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Sweetwater B Here Thursday To Open Season

(By Freddy McDonald)

The Robert Lee Steers had twenty-seven lean and hungry-looking boys turn out for practice August 5.

Coach C. D. Manire's squad shows lots of hustle but is lacking in weight. The squad's main problem is replacing the eight Steers from last year's district champs.

The main position vacated was all-area quarterback, Tom Sawyer. Richard Sims is doing an ample job filling Tom's place. Jerry and Paul Tinkler are showing up fine in the end positions deserted by all-district ends, Don Stewart and Freddie McDaniel.

The Steers welcomed their rivals, the Bronte Longhorns, for a scrimmage session Thursday night of last week. The evening was highlighted with a Bar-B-Que given by the Quarterback Club. The squad of 1958 was presented to a somewhat large Robert Lee crowd.

Freddy McDonald, Steer halfback, was sidelined for Thursday because of illness. He will be seen in action Thursday night, September 11th, against Sweetwater "B" Mustangs.

The Steers and Bronte were fairly matched all through the evening. The Longhorns outweighed the Steers on the line by some twenty pounds. But the speed makes the difference for the Robert Lee and Bronte lines. Robert Lee's passing grew better as the evening's play continued. Ends Jerry Tinkler and James Harmon were the targets of Richard Sims, Steer quarterback.

Sam Skipworth, John Walker, and Ronnie Sims were also carrying the pigskin for Robert Lee. John Kinsey took McDonald's place at halfback with a good showing. Meanwhile Melvin Duncan, Jerry Blair, Bill Mundell, Douglas Ashworth, Bobby Cowley, and Gary Ledbetter knocked holes in the Longhorn line.

The Steers, in spite of the small material and decreased number of boys, are rated third by the San Angelo Standard Times. The Abilene Reporter picked them as second in district.

Friday, September 5, the Steers locked horns with the Lakeview "B" Chiefs. The scrimmage was mainly to work out "rough spots" in the offensive pattern. Jerry Blair and Gary Ledbetter are going to be "great guns" on the line, along with Melvin and Sam. James Blankenship was seen quite a bit

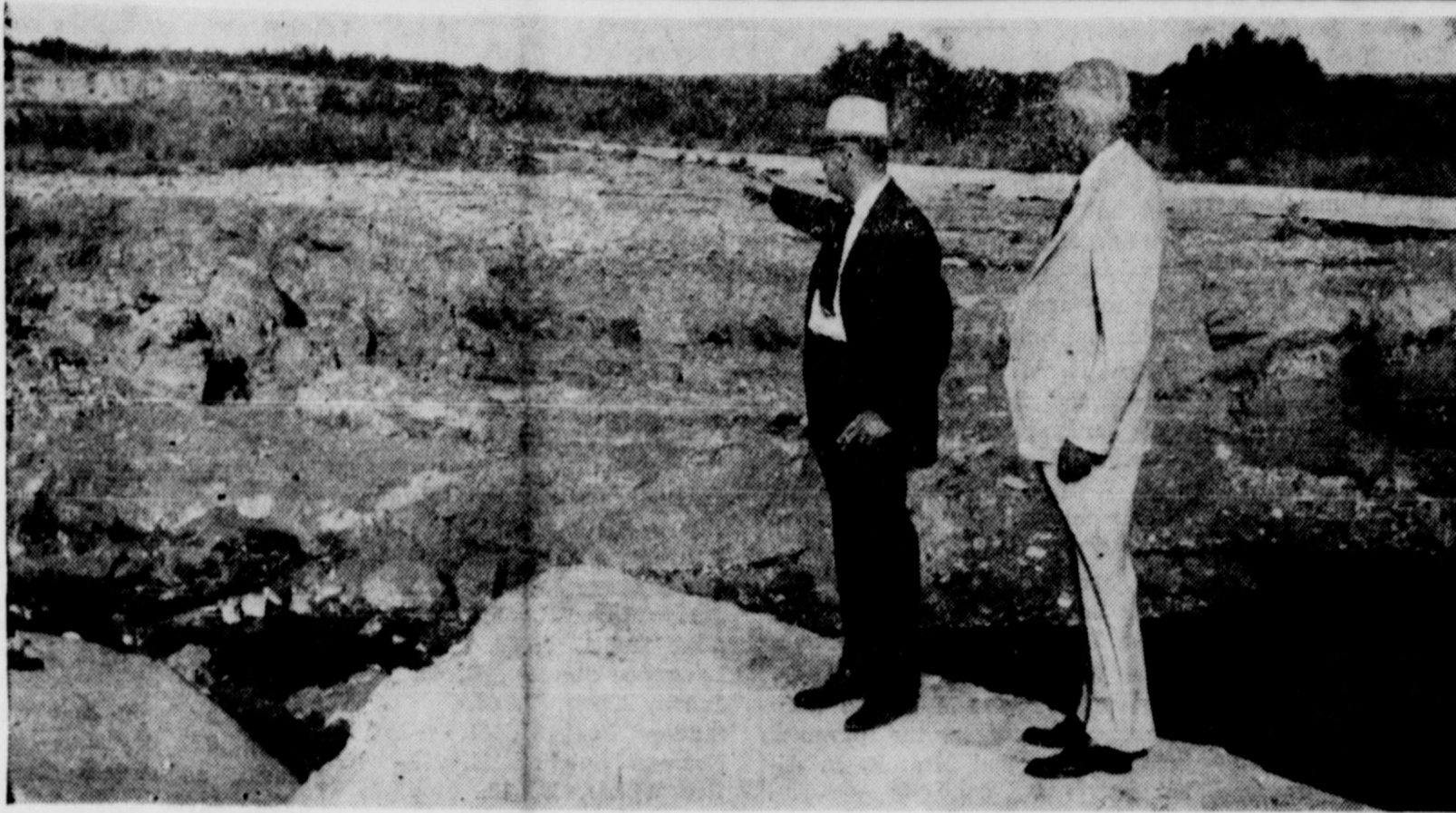
First Meeting Scheduled By Garden Club

The president, Mrs. J. S. Ferrell, will preside at the first fall meeting of El Valle Garden Club scheduled for Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Building at the County Park in Robert Lee.

