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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICERS—Pictured above are present members of the Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District. From left to right they are: W. E. Burns and Bryan Yarbrough of Robert Lee, Robert Walker of Sanico, D. K. Glenn of Bronte and C. N. Webb of Tennyson. Mr. Webb is chairman of the group, Mr. Walker is vice-chairman, and Mr. Glenn is secretary-treasurer. These elected supervisors have as their chief function the promotion of soil and water conservation on farms and ranches in the Coke County District. The district was organized Oct. 16, 1946, and operations started in February 1948. Three members of the present board were members of the first governing body. They are Messrs. Webb, Yarbrough and Burns.

LT. JACK SNEAD HERE

First Lieut. and Mrs. Jack Snead and their little son, David, arrived Saturday for a visit with some folks. Jack has been stationed at Travis AFB in California as a member of a B-36 bomber crew. He is being sent to Stillwater, Okla., for two years study at Oklahoma A & M, and will continue flying while there. Lieut. and Mrs. Snead went to Stillwater this week to find living quarters, but will return for a visit for another week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr. and his wife is the former Glo Caraway, daughter of Miss Lillian Caraway.

Cancer Fund Exceeds Quota

Contributions to the Cancer Crusade reached \$815.20 this week, according to the campaign chairman, A. J. Kirkpatrick. This exceeds the Coke County quota of \$575 by about 140%. A couple of reports are yet to come in, but the drive is to be finished by May 16. A detailed report of the Cancer Fund campaign will be published later.

Expect to Feed 600 at Barbecue

Three hundred pounds of juicy baby beef will go on the fire early for the big Barbecue to be held Friday at the new County Park in Robert Lee. Preparations are being made to feed 600 persons and there will be red beans, potato salad, onions, pickles, bread and all the usual barbecue trimmings.

In charge of cooking the meat will be County Agent Sterling Lindsey, Henry Childress, J. O. Rudd and Commissioner Fern Havins, all experts at the business.

General chairman of the event is Robert Vaughan, with Bill Tom Roach as co-chairman. Late plans were discussed at a Board of Community Development meeting Wednesday noon.

While advanced ticket sales were not as great as expected, it was thought a big crowd will be

Year's Rainfall Over 31 Inches

Who would have thought Coke County received 31.53 inches of rain the past year?

But that's correct. From May 1, 1957 to May 1, 1958, that amount of moisture was gauged here in Robert Lee.

Rainfall since the first of the year amounts to 9.13 inches, compared to 3.90 inches for the same period in 1948.

Rain gauges are operated here by both the Soil Conservation Service and the ASC office. J. E. Quisenberry, ASC Secretary, is in charge of the report which is made to the weather Bureau.

The year's report compiled by the two gauges vary only one-tenth of an inch.

TARLETON GRADUATE

Stephenville—Robert Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Elliott of Robert Lee, is a candidate for graduation at Tarleton State College. Elliott is an animal husbandry major at TSC. Commencement exercises are set for Sunday, May 25, with SMU President Willis Tate as principal speaker.

Miles Defeats Robert Lee In District Play

Miles defeated Robert Lee 6-5 in a playoff for the District 124-B base ball championship here Tuesday afternoon. The score was tied at 5-all at the end of the regular scheduled 7 innings, and the contest ended in the tenth frame when Paul Gordon socked a homerun.

The two clubs finished the season with identical records of 5 wins and one defeat. Jerry Tinkler hurled for Robert Lee and Ben Lacey for Miles.

Robert Lee took a 5-1 lead early, but Miles got two tallies in the third and tied the count in the fifth inning.

Both sides collected seven hits, but Robert Lee is said to have thrown the game away by errors and other mistakes.

It was a sweet victory for Miles, since four other regular players had been declared ineligible a few hours before the game. They had worked out in spring drills at San Angelo College. They were Jerry Ray, shortstop, Dwain Jackson, 2nd baseman, Wilber Fletcher, 3rd baseman, and Ronnie Smith, center fielder.

Miles will now compete with Wall in bi-district competition. Wall has a good club and is favored to win.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach and children, Mrs. H. L. Scott and Mrs. W. J. Cumbie went to Odessa Sunday when they visited Mrs. D. K. Glenn.

Another Fine Rain Soaks Coke County

Coke County farmers and ranchmen are rejoicing over another wonderful rain early this week. Official gauge at Robert Lee was 1.62 inches, while the amounts varied in other sections.

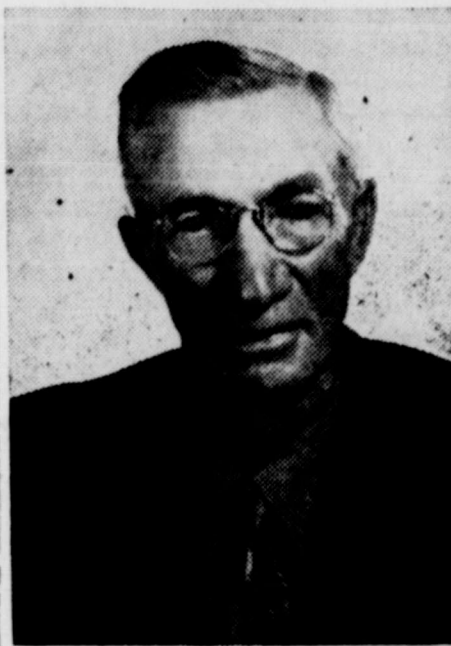
Silver reported from 1½ inches to nearly 2, Guy Denman up towards Sanico reported 2.25 inches, and most all localities had from 1½ to 2 inches of moisture.

The rains started about midnight Monday and continued several hours, with little wind and no hail. There was little runoff.

It brought the total rainfall in Robert Lee to 10.75 inches since Jan. 1st and further enhanced Coke County's best crop and pasture prospects in many long years.

A huge cat crop is in prospect and with favorable weather the grain will mature rapidly.

Candidates Must Pay \$1,800 Elections Cost



R. B. ALLEN
Democratic Chairman

Candidates running for office in Coke County this year will have to pay less toward the cost of holding the primary elections than two years ago.

This fact became known at a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee in Robert Lee Monday afternoon. Expense of holding the July 26 primary and the August runoff was estimated at a maximum of \$1,800. This includes the cost of ballots and election supplies and wages for the persons who hold the elections in the 14 voting boxes and one absentee box.

To raise the amount an assessment of 3% of the annual salary was made against all candidates for county offices, and 2% for those running for justice of the peace.

State candidates contribute nothing to the county election cost, while candidates for the legislature are taxed only \$1.00 each. The congressman, whose salary is \$22,500 per year, serves a district comprising 27 counties. Hence the assessment for each county is on a pro rated figure of \$833.

Two years ago the assessments were 7% for candidates for county offices and 4% for commissioners and precinct officers.

Here's the amounts which candidates must contribute and in order to get their names on the ballot the assessments must be made by Saturday, May 17:

Congressman (833)	.....	\$ 25.00
County Clerk (5,800)	.....	174.00
County Judge (7,600)	.....	228.00
County Treasurer (4,000)	.....	120.00
Commissioners (4,000)	.....	120.00
Justice of the Peace (1200)	.....	24.00

There is only one candidate for congress, three for county judge, two for county clerk, three for county treasurer, two for commissioner in Precinct 2, one for commissioner in Precinct 4, and five candidates for justice of the peace in Precinct 2. No candidate filed for justice of the peace in Precinct 1 (Robert Lee).

Attending the meeting Monday were R. B. Allen, county committee chairman, D. K. Glenn, Bryan Yarbrough, M. D. Chumley, Dave King, Eugene Brooks and L. C. Robbins.

It was voted to pay the election judges and clerks \$8.00 each for the first ten hours, and \$1.00 per hour overtime. Each voting box is allowed a judge and an assistant and two clerks. In boxes with more than 100 votes, the number of election officials is doubled.

One judge was appointed to be in charge of the election in each voting box and he is empowered to select his assistants. In most cases the voting precinct chairmen were picked to hold the elections.

A committee was named to meet in June to make up the copy for the primary election ballot and draw candidates' names for the order they are to appear.

Mother's Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor were Mr. and Mrs. Coy Jones of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ligon and Nancy of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Eubanks and Jeff of Midland and the J. Q. Counts family.

Repair Dam At Old City Reservoir

Repairing the dam at the old City Lake east of Robert Lee was finished last week. An 8-inch rain last October washed out the dam, resulting in a gap 90 feet wide.

Since the 200-acre tract owned by the city is leased for grazing, it was possible to get government aid on the dam rebuilding project. Both the ASC and SCS agencies cooperated.

A contract for the dam repair job was let to J. D. Harmon and equipment owned by C. E. Benningfield and T. B. Childress was also used. The contract includes widening of the dam spillway.

Cost was \$3,000 and the city will pay only 20%, or \$600.

Attending an education conference on ASC performance in Big Spring two days this week were J. E. Quisenberry, secretary of the Coke County ASC office, and Robert Forman, Mildred Wallace and Mrs. Gene Hinnard.

