

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Petitions Want Vote To Separate Sheriff and Tax Offices in Coke

Petitions are now being circulated requesting the Commissioners Court of Coke County to call an election to vote on the proposition of separating the sheriff and tax-assessor-collector office.

A law passed four years ago provides that counties under 10,000 population may vote to set up separate offices for the sheriff and tax departments. At present the duties are combined under one official.

While the Commissioners Court has authority to call such an election without a petition, a number of citizens felt that names should be secured to indicate there was interest in the matter.

It is likely the petitions will be filed at the Commissioners Court session next Monday. That would give sufficient time for the vote to be held in connection with the General Election Nov. 4, thus saving considerable expense.

The sheriff and tax offices were

combined years ago when tax collections were small. However, Coke County's taxing valuation jumped to 30 million dollars because of oil development and the tax office is one of the most important positions in the court house.

A number of counties took immediate steps to separate the offices after the new law was enacted. One of them was nearby Reagan County (Big Lake) which has a small population but a large valuation.

If the voters decide to separate the offices, Paul Good would continue in his present capacity of sheriff and tax assessor-collector for the remainder of his term which expires Dec. 31, 1960. However, in the 1960 election officers would be named for the separate positions of sheriff and tax assessor-collector.

A copy of the petitions which are being signed appears in another column in this newspaper.

## Served 2 Weeks In Army Reserve

James Coffman, associate county agent, is back from two weeks active duty with the U. S. Army Reserve. Sgt. Coffman is in Company B of the 871st Engineer Heavy Construction Battalion which is located in San Angelo.

The Reserve unit went to Fort Polk, La., the last two weeks of August where they worked on railroads and airfields.

Coffman has served with two other units before coming to the San Angelo unit. While in school at Texas A&M, he served with the 75th Division Artillery and just prior to coming to the San Angelo unit he was with the Service Battery of the 915th Field Artillery Battalion at Cleburne.

Coffman's main duties in his present reserve unit is motor sergeant

and instructor.

After departing from Fort Polk, James went to Borger to get his wife and son. They returned to Robert Lee Sunday night, Aug. 31.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr. was hostess Wednesday afternoon after school at a party honoring the fifth birthday of her daughter, Patti Lynn. Pony rides and games provided entertainment and favors were distributed at the refreshment period. Twenty-three children and a number of mothers were present.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Trafton Clark and children of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Heath and son of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clark of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Sheppard of Houston.



MRS. IVEY EUBANKS  
... professional nurse

## Mrs. Eubanks New Nurse at Coke Hospital

Mrs. Ivey Eubanks has joined the staff of Coke County Memorial Hospital as a supervising registered nurse. She took up her new position Monday.

She and her family recently moved from Midland to Robert Lee and are living in the ranch house on the Daisy McCutchen place, five miles east of town on the Bronte-Robert Lee highway.

She is the former LaVelta Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, and grew to womanhood in Robert Lee. She is a graduate of Shannon Hospital School of Nursing.

Recently Mrs. Eubanks held the position as anesthetist at Midland Memorial Hospital. In addition to her nursing duties here she will also serve as anesthetist.

## Havins Family Holds Annual Reunion Here

Annual reunion of the Havins family was held over the Labor Day weekend at the County Park in Robert Lee. Many guests arrived Saturday and remained until Monday. Biggest event was the dinner Sunday noon when 92 relatives and 30 friends registered.

An unexpected entertainment feature was provided Saturday night when a square dancing club held its monthly party at the park. Since the Havins family had reserved the community building, square dancers moved to the paved tennis courts nearby.

All of the living children except one of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Havins were present as well as a number of friends and old neighbors from the Valley View community southeast of town. Unable to attend was Mrs. Bessie Read of Riverside, Calif.

The other children are Mrs. Mae Winnans of San Antonio, Fred Havins of Midland, Mrs. Eva Vowell of Abilene, Mike Havins of Midland and Pat and Fern Havins and Mrs. Bernice Roberts of Robert Lee.

Newly elected officers of the family group are Murph Havins of San Angelo, president; Vera Ruth Winnans, secretary, and Pearl Buchholz, assistant, both of San Antonio. Mrs. Pat Kelley of San Antonio serves as historian. Last year's officers were Cleo Havins of San Angelo, president, and Vera Hightower of San Antonio, secretary.

The event will be held again next year in Robert Lee.

## Faculty Complete As School Opens

### Robert Lee Steers 1958 Schedule

Sept. 11 — Sweetwater B, Here.  
Sept. 19—Jim Nef, Here.  
Oct. 3—Eldorado, There (\*).  
Oct. 10—Menard, There.  
Oct. 17—Hermleigh, Here (\*).  
Oct. 23—Stamford B, There.  
Oct. 31—Trent, Here (\*).  
Nov. 7—Loraine, There(\*).  
Nov. 14—Bronte, Here (\*).  
\*Denotes district game.

### GINN'S FIRST BALE

Jim Blair harvested the first bale of cotton in this area last week. It was hauled to the Norton gin for processing and netted 475 pounds of lint. The staple was short, Mr. Blair said, but it should rate middling and bring a price of around 32c a pound. Mr. Blair says his crop has been hurt by the drouth and he expects to make only about seven bales. The Robert Lee gin will not operate this season, as there is not much cotton acreage in the area.