Hostesses will be Mrs. W. D. McAdams, Mrs. Travis McNair, Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. and Mrs. Curtis Blair.

Organized in 1938 the club is now twenty years old and this year it has an active membership of 36. The group annually adopts a civic promotion and is a fine asset to the community.

El Valle is Robert Lee's only federated women's club. It is affiliated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.



ON TOP OF THE PROBLEM—G. C. Allen, Robert Lee banker and ranchman and secretary of the Upper Colorado River Authority, left, points to damage done to Mountain Creek Dam spillway and backfill (to the right) which washed badly following an 8-inch rain last October. L. T. Youngblood, Bronte banker and UCRA

chairman, is with Mr. Allen. They agreed that additional temporary repairs are a waste of money. Forrest & Cotton, a prominent Dallas engineering firm, has been engaged to make a preliminary survey and estimate of the cost of permanent spillway improvements.

on defense and offense against the Chiefs but will be eligible for only two more games. Paul Tinkler drew startin end with his brother, Jerry, in the Lakeview scrimmage.

Here is the probably starting lineup against Sweetwater "B" Thursday night:

Right end, Jerry Tinkler, senior 140 lbs.

Right tackle, Melvin Duncan, senior, 195 lbs.

Right guard, Bobby Cowley, senior, 160 lbs.

Center, Sam Skipworth, senior, 175 lbs.

Left guard, Bill Mundell, junior, 160 lbs.

Left tackle, Jerry Blair, junior, 180 lbs.

Left end, Paul Tinkler, junior, 140 lbs.

Right halfback, Ronnie Sims, junior, 155 lbs.

Left halfback, Freddie McDonald, senior, 155 lbs.

Quarterback, Richard Sims, sophomore, 145 lbs.

Fullback, John Walker, junior, 150 lbs.

Coaches, C. D. Manire, G. E. Davis.

Managers — Pat Lomas, Butch Service, Royce Hood, Morgan Ashworth.

Students Off For College

Among the Robert Lee young men and women who will be attending college this year are the following:

Texas Tech, Lubbock — Leslie Nell Wink, senior; Doris Sparks, Carolyn Elliott, Bub Burson, Dennis Blair, freshmen.

Hardin-Simmons, Abilene — Freddie McDaniel.

McMurry, Abilene — Tom Sawyer.

East Texas State, Commerce — Norman Roberts.

Texas A & I, Kingsville, — Roland McArthur, Byron Russell, Bill Simpson.

Texas A & M, College Station — Robbie Don Godwin.

San Angelo Junior College — Carolyn Simpson, Butch Davis, Bill Havins, Delton Chatham.

Mrs. Frank Bowlen and son, R. L. Esman, of Odessa were Sunday guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. L. H. Blankenship and family.



PVT. RICHARD C. BOONE recently was selected as Soldier of the Month for the U. S. Army Ordinance Group on Okinawa. He was chosen for his soldierly appearance, knowledge of duties and military courtesy. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone, Richard holds the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge earned in the Korean conflict. The 26-year-old soldier attended Robert Lee high school and was employed by the Odessa Police Department before his reenlistment the past year.

Await Action on Spillway Repairs

L. T. Youngblood of Bronte, chairman of the Upper Colorado River Authority, has called a meeting in Robert Lee Friday evening to discuss and perhaps make a decision as to spillway repairs at Mountain Creek Lake.

All UCRA officials and directors and members of the Robert Lee City Commission have been notified to be on hand when the engineering firm of Forrest & Cotton of Dallas will explain in detail its findings. Copies of the engineers' report have been in the hands of UCRA and city officials for the past ten days.

In submitting their report, Forrest & Cotton stated that after a thorough survey they concluded that complete protection of the dam and spillway against damage from floods cannot be justified, as the costs are excessive when compared with the original investment in the project, and also with the ability of the city to repay the UCRA.

The engineer submitted two reports to be considered. These are (1) the 10-foot drop structure estimated to cost \$120,000, and (2) the riprap estimated to cost \$77,000. Their conclusion was that the \$120,000 plan offers the best overall solution, considering both capital cost and maintenance to be anticipated.

Robert Lee city officials including Mayor W. D. McAdams and Commissioners Wayman Robertson and Curtis Walker, have also approved this plan. Final decision will be up to UCRA directors. G. C. Allen is secretary-treasurer of the group and Cumbie Ivey is a director. Other members of the UCRA board include Porter Henderson, vice-president, R. E. Bruce, Henry Teplicsek, Grady Mitcham, Dale Leddy, Rufus Foster, and Carl Runge, legal advisor.

When Mountain Creek was created to furnish Robert Lee's water supply, a contract was signed providing that the city pay the sum of \$350 monthly toward repaying the UCRA. Repairs less than \$1,-

000 annually were also paid by the city, but repairs over that amount were to be taken care of by the UCRA.

Original cost of the project was \$81,088.94, and Robert Lee has been prompt in making its monthly payments, having paid a total of \$30,450 up to this date. However, spillway repairs previously made and paid for by the UCRA amount to \$28,820.99. That was prior to the flood of last October which caused almost total damage to the spillway, repairs of which are now up for solution.

A suggestion that the city might be able to increase its payment has drawn an answer from Robert Lee officials who point out that the sum of \$416 is also being paid each month on a city bond and interest account. When the new lake was built, the city voted \$65,000 bonds for a filtering plant and new distribution system.

Robert Lee also has an old bonded debt of \$10,000. Three of these bonds are to be retired next spring, three in 1960 and the final block of \$4,000 will be paid off March 1, 1961. Until they are out of the way the city will have its financial nose to the grindstone.

REFUND TO CANDIDATES

Coke County candidates for office this year received a refund of 40% of their campaign assessments from R. B. Allen, county Democratic chairman. The saving was made possible because only a few voting boxes were used at the runoff primary and some of the election workers served for one-half regular pay. Candidates for county judge paid in the biggest assessment of \$228 each, and their refunds amounted to \$91. Refunds for the other candidates were: Clerks \$69, treasurer and commissioners \$48, and justices of the peace \$9.60.

