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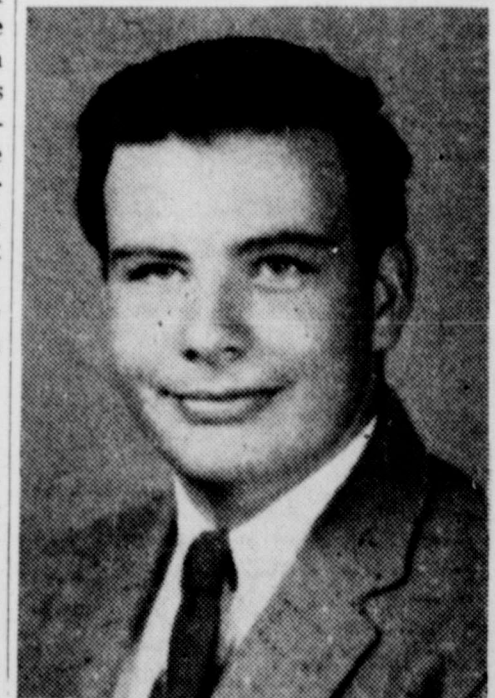
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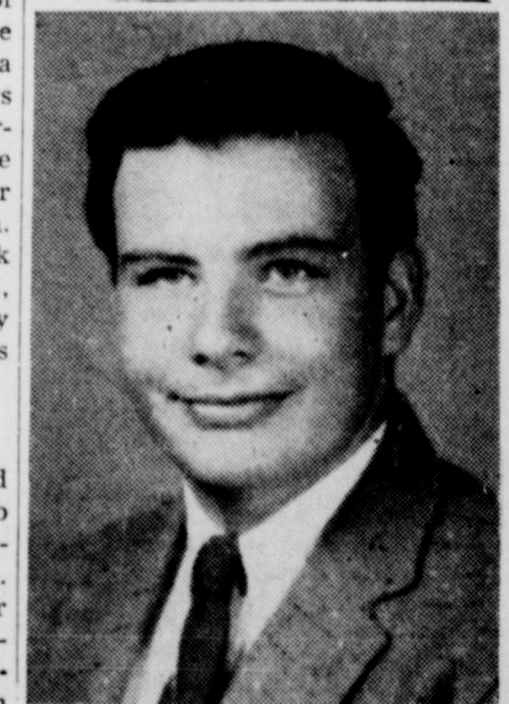
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Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cox returned Sunday from a week's visit with his brother, H. A. Cox and family at Tulsa, Okla. Marion is pretty well recovered from a four months' illness and returned to work Wednesday as a pumper for Crescent Oil Co.

Mrs. W. P. Holleyman suffered a severe heart attack at her home here Saturday morning and was taken to the Colorado City hospital where she is responding to treatment. Her husband is a Sun Oil Co. pumper.

Kay Stewart is taking a two weeks' vacation from her office position at Jameson natural gasoline plant. She planned to visit at Lubbock and then go to South Texas to visit friends and kinfolks.

Clayton Bloodworth, Jameson plant roustabout, is taking a two weeks' vacation. George Conner, engine operator 1st class, has been off duty a few days following dental surgery.

Charles F. Sommers, Jameson plant roustabout, is the father of a baby daughter born Sept. 24 in the Colorado City hospital. Her name is Kathryn Gayle and she has a brother, 2 years old. The Sommers family recently moved to Silver from Colorado City and are occupying the Myrie Jameson residence.

Eddie Parker has returned home from Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo where he was treated for rheumatic fever. It is thought his ailment was due to a throat infection. He is in the 7th grade and was on the Indian football squad before he became ill. Eddie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parker of Texas Natural Camp.

Mrs. Ernest Clendennen and sons, Allen and Jimmy, spent the weekend at Amarillo visiting the former's father, Arch V. Bryan. Bunyan Millican this week took over operation of the Texas service station north of Silver on Highway 208. Ed Snowden has been running the station for some time. Bunyan is recovering from a recent surgical operation in which an enlarged goitre was removed. He previously worked for J. P. Jameson.