### NEW CAFE EQUIPMENT

E. C. (Doodad) Davis, who recently enlarged and improved his Froggy Cafe on the highway, has also added some valuable equipment. Included is a new \$500 gas range with twin ovens, and an ice machine which has a capacity of turning out 250 pounds of chipped ice daily. Mr. Davis says his business has shown a fine increase since his improvements were made.



GUY WHEELER  
... Silver Indian Coach

## Silver to Open Pigskin Season Next Thursday

A squad of 22 turned out last week for the opening week of junior high football practice. Only students in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades will participate in football at Silver this year.

Coach Guy Wheeler, who also serves as school principal, is starting his third year at Silver. He abandoned 6-man football last year and now is playing only 11-man teams. A good crop of material is working out.

First game has been scheduled with Hermleigh junior high at Silver on next Thursday, Sept. 11. Kickoff time is 8 p. m.

Robert Lee public schools opened Wednesday with a first day enrollment of 300. Registered for the junior and senior high schools were 134 pupils and 166 in the six lower grades.

An assembly period at 9 a.m. was opened by Supt. Frank D. Coalson, who welcomed the teachers, pupils and a number of patrons. Invocation was given by Rev. Travis McNair and a Scripture reading was in charge of Rev. Bennie Smith.

The audience sang "America" led by Mrs. Coalson, with Mrs. Jeff Dean as accompanist. New teachers were introduced by Supt. Coalson and returning instructors were presented by M. E. Petross, high school principal, and Hervey Latham, elementary principal.

The Bachelors Quartet sang selections, one of which was a song entitled "Why?" composed by Ronnie Sims.

A roster of teachers and employees follows:

Frank D. Coalson, Supt.  
M. E. Petross, high school principal, mathematics.  
Mrs. Pauline Coalson, English.  
Mrs. Betty Ann Latham, junior high and math.  
Mrs. Betty Hodge, home economics and lunchroom supervisor.  
Hulan H. Harris, vocational agriculture.  
Garland E. Davis, English, speech, journalism, physical education.  
C. D. Manire, coach, driver training, health, physical education.

Robert Lewis Jay, science and band.  
Mrs. Charlotte Wojtek, commercial subjects and secretary.  
Hervey H. Latham, elementary principal.  
Mrs. Lucille Dean, music and 5th grade.  
Miss Eunice McLure, social studies and 6th grade.  
Miss Melba Brown, reading and 4th grade.  
Mrs. Eunice Olson, 3rd grade.  
Mrs. Roberta Kincaid, 2nd grade.  
Mrs. Naomi Powell, 1st grade.  
Lunch room workers: Mrs. Homer Carwile, Mrs. Gerald Roe, Mrs. Finis Harmon, Mrs. Thelma Mauldin.  
Finis Harmon, bus driver and mechanic.  
Sam Fowler, custodian.  
H. S. Lewis, Sr., tax assessor-collector.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Aug. 27—Melvin Childress, Mrs. Sam Fowler admitted. Brenda Cowley, Mrs. Tom Luera and infant son dismissed.

Aug. 28—Inez Gartman, Mrs. C. F. Vowell admitted. Melvin Childress dismissed.

Aug. 29—Mrs. Carl Brock, Mrs. Sam Fowler dismissed.

Aug. 31—Mrs. Della Freeman, Douglas Burns, W. F. Fikes admitted. Mrs. C. F. Vowell dismissed.

Sept. 1—Morgan Russell admitted.

Sept. 2—Juan Carresco admitted.

Sept. 3—Arthur Gloria admitted.

## Sweetwater B Team Coming Thursday To Open Grid Season in Robert Lee

Robert Lee Steers open the football season with Sweetwater B team here on the night of next Thursday, Sept. 11. Kickoff time is 8 o'clock. The game was advanced to Thursday night from Friday as had been previously announced.

The second week of practice is not too encouraging with Coach C. D. Manire trying out various combinations. He has indicated that every position is wide open thus far.

Melvin Duncan, husky tackle, came out for practice a few days late, but his presence has boosted the club's 1958 hopes. Jerry and Paul Tinkler, who did not play football last season, have also bolstered the squad.

### STEER BARBECUE

Annual barbecue for the Steer squad was set for Thursday night of this week at the football stadium. Serving was scheduled to start promptly at 7 o'clock. Ladies are invited to come with the men this year. Barbecue tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for children.

The barbecue is sponsored by the Quarterback Club which helps promote athletic events in Robert Lee high school during the year. New officers will be chosen at the Thursday night barbecue.



C. D. MANIRE

Members of the QB club gathered Labor Day and rebuilt the press box at the stadium which had been destroyed by fire early in the summer.

### 6-B FORECAST

A San Angelo Standard-Times sports writer places Robert Lee third in the 6-B conference race this year behind Hermleigh and Eldorado. Next in order in the six-team loop are Loraine, Bronte and Trent.