Mrs. Robert Lewis Jay returned home Friday from a San Angelo hospital where she underwent a tonsilectomy the previous week.

Silver News

J. C. Bristo, superintendent of the Cherokee Boys Home at Cherokee, Texas, spoke at the morning service of the Silver Church of Christ last Sunday. The Cherokee Home is for Latin-American children and is the only home of this nature in the United States supported by the Church of Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen Butler of Annville visited here recently with their former parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Jennings. Also visiting at the Jennings home the last of the week was their nephew, A/2C Glen J. Hebert and a friend, Charles Whitkon, of Dyess AFB at Abilene.

Perry Post, engine operator at Jameson plant, has been off duty since Friday because of illness.

S. S. CLASS PARTY

The Young Peoples Class of the Baptist Sunday School enjoyed a hamburger barbecue party Friday night at Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. recreation hall. Mrs. J. L. Mason, class sponsor, and her husband and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Palmer were guests. Young folks present were Larry Cheatham, Bobby Koonce, Joe Windham, Marian Mason, Wanda Koonce, Robbie Godwin, Charles Palmer, Rex Mason and Ruth Palmer.

John T. Stewart and family returned Saturday from Beaumont where they had been called by the illness of Mr. Stewart's mother. When they left the patient was much improved following surgery.

Sonny Palmer is home from Beaumont where he was employed during the summer by an architectural firm. He will resume college at Texas A & M next week.

Tommy Stewart and Charlie Palmer have concluded their summer work with Sun Pipeline Co. and both will enter college this fall.

Dr. Alton Lawton and family of Dallas spent the weekend with the former's uncle, J. D. Gilbert, and family. Dr. Lawton has had wide training as a chest surgeon and is now connected with that department at Baylor hospital.

John E. Walke, Sun Oil Co. gas division manager at Dallas, was in Silver the fore part of the week on company business.

V. A. SILMAN DIES

Virgil A. Silman, 84, retired Church of Christ minister, died in a Brady hospital Aug. 31 after a brief illness. Services were held Tuesday morning at the Church of Christ in Menard and burial was at Rock Springs.

He lived at Silver years ago and preached at the Church of Christ, later coming back for meetings on a number of occasions. He was a brother of Mrs. Julia Reed, wife of Dr. J. E. Reed, both deceased, and

former Silver residents.

Mr. Silman had resided at Menard the past eight years, moving there from Dallas. He married Miss Matilda Bryson at Ballinger in 1902.

Survivors include the wife, one son, Virgil A. Silman Jr. of Menard, and one daughter, Mrs. George Rowland of Schertz, Tex.

Silver public school has enrolled 132 pupils, the number being four less than a year ago.

Mildred Sparks of Dallas is here on a vacation visit with her mother and brother, Mrs. M. L. Baker and Henry.

Sun production roustabouts on vacation are Gerald Brasuell, one week, and Bobby Rhea, two weeks.

Mrs. H. W. Keener went to Brownwood for a weekend visit with her parents, who celebrated their birthdays. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duff, and the couple accompanied their daughter to Silver for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hale and David of Snyder were Sunday guests in the Frank Mullican home.

The Walter Jones and Bill Archer families of San Angelo were weekend guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen.

PRESTONS TO LEAVE

W. A. Preston, pumper for Sun Oil Co., is being transferred to Pecos, having bid in a heavy duty pumping job in nearby Culberson County. The field is 50 miles from Pecos. It has 12 producing wells and more drilling is under way. He will be employed seven days a week and 6 hours per day on the new job.

Mr. Preston and his wife plan to leave Friday and he will take over his new assignment Monday. He is the oldest permanent Sun Oil Co. employee in this area, having come to Silver 11 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haigood and son, Danny, of Premont visited here last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Haigood.

The Myrtle Jameson family has moved to Colorado City while their son, Jerry, will attend high school there the next three years. Mr. Jameson will continue his position at Silver as pumper for Chester Hunter, independent oil producer.

Tom A. Whitt, formerly of Silver, is still at a home for the aged at Gunter, Tex., and his health is reported as poor. His box number is 38 and he would be glad to hear from old friends.

Mrs. Mamie Beringer of Phoenixville, Pa., has arrived for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Haigood, and family.

The Fred Jamesons have moved to San Angelo and their sons have enrolled in school there. Larry is attending Robert E. Lee junior high and Glen is attending David Crockett elementary school. The Jamesons are living in the Village Apartments until their new home is finished on their ranch southwest of San Angelo.

A list of Silver young men and women who will attend college this year will be published next week. Mrs. W. W. Koonce, school secretary, is helping compile the list.

Silver Indians Meet Hermleigh In Grid Opener

Silver junior high Indians were scheduled to open the football season on their home field Thursday night of this week, with Hermleigh junior high Cardinals.

Thursday night of next week Silver will be host to a junior high team from Colorado City. Large numbers of Robert Lee folks were planning to attend that game, but will remain at home this week to watch the Steers in their opener against Sweetwater B.

Coach Guy Wheeler has high hopes of a winning eleven this season, although he lost most of last year's starters who graduated from the ninth grade.

Here's the Silver Indian squad with their positions and numbers:

Bill Ledbetter, B., No. 50.
Paul Ferrell, G., 22.
Curtis Higginbotham, B, 16.
Jerry Mayo, B, 55.
Mike Hollis, T, 52.
Lawrence Stewart, E, 48.
Johnny Theis, T, 60.
Stanley Post, G, 61.
Norman Butcher, E, 28.
Pat Wilkes, E, 12.
Dwain Walker, E, 50.
John Paul Ashby, B, 14.
David Lindsey, B, 24.
Allen Clendennen, G, 44.
Richard Ramsey, B, 10.
Raymond McGuire, T, 26.
Jimmy Arnold, C, 59.
Donald Dukes, G, 45.
Raymond Kincaid, C, 58.
Eddie Parker, E, 57.
Mike Simpson, E, 42.
Lynn White, B, 18.