Good Fishing!

Steve Parker caught four nice channel catfish Tuesday night at Mountain Creek Reservoir here at Robert Lee. They were weighed Wednesday morning at Jack Capps' bait stand. One of them tipped the scale at 5½ pounds and the others weighed 3, 2 and 1 pound each. Mr. Parker had his lines attached to jugs and left them in the lake over night.



SOIL CONSERVATION STAFF—Shown above are members of the Soil Conservation service staff who assist the Coke County Soil Conservation District in carrying on its conservation program. Left to right they are L. L. Wilkins, soil conservation aid; Roland Willis, work unit conservationist, and Jim Haralson, soil conservationist.

THE OBSERVETTE

Published by Students of Robert Lee High School

Branding Iron

(SANDRA BAKER)

Most Outstanding Students

MONTY TRIMBLE

Monty Trimble, a senior at Robert Lee High School, is this week's most outstanding student.

Monty has been very outstanding in his FFA work for the past three years. He fed and showed lambs for two years, and the first year he had the reserve champion. He also had two second places and one fourteenth place, and he made a fine showing by placing eighth at Abilene. Monty was high salesman in the magazine campaign for the FFA and sold over \$100 worth of magazines for each of three years. He won an award each year for the achievement, and he also won a trophy for the highest three year average. Monty was a member of the chapter that conducted grass judging and wool and mohair judging.

Monty's athletic ability also adds to his outstanding work in school activities. He played baseball his first year in high school and then changed his sport to basketball. He has played two years of basketball in which he made first string both years. Monty played guard on the team and was especially recognized when he made all-tournament at Christoval his first year to play. He has also played in the band for four years.

Monty's time was not always taken by his school work and school activities. He worked at the Thompson Service Station his sophomore year; also he worked on the building of the new Robert Lee State Bank.

Monty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Trimble of Robert Lee. He has received a scholarship and expects to attend the Draughon's Business College in Abilene.

GAY HOLLIS

Another outstanding student in Robert Lee High School is Gay Hollis. Gay is a senior at our school and she is certainly a senior to be proud of. She is 5'6" tall, weighs 115 pounds, and has blond hair and blue eyes. Gay's favorite foods are sea foods; her favorite color is blue, and her favorite sport is football.

Gay has attended several schools, including Electra, Tex., Kermit, Tex., Colorado City, Tex., and Robert Lee, Tex. She was transferred to Robert Lee and has gone to school in Robert Lee for two years. During Gay's school years she has been in many school activities and clubs, including the Spanish Club, band and the library club. Gay was secretary of the Robert Lee Band for two years and has done a very good job as tympany player and bell lyra player in the concert band. She was also elected football sweetheart this year. In Colorado City, Gay was secretary of her class.

Gay has also managed to keep a high average in her school work in connection with all her school activities.

Gay's plan after graduation is to work as a secretary in Colorado City.

Overheard On The Range

(CONNIE WEATHERS)

In English class, Mrs. Coalson asked Morgan Ashworth to give a definition of a collision; "when two motorists go after the same pedestrian," answered Morgan.

When Mary McNair went fishing with her dad the other day; she looked up at him and commented, "Dad, would you buy me a new cork? This one keeps going under!"

One day Ronnie Sims was driving his car down from the school house, with Bonnie sitting close. Mr. Petross stopped him and commented, "I was looking for a new car but I don't want this one. It takes two to drive it."

In government class Hoot Gibson defined a politician like this: A person who, when not running for the people, is running from the people.

Glenda Blair wasn't at school Tuesday morning. Was it really a headache, Glenda? (or a heart ache?) Shame on you, Paul.

READ THE WANT ADS.

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Appreciation Of The Staff

(MARTHA HUMPHREY)

Just one more week and school will be out. If you've noticed the glow on the faces of the Observette staff and Library Club members, I'll tell you why. After a year of hard work, these kids are getting an award. In an end-of-the-year assembly, they will receive pins for their work.

All year the members of the Observette Staff have turned in articles for the newspaper. They have written at least one a week. This is a hard job, and most of the students won't even attempt a job like this. The staff did all this work unaware that they would receive an award.

The Library Club members who serve in the place of a paid teacher have also been busy all year. They have worked constantly even from the beginning of school. Every member of the club works at least one hour a day checking books in and out and collecting fines. We've gone to school at least 180 days this year, and each of them have worked at least that many hours.

When the end of school drew near, these two clubs found that they wouldn't be able to buy awards with the money they had.

Something had to happen, and they came up with this idea. The two staffs got together and they decided to have a "Most Likely To Succeed" contest.

The contest was to be run for a week. There were to be two elections from Junior high and two from High School. The votes were a penny apiece.

Now the contest is over and the two clubs wish to express their appreciation to all those who cooperated in this contest. Without the backing of their school, the two clubs wouldn't have been able to buy awards for their outstanding members.

Here's a big THANK YOU to all the students at Robert Lee High School from all the members of the Library Club and the Observette Staff.

NEW STUDENT

The small seventh grade which numbered 16 now has 17. The new pupil is Barbara Swindle. She attended school at Cowden Junior High in Midland before she came to Robert Lee. Barbara has gone to school here before. We're glad to have her back again!

MOST SUCCESSFUL

Freddy McDaniel and Gayle Lewis were named as the Most Successful in 1958 in High School. Ann Carwile and Barbara Gray were Junior High winners.



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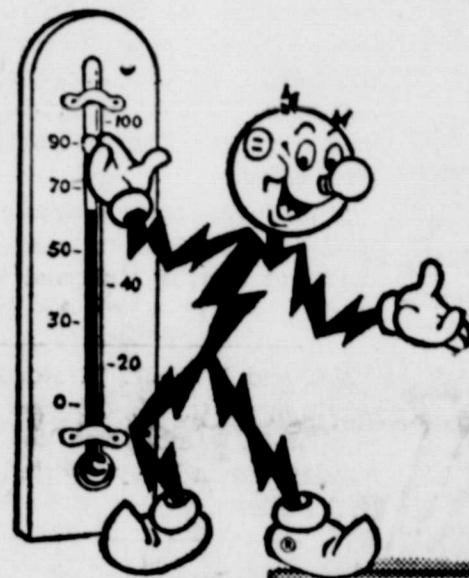
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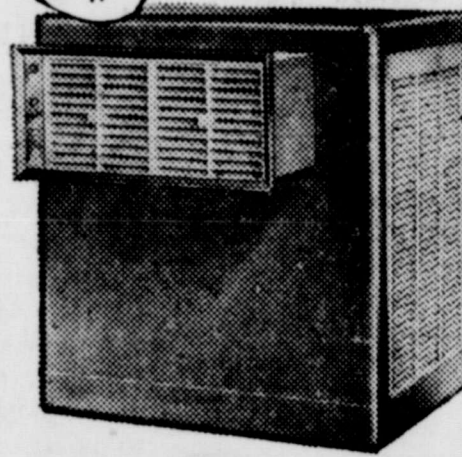
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Meet Mrs. La Rhesa McNair

In an interview with Mrs. McNair, she stated the following: "I was born many years ago in Burnet County, near Marble Falls, where my great grandfather built his first home in Texas. "I went from Marble Falls High School to Sam Houston State Teachers' College, Huntsville.

"Then I taught in public school in Hardin County, near Houston. Later I returned to college, became interested in nursing and entered training. During the last year of training, I met an ex-professional baseball player, who was assisting my supervising nurse. (I made some very low grades that term which brought down my average.)

"After graduation, I was sent to Arizona for a month to establish the Tuberculosis Nursing program at a state hospital. Upon returning to Texas, I found competition so great, with so many graduate nurses around and the one above mentioned ex-pro athlete, who had now trained for hospital work, also. I felt it safer to marry him and remove him from competition, little realizing how complicated hospital life could get without any graduates around.

"We, Travis and I, opened the Laredo City-County Hospital in April before Pearl Harbor. After a few months of no help, little equipment and less money for running the place, I caught him one day offering his services to Uncle Sam. But Uncle, evidently, thought that fighting disease in a border town was war enough for a couple, so we stayed till 1946.

"Now I look back with some amusement at such times as my having to nurse, cook and wash dishes, and Travis having to superintend the hospital, do all buying, run X-ray and out-patient clinic, do janitor work, and help me fight black magic and home remedies of superstitious origin that cropped up periodically. All this was done with only a faithful yard man to assist us, during a big celebration "across the river" because there was no help to be had.

"I still remember the time, during a storm, when Travis stood drenched in the wind and rain holding a blown-off door over a pneumonia patient after the wind had blown away most of the patient's room. Again there was the time the hospital (originally built for a "pest house") was flooded, and we had to move thirty men and women, and ourselves into one ward for the night.

"After six years of this, a state salary and "routine" looked extremely inviting to us. Travis became bookkeeper for the state hospital and I, Educational Director of Nurses. Life was good! Routine permitted us to get back into an earlier custom that we had been missing terribly — that of going to church.