# Joe Field, George F. Powers Named Top Citizens at Edith Homecoming

By popular acclaim persons attending the Edith Homecoming on August 17 selected Joe Field and George F. Powers as the year's most outstanding citizens.

Mr. Field reached his 86th birthday March 5. He revealed that his father was a Methodist minister and they moved to Coke from Erath County. He remembers when the county seat was at Hayrick and helped move the town to Robert Lee where the county seat was established in 1890.

On Dec. 7, 1907, Mr. Field married Miss Eva McCauley and has lived here almost continuously since that time. They had one child, LaRue, who is now the wife of Finis Harmon. After the death of his wife, he married Mrs. Jennie Hodges in 1920.

Mr. Field was a school trustee for many years, is a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge and the Methodist Church.

George Powers, well known with his fiddle as shown in the picture, is 80 years old. He came from Erath County in 1899. He has been a school trustee and an active participant in affairs of his community.

Mr. Powers is one of the sponsors of the Green Mountain Musical which is held regularly the last



JOE FIELD

Friday night each month. He has spent much time and effort in keeping alive the social activity of the Edith community.

Besides being a stock farmer all these years, Mr. Powers was a rock mason and built many cisterns in this part of the country. He was married to Ida Fields and has three children: Evvie Ashworth, Mrs. Opal Dean Montgomery and Mrs. Leah Blanton.



GEORGE F. POWERS

### BCD LUNCHEON

J. S. Ferrell, president, was in charge of the weekly luncheon Wednesday at Varnadore Cafe of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development. Attention was called to the football barbecue set for Thursday night of this week, and it was pointed out that the ladies are invited this year. Robert Vaughan reported that the County Park Board met Tuesday night and discussed the matter of adding

more picnic facilities. At least a half dozen additional picnic installations are needed, Mr. Vaughan said, and it is hoped some groups or individuals will provide same.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards and four children of Yuma, Ariz., recently concluded a visit here with his brother, R. H. Richards, and other relatives and friends. They also visited the men's mother, Mrs. E. C. Seay, in Stephenville.

## BIRTHS

**BROWN**—Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown (Juanell Blake) of Robert Lee are parents of a daughter delivered by Caesarean section at 1:20 p.m. Aug. 27 in Shannon hospital at San Angelo. She weighed 4 pounds, 4½ ounces and has been named Patricia Gayle. She has a sister, Marsha Lynn, 4½ years old. The father is engaged in the lumber business here with his father. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Blake of Welch and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown of Robert Lee.

### SWIMMING POOL CLOSED

The swimming pool at the County Park at Robert Lee closed Labor Day after 3½ months of operation. A report on attendance figures for the season will be published in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vowell arrived last week from Arapaho, Okla., to attend the Havins family reunion and will spend a couple of weeks visiting kinfolks and old friends.

Calvin Sparks and family spent Sunday with the Ralph Walker family near Mullin. Mrs. Walker is the former Jackie Nell Sparks.

### JUDGE DEAN BETTER

Judge Jeff Dean is making a fine recovery from a recent serious illness and expects to return home by Sunday from Shannon hospital.

### PACK CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Members of the Baptist YWA and intermediate GA groups held Christmas in August party last Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey. The event was planned for the purpose of packing gifts for a missionary box which will be sent to a home mission field in New Mexico. Games were enjoyed along with a decorated Christmas tree and a picnic supper was served. Mrs. Bennie Smith assisted Mrs. Lackey in hosting the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mahon motored to Weimar over the weekend to visit Mrs. Jackie Mahon and children. They report their grandchildren, Bobbie Jean and Roy Paul, are recovering from recent tonsilectomies.

Mrs. Willis Smith visited over the weekend at Melvin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson. They attended a family gathering at Brady on Sunday when four of the five Johnson children were present.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams and Gary and their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eastman of San Angelo, enjoyed a weekend trip to the Carlsbad Caverns. Sherman Williams and wife visited with his parents last Thursday night. They were enroute from their home at Andrews to Waxahachie to visit Mrs. Williams' parents, the Bruce Allens.

Mrs. Ava Lou Hanna and sons, Jerome and Vincent, visited last week at Canadian with the Barney Goodmans and J. C. Jackson family. Goodman is now drilling on a Baker & Taylor rig and Jackson is a tool pusher.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. and daughters, Frances and Prescilla, spent the weekend with Mrs. Wylie's brother, Bill Craddock, and family on their ranch near Medina.

The Don Blairs write to change their Observer from Midland to Sweetwater where their address is 402 East 4th St., Apt. 6.

Morgan Russell was admitted to Coke County Memorial Hospital Monday for treatment of injuries received on a drilling rig.