MRS. GARTMAN LEAVES

Mrs. Lillie Gartman, widow of the late Millage Gartman, has gone to Corpus Christi to make her home with her mother, Mrs. Jachetz. The latter had been visiting her daughter here the past month, and Mrs. Anna Gartman, widow of Louie Gartman, joined them last week and visited other kinfolks. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman helped Mrs. Gartman move to her new home and also visited in Corpus Christi and their son, M. L. Denman, and family. Mrs. Gartman's address at Corpus Christi is Route 3, Box 448A.

Pfc. Jimmy Gray is home on an army leave from Ft. Lee, Va. He was accompanied on the trip by an army buddy, Frank Morris, who resides in South Carolina. Jimmy's two years of service will be completed next March but he hopes to be discharged sooner and enter Texas Tech next January.

Mrs. Page Hostess To Green Mt. Club

The Green Mountain W. H. D. Club met on Friday, Sept. 5, in the home of Mrs. R. L. Page. Mrs. Page, president, called the meeting to order, welcoming each one present. Mrs. Glenn Waldrop read a poem, "If you Can't Lick 'Em, Join 'Em" for the opening exercise. Roll call was answered by My Favorite Magazine or Paper by 3 members, 2 visitors and Miss Carole Hooper, the home demonstration agent.

Mrs. Glenn Waldrop gave a report on the State T. H. D. A. meeting she attended in Austin Aug. 13-15. Mrs. Waldrop and Mrs. Page gave the report on County Camp held at the recreation center in Robert Lee on Aug. 21-22, displaying the crafts made.

Mrs. Waldrop was elected to be a T. H. D. A. Chairman for Coke County.

Program was on "variety meats" and was given by Miss Hooper.

Social hour followed. Meeting adjourned on time with next meeting Sept. 16 in the Green Mountain Community Center. — Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Reporter.

Campaign Against Mice and Rats Launched by Coke County 4-H Clubs

Coke County 4-H Clubs, in cooperation with the Texas Rodent Control Service, have launched a campaign to control mice and rats that are plaguing the county. During the next two weeks, the clubs will have bait available. It is prepared by the Rodent Control Service to curb heavy infestations and a possible heavy build up of the predators. Similar campaigns are being conducted in other counties.

Four stations have been established where orders for bait can be made. Either dry or a water mix bait may be ordered at Odom's Cafe, Silver; Baker's Grocery, Robert Lee; Lee's Feed Store, Bronte and Green's Grocery, Tennyson.

The bait will be available two weeks, Sept. 12-26. Deliveries will be made on Sept. 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29. Bait will be delivered on the first delivery date following the order.

Two kinds of bait will be offered. The dry bait contains fumarin, an anticoagulant as the killing agent.

Anticoagulant baits are very effective, but must be eaten daily or at regular intervals for five to seven days. The bait must be kept out at least a week and preferably longer to work effectively. One or two pounds normally is ample for household use while five to ten pounds is needed for a farmstead with several buildings. These baits are relatively safe to use around pets and children. They can be harmful to pets or people, but must be consumed in large amounts to be harmful.

Water mix baits come in packets that make one quart of bait when mixed with water. It is sometimes more effective than dry baits around granaries, barns, or stored feeds where there is loose grain. Using both wet and dry bait in such areas is usually effective.

A good method for baiting is to put one-half the bait in small containers such as jar lids or cut off cans or paper bags with a small hole in them. The bait should be placed along rat paths such as rafters, baseboards or behind boxes. Bait should be checked daily to see that it is available for at least a week or longer as other rats and mice will migrate in.

As cool weather approaches, the rodents will migrate to shelter and feeding areas. Now is the best time to begin offsetting damage that could be done by a winter influx of the pests.

All farm and ranch operators are invited to participate in the control campaign. The more operators cooperating, the more effective the program will be.

COUNTY H. D. COUNCIL

The Coke County HD Council met Sept. 9 in the agent's office with Mrs. Pat Rives, chairman, presiding.

Mrs. Curtis Walker, Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Mrs. Pat Rives and Mrs. Clarence Arrott were appointed as a committee to make plans for a Mexican supper soon.

Report on state meeting by delegates.

Yearbook committee will meet Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. to make plans for new yearbook.

Fourteen women attended county camp.

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Mrs. Glenn Waldrop was elected THDA Chairman. Nine were present at meeting.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES BARBECUE

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blaylock entertained members of the Robert Lee school board and their wives at a barbecue Tuesday night of last week at their ranch home, southeast of Robert Lee. Mr. Blaylock is also a school trustee. Supt. and Mrs. Frank D. Coalson were guests and the group presented Supt. Coalson with an attractive leather gun case for his new home.

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THE OBSERVETTE

Published by Students of Robert Lee High School

Elementary Department

(Marion Mason & Sue Parker)

The year has brought about changes in the teaching staff of the grade school. Mr. Hervey Latham, principal, teaches five subjects, and Miss Melba Brown is fourth grade home-room teacher. Mrs. Lucille Dean will again teach music in the first six grades. This year twenty-seven students have been enrolled in the first grade, taught by Mrs. Naomi Powell. They are:

Mac Adkins, Mike Bagwell, Jay Adams, Charles Eubanks, Mike Hammack, Jerome Hanna, Joe Dammack, Billy Lester, Stanley Gross, Ronnie Phillips, Jack Goslar, Johnny Service, Mike Stephens.

Jack Lee Wallace, Gary Jack Tomason, Mary B. Bradshaw, Gloria Ann McGinley, Billy Peoples, Becky Percifull, Debby Tomaker, Adrienne Summers, Thra Vosburg, Kay Rogers, Katha Sims, Marcia Varnadore, Lana Yarbrough.

Everyone is happy to have each of all of them and hope that they will have an enjoyable year.

The second grade is off to a good start this year with Mrs. Roberta Mead as the teacher. They have a new student, Wayne Maize of Welland, making a total of twenty-eight classmates.

The third grade has been increased three students this year, making a total of thirty-two students. Welcome to Robert Lee, Dewine Dickey of Seminole, Douglas Thetford of Bronte, and Richard Long of Roscoe. Mrs. Eulce Olson is teaching the third grade again this year and has several new ideas.