"Then, as though all our lives had been working toward this move, yet without our ever having discussed it, Travis announced his plans to enter the ministry. Within two months from the day he told me his plans, we had both resigned our positions; we'd moved to San Angelo; he



MRS. TRAVIS McNAIR

had enrolled at SAC; I had a job at Shannon, and he had been given pastorate of two small churches.

"No other period in my life have I had such a "continued attack" of "butterflies." Unless, perhaps, it was three years later — Travis was in school at McMurray and pastoring Ovalo and Lawn Churches — when a telephone call at noon one day gave this message: "Come after me at noon tomorrow! I'm yours, Mary." Travis and I, unable to sleep that night and drinking buttermilk at 2:00 a. m. said "Let's go get her now." Now, five years later, many nights

I feel I really need that sleep I lost then!

"But this is to be a teacher's story; I have taught in three eras and areas of education. In my first era, it was fashionable to try to keep students from finding out how much the teacher didn't know. That didn't bother me. I was very young and just out of first year college. There wasn't anything I didn't know!

"My second era was a more sobering experience. In teaching nurses one ceases to laugh at the old joke about doctors and nurses being able to "bury" their mistakes. There was never time to teach all that you wished new nurses to learn.

"In this my third era, that of teaching students science and reading, I've come to adopt the policy of "Let's see how much we can learn together.

"After May 23, my prime interest will be homemaking at the parsonage, with a special welcome sign on the door for all students."

Robert Lee students feel very lucky to have had such a star and versatile teacher in our school. Because of the strong feelings of love and appreciation for this happy teacher, who has instilled Christian principals in all of us, we hate to lose her. Although she will not be here in person, we feel that her influence will remain with us for a long time to come.

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

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Ladies Play Vital Role

(JANE AUSTIN)

The lunchroom ladies play a vital part in the betterment of our well being. In cooperation with Mrs. Betty Hodge, they prepare and serve attractive, nutritious lunches. I'd like to briefly comment on each of the staff of our high school lunchroom.

Mrs. Mauldin, the attractive grandmother of Ronnie and Richard Sims, usually dishes the salad at noontime.

Mrs. Harmon has a busy job, making sure there is enough "salt for the beans" and cooking other main dishes.

Mrs. Roe, whose native country is England, has a ready smile for "diners."

Mrs. Carwile makes sure everyone gets some delicious dessert.

Mrs. Manire isn't a full time worker, but can always be depended on in case someone is absent. She could set a record when washing dishes at such a fast rate.

These ladies work as a group, doing whatever duties are necessary in preparing the lunch; then at noon time, they take their position at some specific dish, so the long line of hungry "gourmets" may be served as quickly as possible.

A regular day for the lunch-

room ladies starts at 8:00 a. m. and ends when all the dishes have been washed which is about 3:00 p. m. Beside the regular duties, the staff is often called on to prepare food for banquets held at the school.

CORRECTION

We failed to mention in last week's paper that Mrs. Mauldin was one of those who assisted in cooking for the Junior-Senior banquet. Thanks to Mrs. Mauldin and other banquet cooks for the good work.

Lunchroom Menu

May 19 — Bar-B-Q beef on bun, whole kernel corn, apple-celery salad, buttered bun, ½ pt. plain or chocolate milk.

May 20 — Steak fingers, buttered rice, creamed peas, carrot sticks, hot rolls, butter, apricot or prune preserves, milk.

May 21 — Boiled beans, steamed cabbage, baked potato, fresh green onion, cornbread muffins, butter, blackberry cobbler, milk.

May 22 — Italian spaghetti, sliced American cheese, combination salad, green beans, hot rolls, butter, chocolate chip cookies, ½ pt. chocolate or plain milk.

May 23 — Hamburger patties on buttered bun with fresh lettuce, tomatoes, onions and pickles, English pea salad, fritos, cherry cobbler, milk.

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Robert L. Jay To Get Degree At Sul Ross

ALPINE—Sul Ross State College officials have announced that a total of eighty-five candidates have met the requirements for the Bachelor or the Master degree.

Included in the list of May graduates was Robert Lewis Jay, a graduate of Lake View High School. Completing work toward a major in Chemistry, he will be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree. Robert is a member of Alpha Chi Scholarship Society and an outstanding member of the Lobo Band. He has also served as President for Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity.

Robert and his wife, Pansie, and their small son, Benjy, will move to his home town of Robert Lee where he will direct a summer recreation program for the second year and will teach science and direct the high school band the coming year.

AT BANKERS MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Cumble Ivey, Sr. returned Tuesday night from Houston where they attended the Texas Bankers Convention. Registrations for the event were more than 2,000. Mr. Allen is president of the Robert Lee State Bank and is chairman of District 6 of the State Bankers Association. Mr. Ivey is a director of the Robert Lee State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wanker of Hill City, Kans., visited here over the weekend with their son, F. L. Wanker, and family.

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JUDGE HAMILTON

Hamilton Seeks High Court Place

A three-way contest for one of the positions on the Texas Supreme Court was revealed with the passing of the filing deadline last week.

First to file for Place I, which will be vacated by St. John Garwood who is not a candidate for re-election, was the Chief Justice of the Eighth Court of Civil Appeals.

He is Judge R. W. Hamilton, a 58 year old former school teacher-turned-lawyer, who once coached a state championship football team.

Upon release from military service in 1919 after World War I, Hamilton took up teaching and coaching and in the 6 years that followed, taught at Plainview, where his team won state honors in 1919—also at Sonora, San Marcos and finally back at Tyler near his family farm at Troup where he was reared.

Judge Hamilton is basing his campaign entirely upon his 31 years experience as lawyer and judge.

His law practice began at Tyler in 1827. In 1929 he was County Attorney at Martin County. In 1933 he was District Attorney of the 70th Judicial District. He engaged in general practice at Midland from 1935 until 1950, when he was elected Judge of the 70th

Judicial District which he had formerly served as District Attorney.

In 1953 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Eighth Court of Civil Appeals and was elected in 1954 without opposition to a full term of that office which he is now serving.

Mrs. Hamilton is the former Lois Rogers of San Antonio. The Hamiltons have two daughters, Emily and Ann, both attending the University of Texas, and a son, Robert, Jr., attending A & M College.

County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

We have received several calls about spraying pecan trees to control the nut casebearer. It is still too early to spray to control the casebearer. The insecticide would lose its strength before the casebearer egg hatches and the larva becomes exposed.

I imagine the last week in May will be the best time to spray in this area. It is still too early to tell. The casebearer is presently feeding in the tender limbs and will make a complete cycle before he emerges again to enter the nut. This cycle takes from 20-50 days.

I will be checking some trees along and try to keep you informed on what we are able to determine.

Some of you may have missed James or me during the past two weeks. Week before last I was out of the county assisting in judging the District Rural Neighborhood Progress Program. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to see the various communities in action and to view the countryside of the District this spring. Both were pleasures. Some of communities showed considerable progress and showed unlimited community spirit. We judged communities in Real, Blanco, Llano, Coleman and Runnels Counties.

James attended a livestock marketing school in Ft. Worth last week. He had an enjoyable stay there and picked up valuable information on livestock marketing.

We have been weighing some of the litters lately belonging to the 4-H club boys in the County Swine Improvement Program. Some of the boys had outstanding weights from their litters. A couple of the boys had small litters that kept them from having higher litter weights.

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GRADUATION MAY 23

Commencement exercises of the Robert Lee high school has been set for Friday, May 23, with B. C. Goodwin, former superintendent, giving the main address. Sixteen seniors will get diplomas. Next week's Observer will feature commencement, with pictures of the graduates, announcement of scholastic winners, class will, class prophecy, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mauldin and children, Jana and Donnie, are here from Corpus Christi for a two weeks vacation. They are guests in the parental homes of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives and Mrs. Jim Mauldin.

Mrs. Lorene Stratford departed Friday for her home in San Francisco, Calif., after being called here three weeks ago by the death of her mother, Mrs. W. F. Fikes. Mrs. Stratford made the trip by air from San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Tryon of East Texas and their daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Biggs of Orange, visited in Robert Lee this week in the Mrs. Bettie Tubb and Arthur Tubb homes. Mrs. Tryon is a niece of Mrs. Tubb and a cousin of Arthur.

Will Woods returned to his home here last week from a stay in Shannon hospital at San Angelo. His condition is somewhat improved and he is able to be up and around the house part of the time.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Observer has been authorized to announce the following candidates for public office, subject to the Democratic Primary Election, July 26, 1958.