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**h Assembly**

Special to The Observer)  
 er public school opened Tues-  
 to the enrollment expected  
 about the same as a year  
 according to Supt. Paul Ash-  
 number of mothers were pre-  
 for an assembly period start-  
 at 9 a. m. and the meeting  
 led with prayer by Miss Violet  
 Allegiance to the flag was  
 by Jerry Whitaker. Supt. Ash-  
 welcomed the group, including  
 students, and announcements  
 made by Principal Guy  
 er. Pupils met their classes  
 the remainder of the day.  
 er teaches nine grades, with  
 completing their high school  
 at either Robert Lee or Colo-  
 City.  
 Following the assembly period  
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 ers Association was held  
 the president, Mrs. Frank  
 can, presiding.  
 list of officers of the local  
 er was completed and com-  
 es were named for the com-  
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 was voted to hold regular P-  
 meetings on the second Tues-  
 of each month at 3:10 p. m.  
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 or a special recognition ser-  
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 D. Jett and family spent the  
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 L. Lisby and family have gone  
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 d clerk at Jameson gas plant.  
 r. and Mrs. Gus Copeland vi-  
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 rds and family. They are going  
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 et.  
 John T. Stewart and family left  
 iday for Beaumont, being called  
 ere by the serious illness of his  
 other. She was scheduled to un-  
 rgo surgery Tuesday of this  
 ek.

**SUN OIL PROMOTIONS**

John Shimer, superintendent of Jameson natural gasoline plant here for several years, has been promoted to district superintendent of Sun Oil Company's gas division in west Texas. He will have his office in Colorado City where he and his family have lived the past year.

Succeeding Mr. Shimer as superintendent of Jameson plant is Ross Cone, who has served as assistant superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican and son, Larry Don, have returned from a vacation period. They came in Sunday from Dallas where they visited the Bill Hood family. Mr. Mullican is a pumper for Sinclair.

Many guests during the day were on hand for the open house Tuesday of the Silver Beauty Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. Patsy Arnold. Refreshments were served and prizes were awarded.

Among the guests were Mrs. Arnold's mother-in-law and aunt, Mrs. Loyd Phelan and Mrs. J. S. Walker, of Robert Lee, and a sister, Mrs. Ray Swann of Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. O'Brien of Amarillo were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cox. The ladies are sisters.

W. W. Paul returned to work this week as a Sun pumper after a week's vacation. He and his family visited in Odessa and later in the week went to Jordanton where they attended a reunion of the Paul family.

Oscar Higginbotham, Sun pumper, returned last week from a vacation of two weeks. He and his family visited kinfolks and went to Rio Grande City where they enjoyed a few days of fishing at Falcon Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Arnold recently spent a weekend at the horse races at Ruidoso.

John Clifton, Sun oil tester, has resumed work after a two weeks' vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton and Sandra spent most of the period with relatives at Gainesville and also visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Martin Bowman and husband at Monday.

**SUN ANNUAL PICNIC**

Silver and surrounding area was pretty well deserted last Wednesday afternoon and evening because of Sun Oil Company's annual picnic held at Central Fire Station Park in San Angelo. The nearby playground was taken over during the afternoon where the youngsters were entertained with free rides and sports of all kinds. Bingo games furnished entertainment for adults and teenagers and a chicken barbecue supper was served at 6:30 with 575 plates being served. All Sun employees and their families of the operating and gas depart-

ments in the Robert Lee area were invited, as well as royalty owners and a number of friends.

**BEGINS NURSING TRAINING**

Yvonne Higginbotham, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Higginbotham, enrolled Monday at the Shannon Hospital School of Nursing in San Angelo. The three year training period will include some class work at San Angelo College. Yvonne is a recent graduate of Colorado City high school where she was an outstanding student. She was a member of the pep squad four years, served on the student council and during her senior year was voted the most courteous girl.

Virginia Sue Arnold is employed in Froggy's Cafe in Robert Lee. She is living in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Loyd Phelan.

Jerry Mullican and family of Lubbock spent Labor Day here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican.

Mrs. Delbert Coalson has been a medical patient the past week or more in the Bronte hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen, Mrs. Addie Gaston and Mrs. Bob Odom visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gaston at

**Silver Public School  
 1958-59 Calendar**

- Aug. 29 — Faculty Meeting.
- Sept. 2 — School Opening.
- Nov. 26 — Dismiss at 2:30 p. m. for Thanksgiving holidays. Classes resume at 8:30 a. m. Dec. 1.
- Dec. 19 — Dismiss at 2:30 p. m. for Christmas holidays Reconvene Jan. 5.
- Jan. 12-16 — Mid-term exams.
- Jan. 19 — Second semester begins.
- Mar. 13 — District 11 Teachers Convention.
- Mar. 26 — Dismiss at 2:30 p. m. for Easter holidays. Resume classes March 31.
- May 21-22 — Final examinations.
- May 22 — Junior High Graduation.
- May 23 — School term ends.

Labor Day weekend guests in the parental home of W. M. Millican west of Edith were Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Blake of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Millican and children, Paul and Beverley, of Odessa. Mrs. Blake is the former Joy Millican.

Hereford. Mr. Gaston has retired as a Methodist minister and the couple moved a short time ago to Hereford where Mr. Gaston is educational director of a large Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Goodwyn spent the Labor Day weekend sight seeing at Carlsbad Caverns, Ruidoso and other points in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hugh Odom came up from Beaumont for a Labor Day weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Walls and two children spent the weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Walls and two children of Grand Prairie spent the weekend here with the Arch Mathers family. Joining the family group on Labor Day were T. J. Walls and son, Randy, and Troy Walls of Colorado City.