The fourth grade enrollment reached forty pupils. Two from Robert Lee registered Monday, September 8. The subjects will be arithmetic, geography, music, reading, English, spelling, and science by Miss Melba Brown, Mrs. Lucille Dean, and Mr. Hervey Latham.

Mrs. Lucille Dean, home-room teacher for the fifth grade, will teach English in the fifth and sixth grades and music in the first

six grades. She, being a very adequate teacher for these subjects, will have several new ideas to bring out each subject and make it an interesting one. Miss Brown also teaches this class of twenty students.

The sixth grade has twenty-four students. The new ones are: James Dickey of Seminole, Rex Spencer of Odessa, and Terry Thetford of Bronte. Miss McLure is their home room teacher, teaching them geography and science; Mr. Latham, arithmetic, spelling and writing; Mrs. Dean, English; and Miss Brown, reading.

Our Students Are Versatile

(Kenny Sawyer, James Blankenship)

Melvin Duncan is one of the most promising athletes this year at RLHS. He weighs 195 pounds and is a senior this year. Melvin has lettered three years and was chosen on the all-district team last year. He will be starting at right tackle this week against Sweetwater "B." His playing gives RLHS high hopes for another district winning team.

Another of the talented students in RLHS is Ronnie Sims. Not only is Ronnie musically inclined, but like Melvin, he has athletic ability.

Ronnie has composed the words and music to a song entitled "Why." It was introduced to the student body on the opening day of school. The song was very popular with the students, and they are pulling for Ronnie and the song because they know he is the type to make many achievements.

Not only are there athletes and musicians in the school, but scholars also.

Marilyn Weathers, who was valedictorian of her eighth grade class last year, is one of the outstanding scholars. Marilyn's average for the last year was 96, which is considered very good. The same high average in high school, as she maintained in junior high, is expected of Marilyn. She also has the ability to make a fine college student after she graduates from high school.

High School Classes Elect New Officers

With the start of school, officers for the new year were elected. Though the activities are numbered for some, the work is equally difficult.

FRESHMAN CLASS

(Barbara Gray)

The freshman class met Friday, September 5th, and elected the following for class officers:

President — John Kinsey
Vice-President — Kay Wink
Secretary-Treasurer — Betty Tinkler

REPORTER — Barbara Gray

SOPHOMORE CLASS
(Brenda McDorman)

On Monday, September 8, the sophomore class of Robert Lee High School elected as class officers:

President — James Harmon
Vice-President — Jerry Quisenberry
Secretary-Treasurer — Vicki Wojtek

Reporter — Brenda McDorman

All of last year's members returned. They gained four new members—Caroline Johnson, Sheila Spencer, Pat Lomas, and Sue Parker. Frankie Blair, one of last year's members, has not registered yet. The class will have, when Frankie returns, twenty-five members.

JUNIOR CLASS

(Bonnie Butcher)

The junior class elected their officers Friday, September 5.

They are:

President — Don Weathers
Vice-President — Jo Ann Hood
Secretary-Treasurer — Freddie Ross

Reporter — Bonnie Butcher
Business Manager — Marilyn Reid, chairman; David Waldrop, assistant.

The juniors will be in charge of the popcorn stand at the football games and would appreciate your business.

SENIOR CLASS

(Frances Wylie)

The senior class met with its sponsor, Garland Davis, Sept. 4 to elect as officers:

President — Jamie Schooler
Vice-President — Jerry Tinkler
Secretary-Treasurer — Jane Austin

Reporter — Frances Wylie

The offices of president and business manager were discussed and voted to be combined.

The class will be in charge of the management and operation of the concession stand. Coffee, cold drinks, candy, sandwiches, and hot dogs will be for sale.

The first of the week, the girls of the class started making football tags which will be sold at school. Each tag will sell for a nickel and will consist of the name of a football player or some victory message.

It was announced that the rings will not be here until December.

HERE THEY GO AGAIN

(Jane Austin)

The Robert Lee High School halls are again alive with chatter, talk and just plain "gab." Much of this talk is telling of summer's vacation, and the enjoyment and pleasure it provided. Whether a boy or girl took a long vacation, held a job, or simply "took it easy" during the summer, was interesting to others. Several students had the opportunity to vacation in other states and Canada. But now that many new things have been done and seen, most of the students are glad to be back in school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 11th — Sweetwater "B" team, here.
September 16 — School pictures to be taken.
September 19 — Jim Ned team, here.
September 22 — FHA Installation Service.

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Few Changes In Faculty

(Betty Hood and Lavada Box)

Except for a few changes, the high school faculty is almost as it was last year. Mrs. Betty Latham will be in Mrs. P. E. Webb's position as the junior high social teacher and will teach general math. Mr. Robert Lewis Jay will fill Mr. Keith Farris's place as band director and Mrs. Travis McNair's place as science teacher.

The principal, Mr. M. E. Petross, will continue teaching math and American history. Mrs. Pauline Coalson will teach English II, English III, and Texas history. This year, world history will be taught by the superintendent, Frank Coal-

son. Journalism-speech class, English I, and English IV will be taught by Mr. Garland Davis. He is also in charge of the girls' P. E. Class and assistant boys' coach.

The vocational agriculture department will be in the hands of Mr. Hulan Harris, and Mrs. Betty Hodge will have the homemaking department as well as the lunchroom. Coach C. D. Manire will teach eighth grade health, driver's training, and will be coach for the boys. Bookkeeping and typing will again be taught by Mrs. Charlotte Wojtek, who is also office secretary.

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Robert Lee, Texas

Sam Skipworth Is Outstanding Senior at RLHS

(By Sandra Baker)

The senior picked for the student interview this week is Sam Skipworth. Sam is 5' 10" tall and weighs 165 pounds. He has red hair and blue eyes. Sam's favorite color is blue; his favorite food is chicken, and his favorite class is physics. Football is Sam's favorite sport, and he plays center and fullback on this year's team.

He has played on the Robert Lee High School football team since he was a freshman. Sam was elected by the football team as one of the co-captains this year. He was a member of the high school track team last year.

Football, besides being Sam's favorite sport, is also his favorite pastime.

Hunting is another of Sam's pastimes. Sam has been a very fine athlete during his past three years in high school, and he is also a fine student and participant in school activities.