Miss Jennie Lou Anderson was honored with a bridal shower Saturday night at Sun recreation hall. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Anderson, she will be married here Saturday night to Wayne Hennessey of Abilene.

A/3C Wade Anderson arrived home Thursday on a 30-days leave from the Air Force. He has been stationed at Sheppard AFB at Wichita Falls. Wade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Anderson.

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## INSURANCE

Life, Sickness and  
Accident, Polio, Cancer.  
Travel

G. C. Allen

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harris and children, Carol and Carl Jr., have moved to San Angelo. He was employed here by H. K. Kirkpatrick's Silver Trucking Co.

Ladies night was observed at the Tuesday night meeting the Silver Lions Club. A program was enjoyed following dinner at the Methodist Church dining room. John T. Stewart is president of the club.

Anne Reed, who has started nursing training at Austin, came home for a weekend visit with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reed. She likes her classes very much.

Remember Silver P-TA meeting Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 3:30 p.m.

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### INDIANS DEFEAT BRONTE

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## SCD Election n Called in Zone 5

A Board of Supervisors election for Zone 5 of the Coke Soil Conservation District will be held on Oct. 7, at 3 p. m., in the Commissioner's Court Room, Coke County Court House. Zone 5 is the central part of Coke County extending southward to the Tom Green County line.

The board consists of five members elected for five year terms with one new member being elected each year. To be eligible for the position, a person must be a land owner in the zone in which he is seeking election. Any land owner in the zone is eligible to vote.

### WALKERS HAVE GUESTS

Visiting Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker were her sister, Mrs. Frank Mathers, and granddaughter, Cathy Nordine, of Sierra Blanca. Other guests were Mrs. George Cerboskas and daughter, Regina, of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phelan and Mrs. Sudie Clepper of Robert Lee. Mrs. Phelan and Mrs. Clepper are also sisters of Mrs. Mathers and Mrs. Walker. Friends joining the group Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers of Silver, Mrs. Lawrence Higgins and Silas Batten of Robert Lee.

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Roy Fowler and wife of Grand Prairie came for a weekend visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fowler. They also visited his brother, Charles Fowler, and family in San Angelo.

Wilson Bryan and his family are returning to their farm home near Meridian where their son, Terry Frank, is a high school junior. The Bryan farm house west of town will be leased out.

### Hayrick Lodge

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

J. D. BLAIR, W. M.  
O. B. JACOBS, SEC'Y



## 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.

P. L. Wilks, who lives six miles southwest of Blackwell, has completed a 4,605 cubic yard stock pond on his place. O. B. Jacobs has finished construction of 3.3 miles of terraces and 1,224 feet of diversion on his place about two miles north of Robert Lee.

C. E. Clark, who farms five miles east of Bronte, has built 1.7 miles of terraces and 1,587 feet of diversion terraces. A 6,474 cubic-yard pit-type pond has been completed on the R. E. Hickman ranch, 2 miles southwest of Bronte.

Practices staked out but not completed include: four miles of terraces and 2,206 feet of diversion on the W. A. Hickman Ranch; a 4,284 cubic yard pond on the R. H. Sims place; and 4,034 feet of cross fence on D. K. Glenn's farm. This cross fence and about 200 acres of mesquite base spraying on the Glenn farm is under the Great Plains Conservation Program.

Weldon Fikes has made application to enter into the Great Plains Conservation program.

Conservation plans have also been completed on the W. A. Fields farm, five miles north of Bronte, and on the Finis Harmon place, seven miles west of Robert Lee.

"With the right to use goes the duty to conserve."

### Court House Rainfall Record

This month	2.62
This year	17.69
This date last year	15.44

## Column H D Agent's

By Carole L. Hooper

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Start now to store some of the lighter things. Right storage will increase the life of summer clothing, and make all garments more wearable for the next season.

Here are some suggestions for keeping out-of-season clothing in good condition until next summer:

1. Mend any ripped seams, tears, loose buttons or other damages. A few stitches can save the life of a garment.
2. Wash or dry clean all garments before storing.
3. Store cottons and linens unironed. Make certain all starch is removed. It can cause fabric to deteriorate and may attract silverfish.
4. Dry garments thoroughly and store them in a dry place to prevent mildew.
5. Store in large boxes or trunks to make room in closets for fall clothing.