For State Representative, 77th District

PARKER NUNLEY

For County and District Clerk

J. L. (CHILLY) TINKLER
CHARLIE BOECKING

For County Judge and Ex-Officio Supt. of Schools

JEFF DEAN
ERNEST IVEY

W. W. (BUD) THETFORD

For County Treasurer

MRS. GERTRUDE GRAY
MRS. LILLIAN CARAWAY
ANNIE LAURIE FOREHAND

For Commissioner, Precinct 2

HOWARD BROCK

HOSPITAL NEWS

May 7—W. J. Capps, Rick Harris admitted. Marion Godwin admitted. Mrs. Ray Sparks, Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry dismissed.

May 8—Mrs. Elmo Bell admitted. Mrs. Dona Roberts dismissed.

May 9—Rickey Harris, Palmer Leeper, Aletris Ackerman, Frank Smith dismissed.

May 10—Ganell Gregston admitted.

May 11—Mrs. Oscar Collett admitted.

May 12—Jim Ybarra, Mrs. Herbert Payton admitted. W. Capps, Mrs. C. E. Mathers dismissed.

May 14—Jim Ybarra dismissed.

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

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I have sold my cleaning plant in Robert Lee to my younger brother, Nelan, since my business in Sweetwater is now demanding all my attention.

Nelan knows the business well and has had charge of the Robert Lee plant the past two years. He aims to render the best possible service at all times, and I feel sure he will meet with continued success.

Myself and my family appreciate the many friendships we made during our stay in Robert Lee. Thank you all.

Melvin Bahlman

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Boy Scouts
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The Boy Scouts of Troop 61 of Robert Lee attended a district camporee at Camp Sol Mayer, Menard, May 9 and 10. Those attending the camp were Godwin, Jimmy Caraway, Jacobs, Derwood Coalson, W. Davis, Loyd Daniell, Tom Blair, Bill Roach, Robert Hol, C. L. Sparks, Tony Dean and McArthur. Mr. Bob God, Mr. Frank Coalson, and P. Webb accompanied the boys.

The program opened with a fire Friday night. The boys from the different troops presented and sang songs. On Saturday morning the boys engaged in the different contests, namely, silent signaling, first aid, knot tying, wall scaling, string burning. The local boys entered in two patrols. Both won blue ribbons. This earned them an additional two blue ribbons to add to their collection which they have won previously. The ribbons are being placed in their tent.

The local troop will hold a Court of Honor next Monday evening, May 19, at 8:00 p. m. at the Scout House.

Scout House. The Scouts invite those people who would like to come to be their guests at that time. Tenderfoot badges will be presented to James Calder, Mike Krall, Marshall Manire, C. L. Sparks and Dick Waldrop. Clark Godwin, Jimmy Caraway, John Jacobs, Wayne McArthur, Robert Holland, Bill Roach, O. W. Davis, and Derwood Coalson will receive second class badges.

The local troop will leave for summer camp Sunday, June 1, at 1:30 p. m. from the Scout House. They will spend one week at Camp Sol Mayer, returning Saturday evening, June 7 about 5 p. m.

COMMISSIONERS COURT
Coke County Commissioners Court held its regular sessions the first and second Mondays this month, with Judge Jeff Dean presiding and all commissioners present.

Among matters disposed of was the fixing of assessments for personal property for 1958. Horses and mules are to be valued at \$40, cattle the same figures, and sheep and goats were raised from \$2 last year to \$4.

New autos of the Ford-Chevrolet-Plymouth group are to be assessed at \$500, and all others at \$700. Heretofore, the value was the same on all cars regardless of price. The figure is reduced as the cars become older. New tractors will be assessed at \$400.

Frank Dickey, Sr. was employed to assist his son, County Attorney Frank Dickey, Jr., in negotiating for right of way needed for widening Highway 70 north of Bronte. The following offers were made to the land owners:

- F. S. Higginbotham\$3,673
- Gladys Mae Sims \$2,000
- Edward M. Cumbie..... 1,000
- Paye Scott 750
- J. D. Lightfoot 160
- August West Estate 103

At the board meeting this week it was reported the land owners did not agree to the offers, and condemnation proceedings will be instituted and a board will be appointed to fix the amount of damages.

The Commissioners Court organized as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing the value of all taxable property for the year 1958. First meeting will be June 4 and will be continued thereafter.

Milton Wylie suffered a heart attack early this week and is a patient in Shannon hospital. Former Robert Lee resident, Mr. Wylie has resided in San Angelo the past few years.



OWEN COSGROVE will deliver the sermon at Baccalaureate services of Robert Lee high school seniors Sunday night, May 18, at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium. A former resident of Robert Lee and Bronte, Bro. Cosgrove now resides at Alpine.

LIGHTNING DAMAGE
During the thunder showers Monday night lightning struck in several localities. A transformer near the Sun gas plant in the Millican field was damaged and the plant was closed for 15 hours. The transformer was owned by West Texas Utilities Co. Lightning struck near the Mrs. J. E. Roane farm house, just west of town, which is occupied by the Jim Blair family. A butane line was damaged and fire broke out. Mr. Blair discovered the blaze early and it was extinguished before causing much damage. A bolt struck near the Calvin Sparks home just across the river southwest of town. Only damage was to the electric installation.

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 the said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse in the town of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., beginning on Wednesday, the 4th day of June, 1958, 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 determined for taxable purposes for the year 1958, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.
J. L. Tinkler
County Clerk, Coke County.
Coke County
Robert Lee, Texas
this 12th day of May, 1958.
Publish May 16 and 23.

Want Ads

FOR SALE OR RENT — Mrs. Slaughter's rock house in Robert Lee. See S. R. Young. 48w4c

FOR SALE—19 model Philco refrigerator, standard size, priced at \$45. Must sell in two weeks. Keith Farris, GL 3-3921.

FOR SALE—14-ft. Lone Star fibre glass boat; 15 h p Evinrude motor; Lone Star factory trailer; all like new; will finance. Ivey Motor Co.

FOR RENT—Furnished house, 3 rooms and bath. Mrs. H. L. Scott.

FOR SALE — 3-bedroom home one block from business district. No down payment. Payments like rent. First payment six months after purchase date. If interested contact the owner, J. C. Strickland, 213 Iris St., San Angelo, Phone 213063. 38tfc

Concerning
Jeff Dean

Judge Dean is definitely better. He has had the hardest lick of any person in Coke County. He has been knocked to his knees and then flattened out, but he is high on the road to recovery.

Before he became ill, he was the out-standing County Judge of Texas. His election as President of the County Judges Association was an unmistakable recognition of his outstanding qualities. Since he became ill, he has attended to all of the business of his office. No one has suffered and no one will suffer for lack of attention to his duties.

Arthritis has knocked him down and bent him double but, it has not whipped him. He has fought the best fight that could be fought. He is winning fast. He is back on the job. Go to the courthouse when he should be there. He is there. Ask him about any pending business; he will give you an intelligent answer.

Right now, he is doing a good job; he is on the job.

He was working for us when the savage illness struck him; and, all during the agonizing months, he kept up with his work. He has put up the gamest and best fight possible. It has taken all he and his family could make to keep body and soul together.

Should the people of Coke County fire Judge Dean?
It just don't seem fair.
(Paid Political Adv.)

DEATH OF MRS. BROWN
Lee R. Brown of Robert Lee mourns the death of his mother, Mrs. Sam Brown, 83, who died Friday morning in Malone-Hogan Hospital in Big Spring, following an illness of three weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Kiker & Son chapel in Colorado City and burial was in Cuthbert cemetery.

Born in Robertson County on June 6, 1874, she married Sam L. Brown in Turnersville on Dec. 29, 1892. The couple went to Mitchell County in 1905 and farmed in the Cuthbert community. Mr. Brown died in 1951. Mrs. Brown had made her home recently with a daughter, Mrs. Minnie McCarty, at Big Spring. She was a member of the Cuthbert Methodist Church. She is survived by nine sons and four daughters.

BUYS CLEANING PLANT
Bahlman Cleaners in Robert Lee is now owned by Nelan Bahlman, who has purchased the plant and business from his brother, Melvin. The latter moved to Sweetwater two years ago where he established a new cleaning business, and Nelan has been operating the Robert Lee plant on a lease basis. Nelan and his wife have bought a home in Robert Lee.

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School Board Re-Elects Its Old Officers

At a called meeting of Trustees of the Silver Peak school district Monday night, all officers were re-elected. They include:

Jack McCallie, President.
Arch Mathers, Vice-President
W. L. Ashmore, Secretary.

New members taking their place on the school board were Roy Walker and Jack R. Denman. Hold over members are J. P. Jameson and Bob Odom.

It was voted to discontinue competitive football and basketball for the 5th and 6th grade boys. In the future Silver will have only junior teams to be composed of boys from the 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

School buses will be made available to transport Silver's three base ball teams during their summer league season.

Alton Barker and Ed Wright, school custodians, will be employed during the summer to take care of general repairs and maintenance.

Next regular school board meeting will be Monday, May 19.

SILVER NEWS ITEMS

C. N. Aldridge has returned to work at Jameson natural gasoline plant after a few days illness with tonsillitis.

A. D. Leonard and V. M. Duncan, Jameson plant employees, were on vacation last week. Mr. Leonard and his family visited relatives at Tyler.