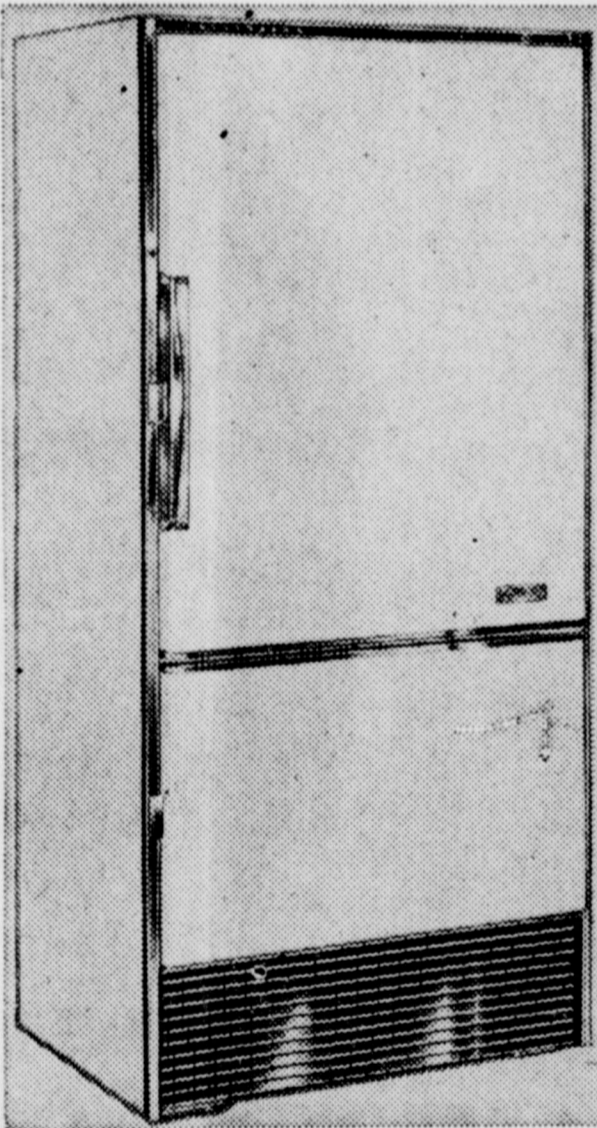
Mrs. Addie Gaston returned Saturday to her home at Tennyson after a two weeks' visit here with her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Allen and family.

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**COKE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS**

**Present Supervisors —**  
 C. N. Webb, chairman; Robert Walker, Vice Chairman; D. K. Glenn, Secretary and Treasurer; Bryan Yarbrough and W. E. Burns.

Otis Smith's Great Plains Conservation Plan has been approved and application of cost share practices for the 1959 program year will be started in the near future. These practices will include net wire diversions, range pitting on 25 acres, rootplowing on 50 acres, seeding 75 acres to a grass mixture, and constructing a new cross fence to gain better control of grazing.

The Coke Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors has approved the following conservation plans: Roland Willis, Fern Havins, and Earl Roberts of Robert Lee; W. O. Eubanks and R. H. Herron of Bornte; W. M. Alexander of Tennyson, and Dorbandt Barton of Fort Stockton.

Some cooperators with Coke Soil Conservation District are doing brush control with tree dozers. Eighty-four acres of mesquite were pushed on the J. W. Arledge estate, and 66 acres on Mrs. M. A. Runion's place near Robert Lee. Earl Davidson cleared 20 acres of mesquite and 95 acres of cedar.

A new range survey has been completed on Foster S. Price's Highland and lower ranches in preparation for a Great Plains Conservation Plan. At the present time Mr. Price also intends to include his Panther Gap and North Silver ranches in the Great Plains Conservation Program.

Grass left on the land is like money in the bank. It pays off by holding the soil in place and preventing excessive runoff.

**Courthouse Rainfall Record**

This month	0.0
This year	15.07
This time last year	13.70

### 4-H Girls Camp A Fine Success

By CAROLE L. HOOPER  
 County HD Agent

Thirteen Coke County 4-H girls attended the summer camp held in Robert Lee at the Recreation Building August 26 and 27.

The time was spent in crafts, outdoor cookery and recreation.

Those who attended were DaNell Dixon, Ida Lee Parker, Jan Mayben, Marjorie Gladys Rives, Prescilla Wylie, Carolyn Prine, Mary Humphrey, Jean Blaylock, Rhea Jean McCutchen, Betty Hughes, Nancy Manire, Linda Heuvel and Daphne Roe. Adult leaders attending were Mrs. Truman Parker of Bronte, Mrs. Tom Rives of Robert Lee, Gladys Waldrop and the extension agents, Fay C. Roe and Carole Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Caulder recently moved from Midland to Odessa where they are residing at 591 Austin St. Mrs. Caulder is the former Wanda Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker of Robert Lee.

## INSURANCE

Life, Sickness and  
 Accident, Polio, Cancer.  
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**G. C. Allen**

## County Agents News Column

By Ray Sims

**Jr. Assistant Extension Agent**  
 I will attempt to pinch hit for Sterling Lindsey, County Agent, for this weeks column. Mr. Lindsey has been on vacation the past week and plans to be back at work Monday, Sept. 8.