TRY A WANT AD!

## Fire Department Celebrates Birthday

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its eleventh birthday Monday night with a barbecue at the recreation hall at the city park.

Meat for the barbecue was given to the department by J. O. Rudd. Guests at the party were City Commissioner Curtis Walker, Rev. and Mrs. McNair and families of the fire department.

The fire department was organized in September, 1947, with 13 members. Only four of the charter members remain. They are Jack Cowley, Calvin Wallace, E. C. Davis and Sam Jay. Jay has been chief since the organi-

zation. The fire department not only answers the alarms in town but makes several runs into the country each year. Through their work Robert Lee has been classed as a 'Fire Protected City,' bringing the insurance key rate down from 96 cents to 46 cents.

The fire alarm center is located at the Coke County Memorial Hospital. Our rating can not be credited to the fire department only. The efficient manner in which the hospital personnel takes the calls and sounds the alarm has contributed greatly to the success of the department in their work.

### MOVES TO OKLAHOMA

Ben Bessent has accepted a position with the seismograph department of Magnolia Oil Co. and will be stationed at McAlester, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Bessent and little son, Craig, left Saturday for their new home. Ben has been employed by his father-in-law, Robert Vaughan, Chevrolet dealer. Mrs. Bessent is the former Mary Vaughan and Ben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bessent. They take with them best wishes of many Robert Lee friends.

### FIRST P-TA MEETING

Highlight of the first P-TA meeting held last Wednesday included an interesting talk, "Stepping Stones to Maturity" by Mrs. Glenn Waldrop. Mrs. Christine Roach sponsored a style show with garments modeled by local matrons and grade and high school girls. A number of beautiful fashions were shown.

A social hour climaxed the meeting when door prizes were awarded and new members introduced.

Next meeting will be Oct. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Jeff Dean and her small pupils will provide entertainment and Hervey Latham, grade principal, will be the guest speaker.

## PERSONALS

Milburn Wink has completed basic army training at Ft. Carson, Colo., and is home on a ten days' leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wink. Milburn was inducted into the service in July.

Cynthia Carlene, 7½ months old baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Higgins of Midland, Monday of last week suffered a bone fracture between the knee and hip while at play on the floor. After three days in the hospital she was taken home where the injured leg is in traction. The baby's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ell Higgins, visited in their son's home Tuesday of last week and again over the weekend.

A. N. Counts was over from San Angelo last Thursday, visiting among friends and relatives. A former well known rancher on the Divide southwest of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Counts retired to San Angelo a few years ago. While in town Alvin stopped by The Observer and renewed his subscription for two years.

Mrs. Frank McCabe is convalescing from a painful illness following the recent removal of an imbedded tonsil. Her condition was considered quite serious for several days.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Jenner of El Reno, Okla., have been guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, and family.

## Want Ads

FOR SALE — Wheat and barley for seed, clear of Johnson grass and noxious weeds. Pat Havins. 16p2

When in San Angelo why not buy some home made hot tamales from Mrs. V. J. Voss, 424 N. Jefferson. Phone 72362. 16p2

FOR SALE—Dining chairs, leather bottoms, good.—Mrs. F. C. Clark.

FOR SALE — Power takeoff row binder, good shape, cut less than 200 acres. —Robert Walker, Sanco, Tex., on Highway 208.

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, 16

FOR SALE—Select, healthy Hy-line started pullets, 12 wks. old \$1.49; 14 wks. 1.64, 16 wks. 1.83. Ten cents off on sales of 100 or more. You are invited to come out and inspect these birds. —M. A. Cox, Box 254, Robert Lee, Texas. 2w pd

FOR SALE — Five-room house to be moved from present site two miles north of Robert Lee. —Mrs. John C. Snead, Sr.

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

### RELIABLE PARTY MALE OR FEMALE

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## Steers Crush Melvin 38 to 0

(Freddy McDonald)

The Robert Lee Steers chalked up an impressive score while defeating Melvin 38 to 0.