Sam was elected class favorite his first year in high school, and he was presented the science award as a junior.

He also has held several offices in school. Sam was vice-president of his junior class; president of his sophomore class, and he was elected greenhand vice president in FFA.

Sam held a big part in last year's junior play entitled "You Can't Beat the Drums," and he also participated in the one-act play as a freshman. Sam went to the Interscholastic League meet his first three years in high school as a declaimer for the Robert Lee School. He was also on the radio team for FFA his sophomore year.

Sam takes part in the clubs around our school as well as he takes part in the sports. He belonged to the FFA for two years, and he has been on the annual staff for three years. This year he is a member of the Observette staff and assists Freddy McDonald with the sports happenings.

Sam has attended Robert Lee school for 12 years. He plans to go to college after graduation in the spring, but he's not certain

what college he's going to attend. Texas U. is the college of his choice.

STEPPING STONES

Once someone commences over a brook on a path of stepping stones, he must go forward or else tumble into the water.

The same example can be applied to high school. Upon becoming a high school member, the student is caught in mid-stream, to go on or fail.

September 3rd, twenty-one students entered Robert Lee High School as freshmen. These students were not only entering a new class and high school, but they were entering a new phase of life—another stepping stone.

The next stone is a higher educational institution. This can be achieved by entering a college, university, academy, or finishing school. Though many will not advance to this "stone", others will.

Upon nearing the end of the crossing, a life can be made of the education a person has achieved through the work encountered in the "journey over the path of stepping stones."

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"IDIOT'S DELIGHT"

(Jerry Dean)

"The Flying Dricer"

I've come to relate this tale
In a bold and mighty fashion.
The night was cold with spots of
hail,
And the dogs ate Ken'l Ration.

A figure shambled down the street
No one could be nicer.

His hair was combed, and he was
neat.

It was the "Flying Dricer."

He gave old women Raisin Bran.
And to the men, gave money.
There was not a single soul,
Who did not think it funny.

Though these words are hard to
put,

This boy was quite ab-mental.
What sane man would break his
foot,

And say his case was dental?

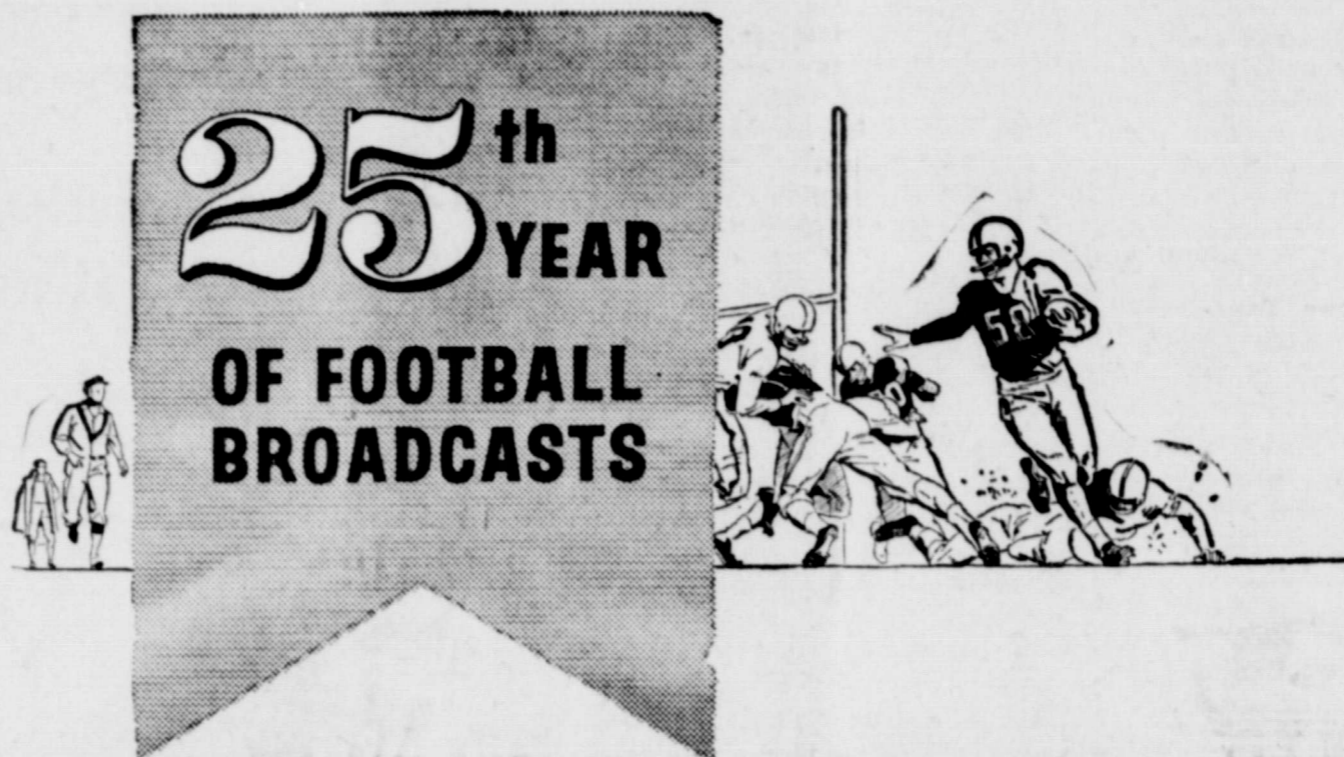
He wears his shoes a trifle tight,
Five sizes small by measure.
He says that when he takes them

off,
It is his only pleasure.

He has a knock-kneed, one-eyed aunt.
Her name is Mary Mae.
But, as I've never heard of
That's all I have to say.
(Edited by Jo Ann Millican, Pat Conner).

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Special Ballot at Nov. 4 Election To Decide Separating Sheriff-Tax Office

Coke County tax paying voters have an opportunity to say whether or not they shall have separate offices for a sheriff and tax assessor-collector.

Under the present setup the sheriff is ex-officio tax assessor-collector. However, a recent legislative enactment makes it possible for counties under 100,000 population to divide the offices by a majority vote.