Mrs. J. D. Jett submitted to a tonsillectomy last Saturday in Clinic Hospital in San Angelo. She is making a good recovery and returned to her home in Tubb Camp Tuesday.

Mrs. L. K. McKinnon came home Sunday from the Colorado City hospital where she underwent treatment for a twisted knee and torn ligaments received in a fall. She had been working at Odom Cafe and her place there is being filled temporarily by Mrs. Buster Jones.

W. E. Moore and wife joined Robert Lee friends in a weekend at Oak Creek Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jennings enjoyed a visit last week from the former's brother-in-law and sister from Port Arthur.

C. M. Haigood, Sun pumper, is taking a vacation of two weeks. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Haigood, came from Cheyenne, Okla., and the group has gone to South Texas to visit the Elvin Haigoods at Freer and the Melvin Haigood family at Premont.

M. J. Beardon, Sun production gang pusher, is taking a two weeks vacation. He and his wife have gone to North Carolina. Delbert Shoemaker, gang derrickman, is also on a two weeks leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson spent the weekend at Big Lake with their son, G. A. Jameson and family.

Jerry Mullican and family and Lee Mullican of Lubbock were weekend guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican.

Mrs. Vern King of Lampasas has been a guest in the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. S. Anderson and husband. Mrs. Anderson and her niece visited relatives at Slaton and Odessa during the past week.

Silver Home Demonstration Club members and their families enjoyed a covered dish supper Thursday night of last week at Sun Recreation Hall.

Mrs. Ern Mathers was dismissed early this week from Coke County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee where she underwent major surgery recently. She is making a good recovery and is now, convalescing at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Higgins, in Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Copeland of Henderson visited here last week

with their daughter, Mrs. Bob Edwards, and family. They also stopped in Abilene to witness the junior college track and field meet in which their son, Gus Copeland, was one of the contestants.

WAYNE GOODWYNS BEREFT

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Goodwyn received the tragic news last Friday that her brother, a Navy flier, had been killed at San Francisco. He and another officer had just taken off from a nearby base when their plane exploded in mid-air over San Francisco bay. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwyn left at once for Dallas and took a plane early Saturday for San Francisco to be with her brother's wife and children.

Graduation At Silver Set for May 22

Graduation exercises of the Silver Public School has been set for next Thursday, May 22, at 8:15 p. m.

Thomas Russell Whitaker will give the salutatory address and Linda Pearl Dean is valedictorian. The commencement address will be given by the Rev. Ray Sparks, pastor of the Silver Baptist Church.

The class of 13 graduates from Silver Junior High School includes Glenn Wayne Arledge, *Linda Pearl Dean, *Betty Marie Gilbert, Jerry Merle Jameson, Raymond Wayne Jones, Larry Earl Lindsey, William Patrick Lomas, Oliver Wendell Newell, Jr., James Owen Palmer, Glenda Sue Parker, Wayne Stanley Reed, Jr., *Thomas Russell Whitaker and *Douglas McArthur Wilkes.

*Denotes with honors.

John Stewart New President Silver Lions

Silver Lions Club at its regular meeting last week chose the following new officers:

Pres., John T. Stewart.
1st Vice-P., R. S. Anderson.
2nd Vice-P., Oscar Higginbotham.
3rd Vice-P., R. L. Coffman.
Secy-treas., W. W. Paul.
Tail Twister, Myrle Jameson.
Lion Tamer, George Fugate.
Directors, Vaughan S. Davis, Fern Havins.

Retiring President W. L. (Pete) Ashmore will automatically become a member of the board. Holdover directors are Marshall Jennings and Don Gressett. Installation of the new officers will take place at the last meeting in June.

Secretary Bob Coffman was awarded a pin for having rendered 100% service during the year.

The Lions Club sponsored miniature golf course will be completed as soon as possible. The building to house equipment and a refreshment stand is up and work on laying out the course is to start at once.

Members of the Lions Club are busy now canvassing for subscriptions to the Robert Lee Observer. Both renewal and new subscriptions will be taken and the club will retain a commission on all money taken in to be used in furthering their various community projects.

"Conservation means intelligent utilization of our resources today and their maintenance for the use of our children tomorrow."

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PARTY FOR DEANS

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dean and their children will be honored with a going away party Monday night, May 19. A station operator for Sun Pipeline Co., Mr. Dean was recently transferred to Woodville.

He is taking a two weeks vacation and will arrive this weekend to be present for graduation exercises next week and to prepare to move his family to their new home.

LUNCHROOM MENUS

May 19: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, English peas, light bread, butter and milk.

May 20: Boiled beans, cabbage slaw, pickles, fruit cocktail, corn bread, butter, milk and peanut butter cookies.

May 21: Fried chicken, gravy, new potatoes, green beans, light bread, butter, milk and honey spice cake with white icing.

May 22: Sauerkraut, wieners, whole canned tomatoes, sweet potatoes, hot rolls, butter, milk, honey.

May 23: Salmon loaf, buttered corn, pear halves, light bread, butter, milk, honey-n-bran muffins.

SUN WAREHOUSE FIRE

A fire in the north end of a warehouse at Sun Oil Co. production yard Monday morning was extinguished before much damage resulted. When smoke was discovered coming from the building, company employees arrived immediately with chemical apparatus. Cause of the blaze was not announced.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

Silver received 1 1/2 inches of rain Monday night and early Tuesday while some areas in the basin report upwards to 2 inches.

BOWLING SEASON ENDS

Silver production department team won the Sun Oil Co. bowling league sponsored at Silver during the past few months. Teams from Colorado City tied second, Sun production team's bouts were 4th, the Sun Sports 5th and the Gassers 6th.

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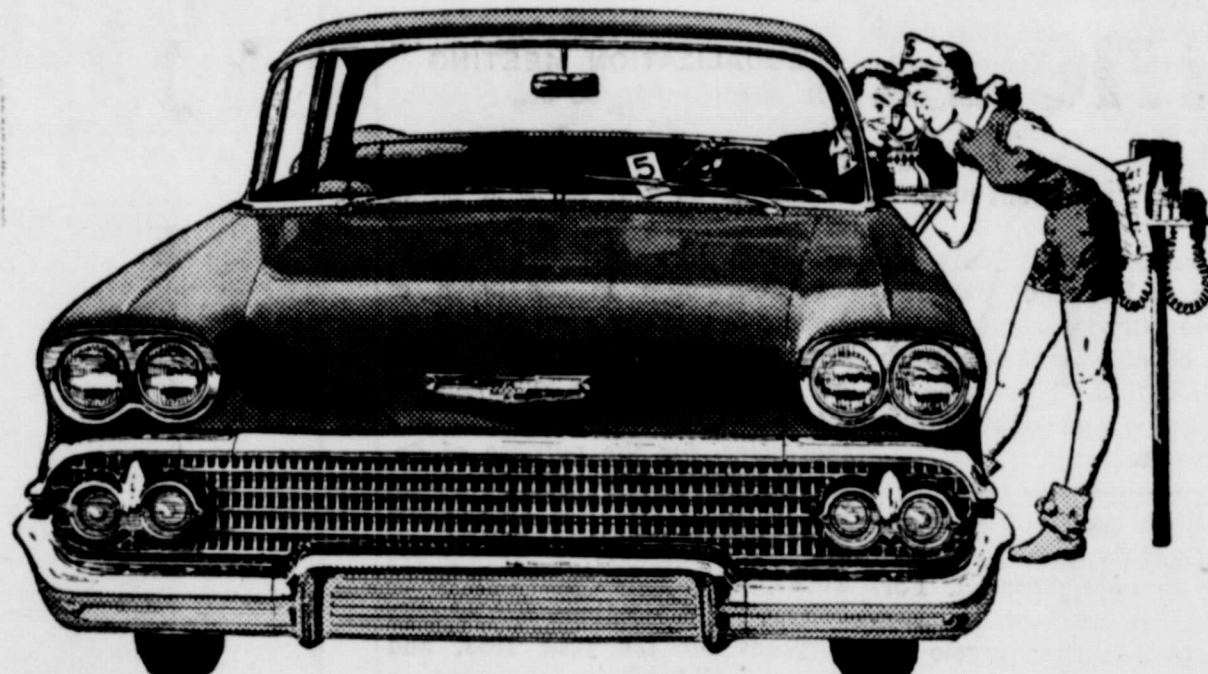
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out Rural one Lines

J. B. Clark of Route 2, writes in the Bronte Enquirer that he and two other subscribers over there were cut off when they could not put 400 to repair or rebuild 2.3 of line.

It was what we faced over west side when we worked to get a plan that would modern dial service and same time not leave any off the line. More would have cut off over here because of more sparse settlement.

It failed to get it over on account of the high estimated cost. It will have poor service on the side, but so far as I know of it has been cut off yet.