The Steers scored with relative ease in all four quarters. The first score was pushed over from the Robert Lee counted for two more six pointers in the second quarter on runs of 31 and three yards.

The Steers came back in the second half to push across two more touchdowns and a safety. Ronnie Sims did most of the work with the pigskin in the last two quarters.

For his first score Sims dashed three yards off left tackle. Paul Tinkler accounted for the Steer safety; he made a sensational defensive play nabbing the Bulldog passer in his own end zone.

The last Steer counter was set up when star Steer tackle, Melvin Duncan, intercepted a Bulldog pass on the 30 yard line and lined up the left side line to the end before being driven out of bounds. On the next play quarterback, Jerry Tinkler, passed to halfback Sims for the final tally. Sims, McDonald, and Kenny Tink each made extra points.

Robert Lee travels to Eldorado next week for their first district contest. Eldorado is slated to win this district, so the Steers will have their hands full in this oncoming battle.

### Statistics for Three Games

	Carries	Yds.	Av.
McDonald	45	422	9.2
Sims	21	76	3.6
Walker	18	60	3.3
Tinkler	6	32	5.3
Finney	2	4	2

## Mrs. Hodge Heads Homemaking Dept

After the narrow escape of nearly losing Mrs. Glenn Hodge, the school finally got her back and she is very happy that she is still here.

Mrs. Hodge's home town is Whitney. She graduated from Whitney High School and attended the Hillsboro Junior College. Mrs. Hodge completed the two years there and then enrolled at North Texas State College at Denton. Her major was home economics and her minor was science.

Before coming to Robert Lee to teach Mrs. Hodge taught in several other schools. She taught homemaking at Talco, Rankin, Abilene, Whitney, and Silver. At Rankin she was also the girls' P. E. coach. She was the school dietitian for ten schools at Sherman. Mrs. Hodge taught the fifth and sixth grades at Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge live near Silver at the Texas Natural Gas plant where he is employed. They have a son, Mark Evans, who will be four in December. Mr. Hodge is also a graduate of North Texas State.

Golf and baseball are the two sports that Mrs. Hodge enjoys.

## The Observette

Published by the Journalism Class of Robert Lee High School.  
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most.

Students who are willing to work and learn are tops in Mrs. Hodge's books. She prefers a medium size class. Of all the schools, Mrs. Hodge has never taught a student that she has not liked. She says that she likes the Robert Lee girls best of all.

Thank you, Mrs. Hodge, for the very nice compliment on the Robert Lee girls. We think we are very fortunate to have someone like you on our faculty, a member of our community, as well as our friend.

## FHA Installation And Initiation

(Vicki Wojtek)

The Robert Lee FHA Chapter held their first regular night meeting Monday, Sept. 22. The theme for the program was "To Further Interest in Home Economics." Last year's president, Jane Austin, awarded chapter degrees to Jo Ann Hood, Frances Wylie and Ellen Counts. She installed this year's officers and turned the gavel over to Jo Ann Hood, this year's president. Jo Ann then initiated the new members. Those were: Marilyn Weathers, Kay Wink, Barbara Summers, Mary McNair, Betty Tinkler, and Gladys Rives.

Jo Ann read letters from the Big Lake FHA Chapter, giving details of the District FHA meeting to be held there Oct. 11. Ellen Counts was elected voting delegate to attend the meeting. Vicki Wojtek was elected alternate delegate.

Frances Wylie was chosen to be a nominee for an Area office.

Mrs. Hodge gave an interesting talk on careers in Home Economics.

Peggy McCallie of Silver gave a talk on dress designing, the field she has chosen for her career. She has designed many of her clothes and showed the girls drawings of formals she has made.

Brenda McDorman and Ellen Counts served punch and cookies for refreshments.

## Elementary News Items

(Marian Mason, Sue Parker)

The school is very sorry to hear that Billie Joyce Peoples is out of school because of a serious illness. Billie Joyce has hepatitis and is expected to be out of school for several months.

The first grade has a praying mantis. They are fascinated by the fact that this insect can change color. It changes to the color of the object it is on.