As everyone knows the rats and mice have been a big problem this summer, and most likely will be a bigger headache this fall unless some control measures are taken.

When the weather becomes cooler, the rats and mice start migrating to a more comfortable, well protected area, which accounts for increasing numbers of these rodents in houses and buildings.

Coke County 4-H Clubs are planning a county-wide rat and mice drive in the near future. Club members will sell rat bait at four stations throughout the county.

The stations and other arrangements will be published in next weeks paper.

It is nice to have James Coffman, associate agent, back in the office after being gone the past two weeks. James has been on two weeks active duty with the army reserve at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

4-H club boys have finished their record books and have submitted them for district competition. The records will be judged September 10, at San Angelo. Those competing are as follows: Jerry Jameson, James Bird Pentecost, Gaylon Pitcock, Bobbie Rae Blaylock, Dewayne Dee Arrott, Kenneth and Robert Wink, and Bill Rankin Roach.

### BACK FROM RED RIVER

Mrs. Katie Stroud and daughter, Fatima, were in Robert Lee Tuesday visiting among relatives and friends and looking after business matters. They returned the first of the week from Red River, N. Mex., where they operated their Wagon Wheel Courts during the summer tourist season. With them at Red River were Mrs. Mary Roe, a sister of Mrs. Stroud, and a niece, Michalene McCrohan. Mrs. Lois Millican was also there a part of the summer. Mrs. Stroud and daughter have taken an apartment at 818 West Ave. L in San Angelo. Fatima will be a senior at Central High in San Angelo.

## PERSONALS

Labor Day weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Yarbrough included Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Ray Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Cotten and family, all of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker and family of Bronte. Mr. Ryan is a brother of Mrs. Yarbrough, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Cotten is their cousin.

Lee H. Powell of Tyler visited here Friday with his brother, Sam Powell, and wife.

Noel Adams and family of Amarillo spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powell here and with Mrs. J. N. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sawyer were recently called to Temple by the death of the former's uncle, Monroe Sawyer, who died at the age of 90.

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## Women's HD Camp

By Fay C. Roe

Self Improvement, including exercises and grooming was part of the program for the annual Home Demonstration Camp. The camp was held Thursday and Friday in the Recreation Building in Robert Lee.

Exercises to improve the figure and to tone the muscles were shown by Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr. Good grooming, which included care of face, skin and hair and make up, was given by Mrs. Arnold Samuelson.

The two day camp program was highlighted by crafts, mosaic tile, tool craft and plastic molding. Each member attending participated in the craft work.

The Thursday night program was presented by Mrs. C. E. Arrott of Bronte. She showed slide films of trips to California, Florida and to the National Parks.

Those attending the camp were Mmes. C. E. Arrott, Dee Estes, Collins Sayner and Floyd Crunk of Bronte; Mmes. Glenn Waldrop

and R. L. Page, Green Mountain, Mesdames Lowell Roane, A. Fields, Pat Rives, Willis Smith, Tom Rives, and Miss Gladys Waldrop of Friendship. Others attending were Miss Beth Glenn of Monahans, Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Miss Carole Hooper, Extension Agents.

### DEATH OF ELDRIDGE POWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powell were called to San Angelo Tuesday last week to attend funeral and burial rites for the former's father, Eldridge H. Powell, 55, native of San Angelo, Mr. Powell died Sunday in a San Antonio hospital. He was a representative of an oil field equipment company. He is survived by two sisters and three brothers.

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### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cosgrove and children, Stephen Glen and Tonya Sue, recently spent some time here with Mrs. Cosgrove's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson. While here Owen went to Abilene where he received a master degree at ACC. The family has gone to Oklahoma City to visit relatives before returning to their home in Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin of Crane visited here Sunday evening with their daughter, Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr., and family. They had spent the weekend at their lake cabin at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace spent the Labor Day weekend with his brother, Gilbert Wallace, and family at Pecos. They were joined there by their son, Royce Wallace, and his wife of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Britt came from Odessa for a Sunday visit with her mother, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, and family. Miss Eula McCutchen of Bronte was also present at a dinner Sunday honoring Gordon McCutchen's 41st birthday.

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serve, the land will be examined to determine if it is substantially as productive as the average of all cropland on the farm. Then Mr. Arrott said, the contact is ready for the signature of the farmer and the approval of the County ASC Committee.

Any farmer can participate in the Conservation Reserve who has cropland which is regularly used for cultivated crops or tame hay.

### LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clift and daughter, Anne, visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift. They spent the summer at Austin where Wallace served as an assistant attorney general and helped prepare a supreme court brief concerning the Texas claim of the tidelands. Wallace gave up the legal profession a year ago and is now studying for the Episcopal priesthood at Oakland, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Hall and children of Redding, Calif., visited friends and kinfolks in Robert Lee Tuesday of last week. He is a cousin of Mrs. A. J. Bilbo and Mrs. F. C. Clark. Turney and family spent much of their vacation time in the Blackwell locality where he grew up and has relatives. As a young man he was employed in Robert Lee for some time. He is now engaged in the lumbering business in northern California.