Perhaps not intentionally, but of the company people made comments that were interpreted meaning that we who were on the rural committee

caused them to cancel plans for building an adequate dial system.

Actually we didn't stop them from doing anything at all they actually with good faith wanted to do. But if we did I would rather not have had the change to dial in our community if it would have cut off my mother and several other neighbors as it did Mr. Clark and his neighbors under the same circumstances.

We still have phones, poor though they be, and when the modern improvements are made, it should be done in such a way as to give all the people who are struggling to stay with their country homes and country communities who have phones now a chance to keep them, without any such expense as \$1,400 for 2.3 miles of tap line. — Ulmer Bird.

"The natural resources of America are the heritage of the whole nation and should be conserved and utilized for the benefit of all of our people."

NEW CHEVROLET OWNERS

Vaughan Chevrolet Co. of Robert Lee reports increased buying interest in recent weeks. Following new units were sold since Feb. 1:

Elmer Gardner, Impala
 O. F. Carper, Jr., 4 dr. Delray
 Glenn D. Wilkes, 4 dr. Biscayne
 Ken Corporation, 4 dr Biscayne
 J. D. Eckert, Stationwagon
 Loyd McGallian, 4 dr. Biscayne
 J. W. Eason, pickup
 H. L. Eason, stationwagon
 Creole Drilling Co., 4 dr. Biscayne.

Ray D. Hudgens, 4 dr. Belair
 Mrs. Thelma Horeis, 4 dr. Biscayne

Ernest Wallace, 4 dr. Biscayne
 Texas Natural Gas., pickup
 F. R. O'Kelley, 4 dr. Biscayne.
 Tom Buckner, pickup
 J. H. Ruth, 4 dr. Biscayne
 Sun Pipe Line, Utility Sedan
 Mrs. Lois Millican, 4 dr. Belair
 Crescent Oil & Gas, Pickup
 Crescent Oil & Gas, pickup
 John Davis, pickup

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Carl Miller, pickup
 Harry L. Miller, pickup
 Carl B. Elder, 4 dr. Belair
 A. B. Sheppard, 4 dr. Belair
 James A. Bush, 2 dr. Belair
 Hardtop
 V. M. Box, 4 dr. Biscayne
 Marvin A. Simpson, pickup
 S. L. Parkam, 4 dr. Belair

Glenda Sparks, Wm. Fletcher Wed April 18

(Sterling News-Record)

The wedding vows of Miss Glenda Sparks and William Fletcher were read last Friday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. R. Blake of Grant at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sparks.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride had Ona Mae Bil-

derback as her maid of honor. Orval Lee Blake served as best man.

Among those present were the bride's parents, her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Sparks of Robert Lee, her great grandmother, Mrs. Davidson of Robert Lee, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Woods of Robert Lee, Mrs. Barney Bildeback of Andrews, Mrs. Barbara Clemmons and the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fletcher of Bronte, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Roberts and daughter, Kay, of Robert Lee.

Following a wedding trip, the couple returned to Sterling City where they are making their home.

Mrs. Fletcher is a graduate of Sterling High School and is employed in Worth Durham's office. Mr. Fletcher is a Bronte High School graduate and works for the highway department here.

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Our Enrollment Officers are instructed to make only one call to each home. They are expected to make a thorough explanation of "Your Community Health Plan" and assist to enroll you if you qualify. Please do not ask him to call back, as this only deprives some other family in your community of enrolling in the plan. Your cooperation in this will be appreciated . . . THANK YOU!

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SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Probably the largest and finest rose garden in this locality is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark. They have upwards of 70 bushes and nearly forty varieties. Freeman and Willie devote a lot of interest in caring for their roses, and they are getting fine results. Freeman does some budding himself, but was puzzled recently when one of the small branches had three roses, one of them different from the others, and they hadn't been budded.

A Dallas man is a candidate for Congress. He says he is a Stevenson Republican and is running against Bruce Alger, a Republican who is serving his second term. Funny thing is that they are trying to keep this new candidate off the ballot. Dallas politicians are getting a taste of their own medicine. Thousands of them have been calling themselves Eisenhower Democrats, but they don't think it is right for a guy to be a Stevenson Republican.

It's subscription paying time for quite a number of Observer subscribers. You might check the expiration date on your paper this week.

We are proud of the Soil Conservation section which is part of this newspaper. Farming and ranching is looking up in Coke County since we got out of the drouth and it is again taking top rank in importance to our economy. It's fun to garden, too, with good rains like we've had this spring. Just ask Violet. She has a wonderful layout of garden stuff, roses and other flowers, and we've had all the strawberries we could use for more than three weeks.

Vice-President Nixon and his wife had a rough time in South America and everyone is happy they returned home safely, and were given a wonderful welcome which they deserved. Surely it is good to learn just what some of those South American neighbors think of the U. S. A.

Maybe Venezuela's oil imports will be cut, not necessarily in retaliation, but because they are hurting here at home. Our own people built roads and build automobiles which use gasoline, and now foreign imports are glutting the market. It isn't right. It's hurting Texas more than any other state, but it will hurt the entire nation when income taxes start dropping because of the oil slump.

"It takes nature 400 to 1,000 years to build one inch of topsoil."



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PARKER NUNLEY

Coleman Man Candidate For Legislature

Interest in the race for State Representative from the 77th Legislative District became active with the filing of Parker Nunley of Coleman. He is opposing A. J. Bishop, Jr., of Winters, who has held the position the past four years.

Mr. Nunley says even though Coke may be one of the smaller of the four counties in the district, he plans to make a thorough canvass among the voters here.

Mr. Nunley is 24 years old, unmarried and has always lived in Coleman County. He is a veteran and served with the Air Force in Hawaii, New York, Mississippi and Texas.

Before entering the service he studied chemistry at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. Since then he has been a student at the State University in Austin.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Nunley made the following statement:

"I am conservative in my political views in that I like things

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Crum were made happy to have two of their daughters and their husbands home for Mother's Day last Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Nolan and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Waldrop of Hayrick.

Traffic Record Looking Better

Coke County's motor vehicle accident record is better than a year ago, according to Billie R. McElroy, district safety patrolman.

During April three accidents resulted in injuries to four persons, with a property damage of \$3,580.

Since Jan. 1 one person has been killed on Coke highways, 11 accidents occurred injuring 12 persons, the property damage was \$7,240. During the same period last year none were killed, but nine persons had been injured in 12 accidents and the damage was \$11,115.

From Jan. 1 to May 1 death toll on the highways this year was 618, a decrease of 10% from last year's figure of 688.

McElroy stated that speed contributed to 57% of the highway accidents in Texas last year and drinking drivers 34%.

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pretty much as they are. There are certain issues, however, that will surely come before the Legislature during this next session, especially the tax question and the much delayed school bill, which will influence our lives and the lives of our children for many years to come.

"In view of this, it is necessary that we all take a much closer look at state politics than usual. With this in mind, I pledge to carry on as extensive a campaign as possible to help build interest in the issues involved. I plan to spend all my time between now and the July primary campaigning and hope to meet and talk to every voter in the district before the election.

"If elected I will devote myself to the office completely and resume my studies after the legislative session is over. I want to stress that I have no special interests to plead — no personal battles to fight. I just want to get in here and do a job, and do it well."

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In remitting for an Observer subscription, L. L. Walker, Rt. 2, Gatesville, wrote: "I used to live out there and would like to keep up with the news from Coke County."

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brock children recently made a few visit with relatives at Eldorado, Ark.

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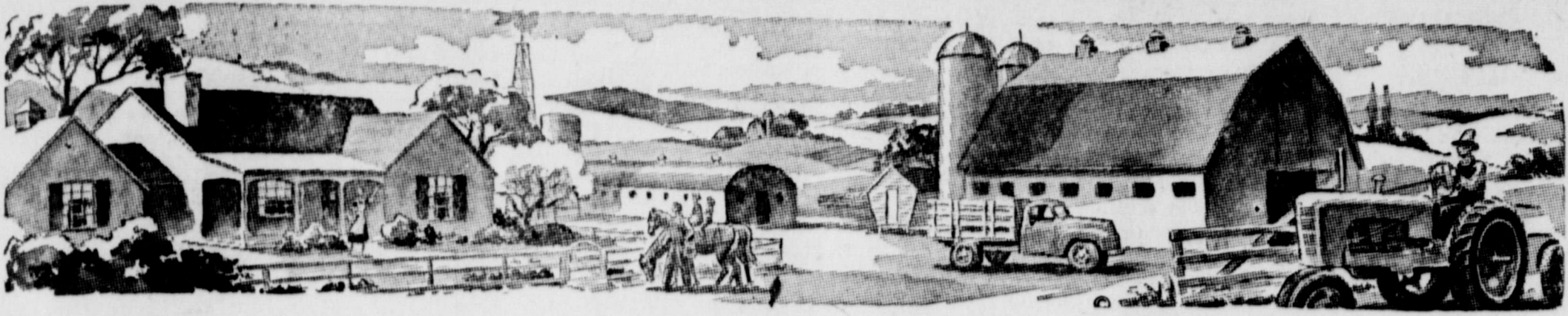
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Section B



Governor Price Daniel gives W. C. Howard, President of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts, the original copy of his proclamation in which he designates May 11-18, 1958, as Soil Stewardship Week in Texas. Looking on, from left to right, are Association Vice Presidents Arthur Koehn, Harbert Byers, and Sam Singleton; Arthur Leesch, Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Board, and Association Vice President Wm. J. Sohl.