In science, the children are having a good time growing various seeds.

The first grade children have named the pet turtle, Tiny. They seem to be pretty attached to Tiny.

Mrs. Roberta Kincaid has made a flannel board. She uses this to illustrate objects to her students. The children find it very interesting.

There was much excitement last week when Mrs. Eunice Olson spied a snake. It was not a rattlesnake but it did not have to be to scare everyone. The boys rocked the snake and killed it.

The third grade class has been studying Indians in science and reading. Mrs. Olson showed a film on Indians and naturally that thrilled the children.

The hoola hoops still seem to be holding their own in popularity among the children. Even the boys have great interest in them.

The fourth grade has a very talented student in their class, D. E. Moore. The children say he can talk like Bugs Bunny.

The children through the sixth

grade had their voices recorded in music class. They got a "big kick" out of hearing their own voices on the tape recorder.

The sixth grade is taking a big interest in grammar. Among the things they are doing to help their grammar are: working with the construction of sentences and making talks in class.

There was an assembly program in music which proved to be very interesting.

### SEVENTH GRADERS NEWS

(Elaine Robertson)

The seventh graders have found they haven't gotten acquainted with Junior High yet. Loke one boy who was caught in class playing with a car. Coach C. D. Manire really knows what to do in a case like that. Later Mr. M. E. Petross caught him speeding in the hall.

They also have a new boy, Jerry Craig, from Sterling City.

Bobby Blaylock won 9th place in his Heavy Litter gilt contest and 1st place on his record book.

Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Latham and Suzanne made a trip to the West Texas Fair in Abilene on Saturday of last week. Their little girl can give you a first hand description of the trip.

## Lunchroom Menu

Oct. 6: Italian Spaghetti, green beans, cabbage slaw, cheese bread stick, half pint milk, cherry cobbler.

Oct. 7: Spiced ham in orange sauce, sweet potatoes, stuffed celery, hot rolls, butter, half pint milk, cookies.

Oct. 8: Bologna sandwiches, vegetable soup, cheese, carrots, pineapple Jello on lettuce, half pint milk, chocolate cake.

Oct. 9: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, butter, half pint milk, jelly.

Oct. 10: Hot dog with chili, beans, carrot sticks, onion slices, half pint milk, upside down cake.

## Cheerleader Is Outstanding Senior

(Sandra Baker & Jerry Tinkler)



She has joined again this year and is social chairman. She has attended the FHA camp at Cisco for the last three years and is hoping to go again this year.

Kenney has worked as an officer of her class for the last three years. She was secretary and treasurer her freshman and sophomore years and treasurer her junior year.

This year Kenney belongs to the journalism class which will write the Observette. She works on the personality column.

### STUDENT COUNCIL

(Lavada Box)

The Student Council, composed of the Council officers and two representatives from the eighth to the twelfth grades, met Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 12:30 p.m.

They discussed ways to earn money to finance trips to Student Council meetings. The Council is to sponsor the annual this year and discussion was made on the financing of it.

The heads of the executive branch of the Council, which started its third year this year are:

President — Jamie Schooler  
 Vice-President — Kenneth Wink  
 Secretary — Jo Ann Hood

### School Calendar

(Eunice Blair)

- Oct. 10 — Menard, there, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — District FHA, Big Lake 9:00-3:30.
- Oct. 13 — FHA Meeting, 12:20 p.m.
- Oct. 14 — FHA Program Committee, 12:20 p.m.
- Oct. 17 — Hermleigh, here, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 23 — Stamford B, there, 7:30 p.m.

### Statement of Condition

## Robert Lee State Bank

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

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### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 605,357.90
Overdrafts	1,508.71
Banking House	48,400.00
Furniture and Fixtures	13,154.25
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	3,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Securities	388,146.88
State and County Securities	186,485.89
Cash and Exchange	332,299.33

Total \$1,578,352.96

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	25,389.05
Deposits	1,452,963.91

Total \$1,578,352.96

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## Students Vacation Across N. America

"While in California, we visited San Francisco, the State Fair, the zoo and went to the beach.

