Godwin of Millican Camp west of Edith, Robbie Don graduated from Robert Lee high school last spring and was an outstanding football fullback. During the summer he has been employed in oil field work at Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Percifull were hosts over the Labor Day weekend to a gathering of Mrs. Percifull's kinfolks, the Reiley family. The event was held at the Percifull cottage on Oak Creek Lake near Blackwell. Welcomed as a special guest was Mrs. Percifull's cousin, Miss Louise Tate, of Balboa, Panama, who is enroute to attend Stephens College at Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. A. B. Sheppard returned over the weekend to her home in Robert Lee after being treated for a recent heart attack in the hospital at Sterling City. The Sheppard's new filling station is closed for the present.

## H D Agent's Column

By **FAY C. ROE**  
Home Demonstration Agent

You may really think I've been on my vacation since my column hasn't appeared in a few weeks, but really I've been at work myself. Maybe things will get back to normal now that September has come and the weather is a little cooler. Speaking of cool weather, it isn't so where I am helping to reupholster a chair this week!

Seems I am spoiled at these air conditioned places and it is bad to be in these hot ones. Anyway, eleven agents, Miss Casey and Miss Charlotte Tompkins of College Station are spending this week in an upholstery school on the San Angelo College Campus. Maybe we will learn enough to compensate for our physical discomfort.

Mrs. Brent Clark of Sweetwater dropped by a few minutes to see me the other day. She requested some recipes from me and the H. D. ladies. We miss Billie in the Friendship Club and Brenda in the 4-H Club.

Mary Beth Schooler will report on her trip to State 4-H Council Workshop when the county 4-H council meets Saturday at 9:30 in my office. Other important business will be transacted. All council members and leaders are urged to attend.

Miss Lucille Moore, the Recrea-

tion specialist from A & M, will conduct a training school for boys and girls in San Angelo on Sept. 9, 10, and 11. These meetings will be from 6:30-9:30 p. m. Mrs. Jahew Jameson will attend as the leader. The boys and girls have fun as well as learn how to plan and direct the recreation. Its nice to be one of the few chosen.

Mr. Lindsey and I are making plans to visit the schools soon to work out the schedule for the regular club meetings. Some interesting programs are being planned and the yearbooks should be ready by the meetings. Hope all the old members come back and bring some new ones with them!

TRY A WANT AD!

P. W. Millican remains in San Angelo hospital at San Angelo where he has been a patient the past three weeks. He is undergoing treatment for an infection near the heart. Some improvement is reported this week.

Next week Robert Lee plays the crack Baird eleven there, and the rough Class A Santa Anna boys come here the following week. Bronte opens the season Friday night at Bangs.

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