First Lt. Jack Snead and wife and their son, David, returned to Stillwater, Okla., this week after a 10 days visit with home folks in Robert Lee. An Air Force navigator and radar expert, Jack is on detached duty for a time and is studying electrical engineering at Oklahoma A & M College. A group of kinfolks gathered to honor the visitors Sunday evening at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead. They were feted again Tuesday night at a smaller party which included only the Snead and Caraway families.

Mrs. J. R. McClure and daughter, Dianna, are back in Robert Lee after spending the summer at Denver City. They are occupying their home a block west of West Texas Utilities Co. Mr. McClure, Calvin Sparks and other Robert Lee men are still employed at Denver City, but plan to make weekend trips back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts have moved to their farm, 6 miles south of Robert Lee, where they recently built a new home to replace the house which burned a few months ago. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vowell have moved into the Roberts residence in Robert Lee. Mr. Roberts has been closing out his stock and fixtures following the closing of his food market a month ago because of his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes and daughters spent a few days the last of the week with the Ray Stewart and Donald Stewart families at Lamesa.



TOM SAWYER

### TO PLAY COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Norman Roberts has returned to East Texas State College at Commerce where he will be playing his final year of college football. He is an outstanding end. During the past summer he and his family have lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lenn Roberts on their farm south of Robert Lee.

Leaving the last of the week was Tom Sawyer, who received a football scholarship at McMurry College in Abilene, and enrolled as a freshman. The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sawyer, Tom was an outstanding athlete at Robert Lee high school.

### GLENN LOFTONS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lofton spent a few days the last of the week in their old home town and visited among kinfolks and friends. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. James T. (Barbara) Adams and her two children, Robyn Lynn and Cindy. The Loftons had been at Lakeland, Fla., and were helping their daughter and her family move back to California. Mr. Adams will follow after winding up business affairs. The Loftons live at Barstow, Calif., where Glenn is engaged in the plumbing business. He is a brother of Alfred Lofton. His wife is the former Lois McDorman and is a sister of Mrs. Dona Roberts and Linzy McDorman.

### Want Ads

FOR SALE—Our place 2½ miles northwest of Silver; 546 acres with about 165 acres of farm land.—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Whitt, 315 W. 50th, Odessa, Texas. 2t

WILL SACRIFICE for \$1,500 to settle Ida McCleskey estate, on one acre of land, four room house with commode, butane tank and stoves, good electric ice box, other old but usable furniture. South of gin in west edge of Bronte. Contact Dee T. McCleskey, 1802 Ivanhoe Lane, Abilene, Texas, office phone ORchard 4-8196. 12w2c

FOR SALE — Two bedroom modern residence, priced below appraisal value. In best location, 1 block from park, 3 blocks from school and 2 blocks from lake. Inquire of the owner, Dale Brown. 1c

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

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### Soil Bank Signup Outlined by ASC

step-by-step description of how farmer can put all or part of his land in the 1959 Conservation Reserve of the Soil Bank was given today by Clarence E. Arrott, chairman of the Coke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

emphasized that the first and most important step is for a farmer to ask the County ASC Committee to establish maximum annual payment rates for his farm. Payment rates will not be established for a farm unless requested by the farmer. At the same time, the farmer should furnish the Committee with information on acreage, yields for his farm and give estimate of the value of his land. This information is needed to determine the rates can be established for their farms. The deadline for farmers to request that rates be established for their farms is Sept. 15, 1958.

On the basis of the information supplied by the farmer and other records, the County office will establish maximum annual rates of payment for the farm and will advise the farmer an application for placing land in the program. The application form will show the rates established for the farm.

When the farmer then decides how much cropland he wants to put in the Conservation Reserve, how much he wants his contract to run, and the rate of annual payment at which he will offer his land. He fills this information on the application form. The application must be returned to the County ASC Committee on or before Oct. 15, 1958, the deadline for filing application.

In connection with the filling out of this application, Chairman Arrott pointed out that a farmer may offer to put land in the Conservation Reserve at less than the maximum annual payment rate established for his farm. He stressed that this could be particularly important since priority in accepting applications will be given to farmers who make the best offers. Thus, the farmer who offers land at less than the maximum rate for his farm will be more certain of having his application accepted.

Contracts will be offered to farmers after the deadline for returning applications to the County ASC Committee. Before a contract is concluded, someone from the County ASC office will visit the farm and examine it for eligibility and measurement of acreage. There only part of the cropland on a farm is offered for the re-

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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Dear Ed:

Thought you had a newsy paper last week which is almost always the case for that matter. Noticed quite a few local ads, too, and wonder why the merchants don't advertise more. —Interested Reader.

Dear Reader:

We've wondered about that too.—Ed.

Enjoyed a wonderful visit over the weekend with an old Iowa friend, Harold Fleck, a prominent lawyer who lives at Oskaloosa. Hadn't seen him for more than 12 years. Kept him busy telling about what happened to who; learned of the death of a number of old acquaintances, and of course who was making money and who went broke. Mr. Fleck is the proud father of Miss Carole Lynn Fleck who represented Iowa in the national Miss America contest last year in Atlantic City.