At the beach we all got the scare of our lives. I have never been over such a road in my life! The lanes, barely wide enough for two cars, had a one foot shoulder on each side. In comparison to a step, we were riding on a step with a mountain above and a bluff below. The road, twelve miles in length, was a real "lulu." After arriving at the beach we realized how worthwhile our perilous journey through the mountains had been. The beach with its foamy waves washing upon the shore was a very impressive sight. The cold weather did not seem to bother the occupants in the water. It made me shiver to look at them but they were obviously enjoying it.

It is interesting to note how environment and section of the country tend to be different in every state. I met some very interesting people during my stay there. An eighteen-year-old girl lived in the apartment below my sister. She is

a professional ice skater. Miss Marsha Walde, the girl I met, has been in Peter Pan, Oklahoma and several other productions. Her picture albums were very interesting to look through—many of the pictures being of her. She has a very daring nature. One adventure was sliding down the banister at high school graduation attired in cap, gown and all. Marsha does have a very individual personality; I guess that is what I thought was admirable about her.

All together we had a wonderful trip and met some very interesting people. Even so, I think the whole family will agree that it is wonderful to be back in Robert Lee.

Eunice's account of her Western trip was an interesting one. Mine, of course, will cover the Eastern part of the United States and will be somewhat different. I hope to make the variation interesting. Next week's paper will have an account of my beginning journey from Amarillo, Texas, to Springfield, Missouri.

## Steers Improve

(Freddy McDonald)

Robert Lee Steers started the season off slow, but have steadily improved through the last three encounters.

The Steers began practice on August 25 with 30 boys; it is surprising to notice that despite the long and hard workouts, there are still 26 boys out.

The Steers first game was with Sweetwater "B". The boys played sluggish ball throughout the game and they came out on the bottom end of a 16 to 0 score.

Richard Sims, sophomore quarterback, played a whale of a game for it to be his first varsity game.

The Steers were defeated the second week in a row by a tough Jim Ned eleven. Although beaten, the Steers showed an overall improvement throughout the squad. The Steers outplayed Jim Ned in every department but the score, 18 to 14. The Steers blasted a hole in the right side of the Indian team and went 65 yards for a touchdown from the first play of scrimmage.

This was the first time Jim Ned had been scored on. The Steers scored the final six points on an end-around with Jerry Tinkler lugging the pigskin.

The speedy Robert Lee Steers chalked up an impressive score in their third game, defeating Melvin 38 to 0.

The Steers ran through and passed over the Bulldogs with ease.

Jerry Tinkler had his first taste of quarterbacking in this encounter. He had to leave his end position to take over for Richard Sims who suffered a broken arm in practice.

Robert Lee will travel to Eldorado Friday for their first district contest. If Robert Lee can take this one they will be on their way to their third district title in the last four years.

### Scoring

McDonald	28
Sims	16
Tinkler	6
Wink	2
TOTAL POINTS	52
Opponents Points	34

### B. B. CAPTAINS ELECTED

The basketball captains for the girls' basketball team were chosen Friday, Sept. 26, in P. E. class. They are Annice Gartman, guard, and Eunice Blair, forward. These girls will serve as captains for this year's season. They were chosen from eight senior girls. Annice has played basketball for three years and has lettered two. Eunice has participated in basketball for three years, lettering last year. The basketball manager will be chosen from the girls who participate in basketball but do not make the team.

## Kenneth Wink Is President of FFA

The Robert Lee Future Farmers of America met in a regular meeting Tuesday night and elected officers for the 1958-59 year. The following officers were elected:

President — Kenneth Wink  
Vice-President — Douglas Robertson  
Secretary — David Waldrop  
Treasurer — Bobby Cowley  
Reporter — Butch Service  
Sentinel — Douglas Aashworth

Kenneth Wink was also selected as the District President nominee.

The District officer election is to be held Thursday night, Sept. 25, in Sittons Cafeteria in San Angelo. Nine area schools make up the Concho F. F. A. District. Robert Lee delegates to the District meetings are Donny Robertson and James Harmon.