The Commissioners Court in Monday passed an order to submit the proposition on a special ballot at the Nov. 4 general election. Their action followed filing of petitions requesting a vote signed by more than 100 persons. Commissioners had the right to call for a vote on the matter without a petition.

Judge Jeff Dean says steps will be taken at once to prepare proper notices of the forthcoming election. Since the question will be submitted at the general election there will be little extra expense involved.

Other counties with small population but having large tax valuations have previously taken steps to separate the two offices.

The Commissioners Court wish to make it plain that if the people vote to set up separate offices for the sheriff and tax department, there will be no appointment. Paul would continue as sheriff and tax assessor-collector for the remainder of his term which expires the end of 1960.

However, both a sheriff and tax assessor-collector would be elected two years from now, with their terms to begin Jan. 1, 1961.

The law states that only qualified voters who render property for taxation will be eligible to vote on the issue.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey and Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. and Patti Lynn were in Dallas the fore part of the week when they attended a dealers preview of the new 1959 Fords. They were highly impressed with the new models which are due for public inspection Oct. 17.

Judge Jeff Dean returned home Friday from Shannon hospital where he had been a patient more than two weeks. He is making a fine improvement from his recent serious illness and is back in his office daily.

J. S. Ross returned to Robert Lee Saturday after a summer visit with his daughters, Mrs. Elmer Cole at Midland and Mrs. E. E. Ayers at Mannsville, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Cole accompanied him here and visited in the Roy Ross home and among other kinfolks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Williams and son, Allen, visited Robert Lee kinfolks briefly the last of the week. They were enroute from their home at Turkey to San Angelo where Tommy preached Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Humphrey and daughters came to Robert Lee for a weekend visit with friends and complete their moving to Seminole. Their address in Seminole is 411 3rd N. M.

G. B. Shelburne III of Amarillo visited here recently with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key.



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

Conservation reserve participants planted many species of grass this year in the Coke Soil Conservation district with varying degrees of results. Sorghum Alum was the predominant row planted grass and in most cases good stands were established. In some cases, however, Sorghum Alum came up to a good stand and died back due either to soil condition or lack of moisture at a critical time. Research information shows Sorghum Alum to be a weak short lived perennial grass which can be expected to live from three to four years provided it is cultivated and winters are not adverse.

Land owners and operators who are considering a permanent pasture grass should give more thought to planting native species which are naturally adapted to this area and which do not require extensive cultivation. These native species can be planted in rows or as mixtures in drilled cover.

Mrs. George Thomas, whose farm is north of Bronte, has a drilled planting of native grasses which is showing good growth following recent rains. T. E. Tidwell, who farms southeast of Robert Lee, has row plantings of switch grass and sorghum alum up to a good stand. Other than sorghum alum, blue panic was the predominant row planted grass planted this year. Frank Percifull has a good stand of Blue Panic up in rows on his place south of Robert Lee. Success in establishing grasses under the conservation reserve program in the district was generally good, however weed competition and lack of summer rains attributed to some failures.

Approximately 34% of all the cultivated land in Coke County was in the conservation reserve this year.

A new specie of quail has recently been introduced into the State by the Fish and Game Commission. The specie is called the Japanese King Quail, sometimes referred to as Oriental or Rice quail of Stubble quail. They are native of Japan and Australia and are unusually hardy.

They are a little smaller than the Bob White. The young birds grow twice as fast as the Bob White and are less excitable. They also seem to like confinement. They start laying around six to eight weeks of age and seem to lay continuously. The eggs hatch in 16 to 17 days, depending on incubation. They are especially adapted to taking care of themselves. Of interest to the sportsman: They will use pastureland that Bob White will not stay on at all. They will stand well for the same dog that points the Bob White. The Japanese quail is a good flyer, and though they do not go in coveys, there will be as many as sixty pair to an acre of land when well established. The number recommended for release in a place is fifty birds. They nest twice a year naturally and will raise from 5 to 18 young per clutch. In captivity when properly cared for they will lay continuously with only short breaks for rest.

Court House Rainfall Record

Rain this year	15.07
Rain this date last year	14.11
Rain this month	0.00

Want Ads

FOR SALE — Two bedroom house in Bronte. Inquire of the owner, E. G. Lindsey, Bronte, Tex. 1p

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

CARTLEDGE LOTS FOR SALE — Business and residential properties in various parts of the City of Robert Lee and the Austin & Northern Land & Cattle Co. addition on the north side of town. Lots available in 25, 50 and 100 foot widths.

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OIL FIELD ACCIDENT

D. J. Walker, Jr. is recovering at Coke County Memorial Hospital from painful injuries received Saturday afternoon while working on a drilling rig. He was stirring up mud in the pit when a high pressure hose became clogged and hit him on the head and face and bruised his arms and body. Several teeth were loosened. He was knocked unconscious for a time. Mr. Walker is a driller on a Rhey & Reynolds rig which completed a well on the Knight lease in the east end of Sterling County.

THE "WHY" OF P. T. A.

Your P. T. A. is only one cog in a huge mechanism that is concerned not only with Johnny and his school, but the kind of community, state and nation that he is growing up in. It aims to unite home, school and community in working for the good of the youngsters. It gives parents, teachers, and all others who care about kids a common meeting ground.

Sept. 9, several members met and outlined a program for the coming school year.

First P. T. A. meeting will be Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chumley, well known ranch couple southwest of Robert Lee, are in Marlin for a few weeks of health treatments at a sanitarium.

BIRTHS

WALKER—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker (Jackie Nell Sparks) are parents of their second daughter born at 3:10 p.m. Sept. 9 in Medical Arts Hospital at Brownwood. She weighed 8 pounds and has been named Karla Sue. She has a sister, Loretta Nell, one year old. The couple reside on a ranch near Mullin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks of Robert Lee.

CAPERTON—A daughter was born Aug. 31 in Sterling County Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Caperton (Zelma Slaughter.) She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and has been named Kimberly Gay. There are two other children, Jacques, 14, and Randy, 7 years old. Former Coke County residents, the family resided in Sterling City several years and are now living in San Angelo. Grandparents are Mrs. Mary A. Slaughter of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caperton of Bronte.