Gov. Price Daniel Proclaims May 11-18 As Soil Stewardship Week in Texas

"Soil and water are our most important and necessary resources and all people should support and work for their conservation and improvement." This statement was made by Governor Price Daniel to officials of Texas Soil Conservation Districts as he issued a proclamation designating May 11-18 as Soil Stewardship

Week in Texas. According to W. C. Howard, President of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts, each year's Soil Stewardship Week is a period during which churches are urged to hold religious services and preach sermons that point out man's daily dependence on the soil, and how necessary it is that he be a wise steward of this God-given resource.

Interest in Soil Stewardship activities has increased yearly. In 1957 it was estimated that some 4000 churches had sermons or services stressing man's responsibilities as stewards of the good earth.

Soil Stewardship Week is observed nationally by many thousands of churches of different denominations. And church leaders and soil conservation districts have worked together to encourage more churches to take part in soil stewardship programs, sermons and other activities.

Soil Stewardship Is Sacred Duty

Soil Stewardship week, May 11 to 18, sponsored by the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts and National Church organizations again focuses attention on the kinship between a man's spiritual beliefs and the soil resources on which his life depends.

The good soil steward knows that conservation helps to make the hope and the promise a reality, both now and for the decades to come.

Since soil is a God-given heritage to all people, man is merely its custodian and good stewardship is a sacred responsibility. Fortunately, it is also a good business since it results in higher income, better living, greater ease of farming, lower production costs and greater efficiency in the use of labor and machinery.

Not only the material benefits, but the spiritual feeling for the land must be added together to explain the intense interest and all out support of modern scientific soil and water conservation which has swept the country in recent years.

"No nation outlasts its topsoil."
"He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies." — Patrick Henry.

"The farmer who improves the fertility of his soil is truly a public servant and will leave more for posterity than he takes for himself."

"A single dust storm can pick up as much as 300 million tons of topsoil and carry it away."

From Father to Son



THOUGHT FOR TODAY—THE OLD MAN AND THE ACORN
A rabbi was passing through a field when he saw a very old man planting an oak tree. He said to him: "Why are you planting that oak tree? Surely you do not expect to live long enough to see it grow up." "Ah," replied the old man, "if my ancestors had not planted trees we should not now enjoy their shade or their fruit. What my fathers did for me, I will do for future generations." — Babylonian Talmud.

Creed of the Soil Conservationist

I believe God created the earth by His divine processes for the benefit of man — not one man, nor one generation, but mankind for all time.

I believe the Almighty gave man an inheritance of the earth not to be hoarded as a miser guards his treasure, but to be used with wisdom for the perpetual benefit of all men.

I believe all of mankind regardless of race or creed, are entitled to a fair and equitable share of the earth's bounty commensurate with their own efforts, but in so believing, I hold the irrevocable conviction that man himself owes earth a debt of respect and fealty.

I believe that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap that he who manages his fields, pastures, woodlands and streams with respect and wisdom shall reap the bountiful harvest, and so shall his descendants, while he who uses them selfishly, thinking only of his own immediate gain, shall bring to grief his land, himself, and his children's children.

Therefore, I dedicate myself to the task of helping my fellow-man realize in his own personal responsibility in conserving the earth for the generations which follow. To this end I shall devote my best knowledge in guiding the efforts of others who use the soil so that the land which nurtures us shall be fruitful without end. For truly, the earth is the Lords end the fullness thereof, but the responsibility for its stewardship is vested in man.

Many factors are influencing the present Agriculture outlook in the Coke Soil Conservation District. Moisture conditions are better than they have been for a number of years. A total of 31.51 inches of moisture has been recorded at the Court House at Robert Lee for the past 12 months period. 9.13 inches have fallen up to May 1 this year. Good lamb crops have been reported from all communities, and many long time residents have stated this is the best oat crop prospects in many years.

"I know of no pursuit in which more real and important service can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture." — George Washington.

Conservation Pledge

I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY TO DEFEND FROM WASTE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY — ITS SOIL AND MINERALS, ITS FORESTS, WATERS, AND WILDLIFE

Future Farmers Parent Banquet A Fine Success

The annual FFA Parent and Son banquet-barbecue, honoring parents of all Future Farmers, Saturday, May 10, was declared a big success by all attending.

The barbecue supper was held in the high school band hall with the Greenhands doing the serving. The hall was attractively decorated with banners, pennants, ribbons, medals and trophies won by the FFA boys during the past year. Twenty-five banners, 150 stock show ribbons, 50 medals and ribbons won at judging contests, and livestock judging notebooks made the meeting very impressive.

Mrs. Hulan Harris and a host of FFA mothers were in charge of food preparation and a group of first year FFA boys cleaned up and washed the dishes after the banquet.

Highlights of the program included an address by T. C. Rice, Jr., Area II President. He stressed "Leadership" and the part the FFA plays in molding the future agricultural leaders.

Other highlights that impressed the audience was the presentation of Prin. M. E. Petross as an "honorary member." David Waldrop read the citation while the chapter officers presented the ceremony in a very effective and touching manner. Mr. Petross makes the fifth honorary member of the Robert Lee Chapter.

Other parts of the program included the "Welcome" by Dennis Blair, recognition of special

guests by Kenneth Wink, presentation of public speaking award, farm mechanics, and certificate of merit by Douglas Robertson.

Special entertainment was furnished by Eddie Garvin and Richard Beck of Blackwell and Bronte.

Frankie Wojtek presented the chapter sweetheart, Lavina McDaniel with the official FFA Sweetheart jacket.

Award winners are as follows: Sheep award, David Daldrop Swine award, Douglas Robertson

Beef award, Kenneth Wink Public Speaking, Donny Robertson

Farm Mechanics, Hoot Gibson

Douglas Robertson was presented the coveted Star Farmer Award for his outstanding contributions in leadership and his project program.

Bub Burson and Dennis Blair tied for the De Kalb award for the most outstanding senior FFA member. Both were presented with suitable awards.

The Fred McDonald Memorial Award was presented to Bub Burson. The award goes to the most outstanding FFA and 4-H Club boy or girl in Coke County.

Over 110 people attended the barbecue and remarks after the program indicated the banquet was the best ever held in Robert Lee.

Special thanks go to Gene and

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Bob Baker for assisting with securing the food, Gandy's creamery for donating the ice cream and Supt. and Mrs. Coalson for

preparing the beans.

"Soil conservation is insurance."

SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK MAY 11-18

We Salute

Farmers and Ranchers of Coke County who practice Soil Conservation. They are looking not only to themselves, but to the welfare of our community, for the good of generations to come.

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Our Warm Congratulations To The

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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

and its cooperating farmers and ranchers

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MAY 11 TO 18

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SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK

MAY 11 to 18



Robert Lee State Bank

Homage for Soil Conservation Day Greetings From "THE GOOD EARTH" John H. Vowell

By REV. TRAVIS McNAIR
Pastor, First Methodist Church

The 104th Psalm is like a great way winding its way to the summit of a majestic mountain. At the way station at the foot of the peak we find these words: "O Lord, my God, Thou art very great, Thou art clothed in honour and majesty," and at the peak's summit we find: "The earth is full of Thy riches."

The Genesis story describes the creation, we have a picture of God creating the "good earth" and entrusting it to man's care. There can be no separation of people and the good earth, its entire existence is tied to the soil. He was created from the earth, it gives him food, clothing and shelter, and when he comes to the end of this life, the "good earth" gives him back.

Like any modern city of today we find that it represents a colossal sum of wealth. Each building, each vaulted bank, each car, bus, automobile, railroad, etc., all represent a staggering sum of wealth and all are dependent upon the "good earth." Beneath the surface of the earth God has hidden veins of ore, gold, silver and oil, all pulsating through the womb of Mother Earth, all are man's need. "The material

riches of God are inexhaustible." By virtue of His creation this is God's world; ultimate ownership is with Him. If God then is owner, then it must follow that His created man is a "steward" of His creation, and must one day give account of how he has used this blessing.

In many sections of our nation today the soil can no longer provide man with food and clothing as it once did simply because man has been an "unfaithful steward." He has exploited the soil for immediate benefits and left nothing but a "dust bowl" for his sons. Through his desire, prompted by greed, man has resorted to all sorts of evil uses whereby the delicate balance of God's creation has been upset. In areas where such abuse has been employed we find low property values, ramshackle buildings, poor equipment, poorly paid teachers thus robbing his sons and daughters the opportunity of securing the proper education. They are also handicapped mentally, physically and spiritually.