Will admit I've been pretty rough in some political battles in the past, but never matched this one. Here's a clipping from the Texas Observer, published at Austin:

Ector County Democrats headed by former Attorney General John Ben Shepperd resolved that "if Junior Senator Yarborough speaks to the convention, with or without invitation, we suggest that our delegates take this opportunity for a traditional West Texas coffee break."

Many Robert Lee folks remember the J. C. Jackson family who resided here when the big Silver oil field was being drilled out. He was a driller and later a pusher for Baker & Taylor. They had a daughter, Cloma, who is married and lives in Abilene. Also had a younger son, Tommy, who was a small lad when they left here. Well, Tommy attended school at Andrews, and developed into one of the finest fullbacks in high school football circles. He made all-state and stuff like that. Now he's ready for college. He wanted to attend Texas University, but Oklahoma is after him. Coach Bud Wilkerson is recruiting at least one-half his squad from Texas and there don't seem to be any way to stop him. Tommy Jackson will very likely turn up at Norman.

### CARD OF THANKS

Should have done this sooner but we surely want to thank folks for their many acts of kindness while Marion was ill. We are especially grateful to the doctor and staff of Coke Memorial Hospital, and to the church groups and our friends at both Silver and Robert Lee for their visits, gifts and words of encouragement. — Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cox, Silver, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blair and children, Eunice and Dwain, and another daughter, Mr. Jim Thomas and husband of Arlington, left Saturday on a vacation trip to California. They will visit a brother of Mr. Thomas in Hollywood and at Sacramento will visit Mr. and Mrs. Harold Akin. She is the former Doris Blair.



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## HUMPHREY FAMILY LEAVES

After a residence in Robert Lee four years, the W. J. Humphrey family this week moved to Seminole to be near Mr. Humphrey's oil field work. He is a driller for Ard and after drilling slowed down in Coke County the past two years, he had to travel long distances to his work. The family came to Robert Lee from Eldorado and have occupied an A. B. Sheppard rent house. They have been active in the Methodist church and community affairs. The daughters, Martha, Kay and Mary, have been prominent in school activities.

## HERRON FAMILY REUNION

Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman attended a reunion of Mrs. Hickman's kinfolks, the Herron family, held Sunday at the National Guard Armory in San Angelo. All of the Hickman children were present except Johnny, and his wife and children came from Levelland. Going from Robert Lee were also the C. W. Trimbles, H. R. Richards and Frank Percifull families.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Clark went to Mason Friday to attend funeral services for W. S. Hay, 80, well known ranchman in that area. For many years Mr. Clark and other Robert Lee residents had been entertained during the deer hunting season on the Hay ranch.

## Petition

Following is a copy of the petitions being signed requesting an election to vote on separating the sheriff and tax assessor-collector offices in Coke County:

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1954, Article VIII Section 16a became a part of the Constitution of Texas, said article providing that "In any county having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding census of the United States, the Commissioners Court may submit to the qualified property tax-paying voters of such county at an election the question of adding an Assessor-Collector of Taxes to the list of authorized county officials. If a majority of such voters voting in such election shall approve of adding an Assessor-Collector of Taxes to such list, then such official shall be elected at the next General Election for such Constitutional term of office as is provided for other Tax Assessors-Collectors in this State."

AND WHEREAS, the sheriff now serves as ex-officio assessor-collector, this amendment permits the voters of the counties to decide in a referendum whether the new and additional office of assessor-collector should be created; and,

WHEREAS, it is felt that this extra duty imposes a heavy burden on the sheriff and takes up a large portion of his time which should be devoted to other duties; therefore,

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, resident qualified electors and tax-paying voters of Coke County, Texas, who each owns taxable property in said County and who each has duly rendered the same for taxation, respectfully pray your Honorable Body to order an election at the earliest possible date, for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the resident qualified property tax-paying voters of said County, who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, for their action thereupon:

"SHALL an Assessor-Collector of Taxes be added to the list of authorized County officials of Coke County, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII section 16a of the Texas Constitution?"

## PERSONALS

Douglas, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns of Perkins-Prothro camp near Silver, is a patient in Coke County Memorial Hospital. He underwent an appendectomy Monday of last week in a San Angelo hospital. Douglas was returned to his home last Thursday but entered the local hospital Sunday for additional treatment. His condition is very satisfactory.

Monty Wallace and family spent the Labor Day weekend with his parents at Ft. Stockton. The previous week they entertained Mrs. Wallace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Liston and son, J. T. Liston, of McKinney and Mrs. Liston's mother, Mrs. Tol Smith of Jacksonville.

The Bill Lloyd family of Bangs spent the Labor Day weekend here with Mrs. Lloyd's sisters, Madine Burgess and Mrs. Carl Brock and family.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Blake of Welch visited here the fore part of the week in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Dale Brown, and family. Rev. Blake is a former Baptist pastor at Bronte.

Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith, children, Robbie Jane and Stella and the former's mother, Thelma Mauldin, attended a union of Mrs. Mauldin's family at Gatesville over the weekend.

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