Gene Shelburne has returned to his home at Amarillo where he will resume college studies. During the summer he made his home here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key, and worked with the Northside Church of Christ.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. (Bud) Thetford moved from Bronte early last week and are now living in their home near the school house. They purchased the property from Corbett Harmon and added some more rooms. Mr. Thetford is the nominee for Coke County Judge.

Mrs. Henry Briscoe returned home Monday from a stay in Shannon Hospital. Her many friends will be happy to learn that she is much improved.

Mrs. Sam Fowler lost control of her car Sunday afternoon while enroute to San Angelo where she is a nurse at Memorial Hospital. She is a patient at Coke Memorial Hospital and her injuries apparently were not serious. The car was badly damaged.



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SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

I'm proud to be granddad again. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Dauseh of Allison Park, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, have a new son born Aug. 26. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and has been named Eugene David. He has four brothers and three sisters. His mother is our older daughter, Mary Jane Kirkpatrick. The father is a native of Pittsburgh and is engaged in the mens and boys furnishing business with his brother-in-law, James Hillman. Their establishment is located in a large new shopping center in the northern part of the city.

Humble's 1958 football broadcasts and telecasts will detail the exploits of 41 different teams from 16 states—including all of the games played by the seven Texas schools of the Southwest Conference.

This week's Observer will be the last for a number of subscribers who are getting too far in arrears. Too bad!

There has been some controversy over the county's Farm to Market road program, but we feel that the state's taking over the Edith to Silver stretch is by far the best deal we can get at this time. Maintenance costs of this 17-mile stretch will be enormous and the cost would otherwise come from local road funds. The road serves an important area of the county where oil production accounts for one-half or more of the county's total tax revenue.

If I owned a retail store I would want to have my advertisement in The Observer every week. The paper has reader interest and folks read the ads, too. Business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated. Robert Lee merchants are not supporting this newspaper as they should. However, advertising is not a donation—it's a necessity.

GOOD, Today,
BETTER Tomorrow—
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SUL ROSS STUDENTS

Alpine, Texas, Sept. 8 — In order to meet the needs of junior, senior and graduate students, Sul Ross State College will meet interested students Saturday morning, 9.30, September 13, at San Angelo College to organize an extension center.

The courses offered will be determined by those present.

Demands for such a center come from all over the San Angelo area.



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WAYNE CARTLEDGE HERE

Wayne Cartledge of Marfa was a Robert Lee visitor this week, being accompanied by his cousin Harry Weaver. Mr. Cartledge placed an advertisement in The Observer concerning sale of the Cartledge lots, and said there has been considerable interest shown by prospective purchasers. Wayne is one of the executors of the N. I. Cartledge Estate which owns something over 300 residential and business lots in Robert Lee. The property was deeded to the late Mrs. Cartledge by her father when the town was laid out nearly 70 years ago. While here Mr. Cartledge also subscribed to The Observer. He is of the opinion that Robert Lee with its fine improvements, important oil development and good farm and ranch conditions has a fine opportunity for considerable growth.

CLOSED SUMMER LODGES

Mrs. Effie Roe and her family report a very successful season for operation of their Navajo Courts at Red River, N. Mex. This mountainous section of New Mexico is becoming more popular each year as a summer vacation spot and attracts tourists and visitors from a wide area. Mrs. Roe's daughters, Louise Hatch and Pauline Holland, operated the business most of the summer, with Fred L. Roe Jr. and his mother spending part of the time there. The tourist season officially ends on Labor Day and all members of the family have returned to Robert Lee.

FROM THE BYNUMS

Salt Flat, Tex., Sept. 4

Dear Mr. Kirk and Wife:

Well here we are out of the oil field and in the middle of "nowhere." But we're real happy so far. We are both working at Salt Flat bus stop cafe.

We don't make so much money but sure do live good. There's nowhere here to spend money! Sonny rides the bus to Dell City, just a small school. He is on the football team. We plan to stay here until he finishes school.

I hope to retire in good old Coke County with all you good people—love every one of you.

I'm really writing to ask you to send me the Observer every week. Enclose check of \$3.00. Be good and tell everybody Hi for Viola, James and Sonny Bynum.—Viola.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Sept. 3—Inez Gartman, Mrs. W. D. McAdams dismissed.

Sept. 4—Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Oscar Kresta, Freddy McDonald, V. P. Byrne admitted. Juan Corresco dismissed.

Sept. 5—W. J. Capps, Mrs. Thelma Mauldin admitted. Douglas Burns, V. P. Byrne, Mrs. Fred Smith, Hershall Hall, Arthur Gloria dismissed.

Sept. 6—D. J. Walker, Jr. admitted. W. F. Fikes dismissed.

Sept 7—Mrs. Sam Fowler, Otho Long, Mrs. C. E. McDonald admitted.

Sept. 8—Mrs. E. C. Davis admitted. Freddy McDonald, Mrs. C. E. McDonald, Mrs. Thelma Mauldin dismissed.

Sept. 9—Mrs. Ray Sparks, Mrs. Melvin Childress admitted. Morgan Russell, Mrs. E. C. Davis dismissed.

Sept. 10—Mrs. Ray Sparks dismissed.

House Warming For Coalsons

Last Friday night, under pretense of a Sunday School class party, friends from the Robert Lee and Edith communities honored the Frank Coalsons with a house warming at their new ranch home west of Edith.

Members of the Homemakers class, which Mrs. Coalson teaches at the Baptist Church, were hostess and served coffee and cake to a large number of guests.

Mrs. W. D. McAdams, class president, Mrs. Gertrude Gray, Mrs. Alton Roberts, Mrs. Ollie Roe and Mrs. Buster Fields made up the committee on refreshments and arrangements.

During the open house occasion Anne Smith played piano selections, while guests inspected the modern and attractive new home and admired the large display of gifts in the front bedroom.

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Mrs. Vela Plumlee returned the last of the week from a month's stay in Midland in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Embrey and daughter, Helen Ann. Mrs. Embrey, the former Geneice Plumlee, recovering from illness which caused her to be hospitalized some time.

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