A good steward will recognize that this is "God's Good Earth" and will take the proper care of that which our Lord has placed in his trust. He will not exploit the "good earth" for immediate benefits, but will take the long view and help preserve the soil for generations yet unborn, as a "thanks offering" to God, the Giver; for "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they who dwell therein."

which is unmistakable it is that national strength lies very near the soil." — Daniel Webster.

"Today's waste is tomorrow's want. Don't waste your land."

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick,

Enclosed is a check to renew my subscription on the old hometown paper. Why do I say "home town," because on Dec. 25, 1889 my folks and the late Frank Sturman, his wife (my sister, Lucy) and their son, Arthur, ate our dinner at Uncle Lewis Taylor's, on the same spot where Pat Havins' nice home stands today. Also my wife is a Coke County girl (Bessie Casey) and we had two sons born there, so that is why we still call Coke County "home."

We love to go there and see

what the great people have done to make good roads, a fine court house, bank and good school.

I take my hat off to the County Commissioners of the past and the ones you have now. When we attended the Havins reunion last Sept., I was proud of Fern Havins for what he and the good people who stood behind him to build that fine swimming pool, recreation building and park. Fern Havins has the background of a "builder"; his father was a "builder." He blazed the old road up the mountain, while Pat Havins and I cut the trees after him and we had no coffee breaks until noon.

Mr. Havins kept blazing trees while we fried the meat and made the coffee.

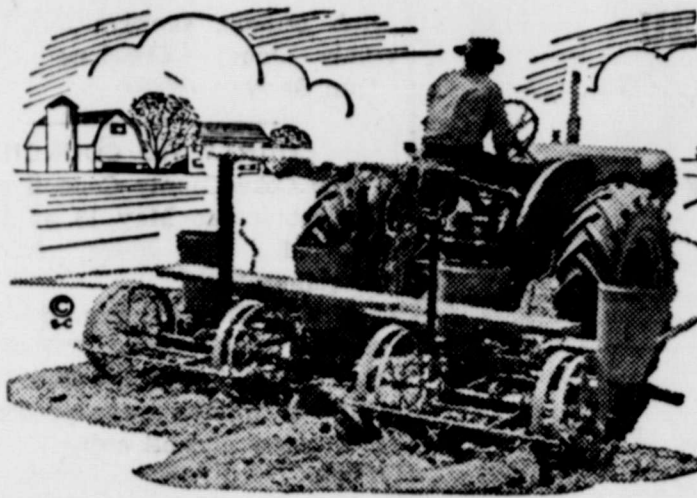
Mr. Kirkpatrick, I surely do okay your BIG "Small Talk" column of April 4. I wish we had more newspaper men like you. We have too many newspaper men who write SMALL "big talk."

Will see you on Labor Day and may God bless all the folks of Coke County.

Sincerely,
J. H. and Bessie Vowell
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Agriculture Programs Aid the District



WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE SOIL IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

There are several agriculture programs now in effect which are adding substantially to the farm incomes of the district as well as helping to stabilize the over all agriculture economy. The conservation reserve portion of the Soil Bank Program is having perhaps the most far reaching effect in that some 22,000 acres have been placed in the program for a period of from 5 to 10 years. This acreage is being established to permanent grass which will remain on the land for the period of contracts. Many land owners who have soil best suited for grazing purposes are planning to leave their land in grass and will use it for grazing at the end of the contract period, others are using the grass for soil improvement and plan to put the land back into production.

The acreage reserve program of the Soil Bank is also benefiting land owners in the District. A total of 3,735 acres of cotton land have been placed in this one year program. This figure represents a little over 3/4 of the county's cotton allotment. Since this is a one year program, many farmers are using this opportunity to plant soil improving crops in order to increase production and build up organic matter for next year's crop.

Much benefit is being derived from the Agriculture Conservation Program of cost share benefits on conservation practices such as brush control, deferred grazing and terracing. The Great Plains Conservation Program now in effect in the Coke District promises to be another very beneficial program for farmers and ranchers. Fourteen applications have been received to date. In brief, this program involves a complete conservation program on a farm or ranch with cost share payments being made for needed conservation practices.

In addition to the above programs Coke County has been declared a flood disaster county following the flood in the fall of 1957. Some 300 applications have been received by the ASC and SCS offices for the restoration of damaged earthen structures on a cost share basis.

The above programs coupled with good sound management on the part of farmers and ranchers make it possible to say that the future looks bright for the Coke District. Progress does not just happen; it takes the cooperation of every group and individual working together to make progress. For the progress being made a vote of thanks goes to every farm group, agricultural agency, civic organization, church, farmer and rancher in the Coke Soil Conservation District.

Coke County Soil Conservation District

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"Conservation of souls and conservation of soils are inseparable—what is good for the land is good for man." — Morris E. Fonda, "The Lord's Land."
 "The ultimate motive of soil conservation is human conservation." — Otis Durant Duncan.

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No nation can progress beyond the limits of its soil. We have come to be aware that throughout America our well being is tied up inseparably in the soil and its continued production. Therefore, we endorse the ideas behind the Soil Conservation District program and congratulate the Coke County District on the fine progress they have made since starting ten years ago. You have accomplished much—and you have just begun!

West Texas Utilities Company

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The face of our Agricultural Land has undergone many changes in the past hundred years. First, was the pioneer age of clearing the land and putting it into production. Second, the destructive age when men were concerned with how much they could take from the soil without regard to keeping it fertile. Third, and present age, is the time of reason when men are striving to maintain the productivity of the soil and preserve it for future generations.

Accompanying is a sad picture of a farmstead on a run down farm.

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J. S. FERRELL, Manager

Honor Rolls

"A" HONOR STUDENTS

7th Grade — Laura Bird, Ann Carwile
 8th — None.
 9th — Brenda Cowley.
 10th — Jo Ann Hood.
 11th — Jane Austin, Eunice Blair.
 12th — Carolyn Braswell, Doris Sparks.

"B" HONOR STUDENTS

7th — Clark Godwin, Kay Humphrey, Lexie Lewis.
 8th — Barbara Gray, Jerry Don Hester, Sharon Kincaid, Joe Roe, Betty Tinkler.
 9th — Gayle Lewis, Brenda McDorman, Vicki Wojtek.
 10th — Danny Arthur, Bonnie Butcher, Ellen Counts, Martha Humphrey, Marilyn Reid, Bernice Seltz, Ann Smith, Jerry Dale Sparks, John Walker, Kenneth Wink.
 11th — Sandra Baker, Annic Gartman, Joydell Deen, Marian Mason, Freddy McDonald, Jerry Tinkler, Frances Wylie, Peggy Blankenship.
 12th — Jennie Lou Anderson, Nettie Bob Bell, Dennis Blair, Bub Burson, Carolyn Elliott, Virginia Jones, Charlene Dumas, Tom Sawyer.

COUNTY HD COUNCIL

The Coke County Council met in the courthouse May 13 at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Pat Rives, chairman, presiding.

Mrs. A. D. Field gave the report on the book review, "Women of the Bible", given by Mrs. Bruce Clift. 65 women were present for the review and all enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. Pat Rives and Mrs. A. D. Fields placed a window display at the Flower Shop in Robert Lee in observance of National H-D week. The display was on "Family Economics." Mrs. Clarence Arrott, Mrs. Glynn Waldrop and Mrs. Pat Rives gave a report on the district meeting in San Angelo.

The council voted to send one 4-H club girl to District camp on June 2, 3, and 4.

Mrs. Faye Roe gave a good report on the month's work. Nine members were present for the meeting.

GREEN MT. HD CLUB

The Green Mountain W. H. D. club met on May 6 in the home of Mrs. R. L. Page. Roll call was answered by three members, three visitors, a child and Mrs. Fay Roe, home demonstration agent.

"Important papers to keep" was the program given by Mrs. Roe.

A social hour followed and the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be May 20. — Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, reporter.



THIS?



OR THIS?

Our farms are just as wide and just as long as they ever were, but are only two-thirds as thick and getting thinner every day. A third of our Nation's topsoil has washed away. Topsoil is the basis of America's wealth and greatness. All of our food, clothing and shelter comes from the soil. When our iron, coal, oil, and other natural resources are gone, we shall have to devise substitutes from products grown from the soil, because the soil is one natural resource that does not have to wear out or be used up.

"We now plow horizontally following the curvature of the hills and hollows on dead level, however crooked the lines may be. Every furrow thus acts as a reservoir to receive and retain the waters; scarcely an ounce of soil is now carried away —In point of beauty nothing can exceed that of our waving lines and rows winding along the face of our hills and valleys." —Thomas Jefferson.

Soil Conservation Is Important

and we are glad that Coke County has been making progress with sound conservation practices during the past ten years. We congratulate the leaders in this work and the farmers and ranchmen who are improving their crop lands and ranges.



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