The FFA will start their magazine sales program in three weeks and we would appreciate all the help that we can receive. Please save your subscriptions for the local group. The money we receive from the sales goes in on the F. F. A. banquet which every member looks forward to. — Butch Service, Reporter.

Thirty-one girls are working out for basketball and twenty-one will make the team. Fourteen girls will be on the traveling squad.

## "IDIOT'S DELIGHT"

(Jerry Dean)

When Geoffrey Chaucer was just about three,

He built him some wings and jumped from a tree.

A man who was nicknamed "Pasquale the Bosser,"

Said, "I have just witnessed my first flying Chaucer!"

A cow who was partial to grass,  
At kicking was terribly fas'.  
She caught an old clown  
While he was bent down,  
And kicked the poor man.

A woman whose nose was quite runny,  
Was cheering old Lucas McMun-

ny.  
Her yells of "Yea Lucas,"

Were drowned out by mucous.  
Now don't you think that is

quite funny?

## Steer Quarterback Receives Injury

(James Blankenship)

Richard Sims, Varsity Steer quarterback, received a hand injury in workout on Sept. 22, resulting in a cast for his right hand. He is due to start action again Friday night against Eldorado, the first district contest for the Steers.

Jerry Tinkler was converted from end to quarterback during Sims' absence. Tinkler, a fine end, proved to be a capable quarterback for the Steers in their game of last week against Melvin.

Sims, sophomore, was right halfback and captain of his junior high varsity, and laid out last season. Senior Tinkler played football his sophomore and was out of action last season because of basketball training.

## Robert Lee 4-H Club Officers

The Robert Lee Sr. 4-H Club met Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 1:45 p.m. The hour was spent electing officers, who are as follows:

President — Marjorie Gladys Rives  
V. President — Prescilla Wylie  
Sec.-Treas. — Mary Frances Wylie  
Reporter — Leta Faye Robertson

Council Delegate — Kay Wink  
Alternate Council Delegate — Marion Fikes

The yearbooks for 1958-1959 were handed out and the programs for the following year were discussed.

Ten girls attended this meeting. — Leta Faye Robertson, Reporter.

## Students Interviewed on Steer Hudd

(Richard Sims)

Question: Can the Steers bring in another 6-B championship?

Pat Conner, RLHS senior, said this: "I think the team is great and they definitely have the ability to do so."

James Blankenship, sophomore, gave this impressive rating, "In the other newspapers we were picked second and third, but we have improved enough to be sure of the district spotlight."

Don Weathers, junior at RLHS,

had this to say, "With the and good teamwork the showed in the fourth against Jim Ned, they should champions again this year." Jo Ann Millican, senior, "We can beat everybody in district if we make up our mind to do it."

Frances Wylie, senior and tor of the Observette, said, "the great improvement which been shown since the first. I think the 6-B crown will be 'in our pockets'."

## Sunshine Club Names Officers

The Sunshine 4-H Club of Robert Lee had its first meeting of the 1958-1959 year at 8:40-10:00 Monday, Sept. 29.

The morning was spent electing officers. The newly elected officers are as follows:

President — Linda Heuvel  
Vice-President — Rhea Jean McCutchen

Sec.-Treasurer — Dawn Boykin  
Reporter — Cynthia Davis

Song Leader — Della Dean  
Membership Chairman — Betty Hughes

Recreation Chairman — Kathy Preslar

Council Delegate — Dianna McClure

Alternate Council Delegate — Barbara Blaylock

Twenty-seven girls were at this meeting, 18 of them being new members.

The next meeting will be in October and the program is entitled "Nutrition Beauty Bar." — Cynthia Davis, Reporter.

## Dee Arrott Wins With Heifer At Abilene Jr. Show

Dee Arrott, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arrott of Tennyson, exhibited the Grand Champion heifer of the Junior breeding beef show of the West Texas Fair at Abilene last week. Dee, in his seventh year of 4-H club work, won \$125.00 prize money, two ribbons, a rosette and a trophy for his prize Hereford heifer.

The 8-month old heifer placed fifth in the open show, competing against top breeder's animals from over the state. She won first her class in the Junior show which is limited to 4-H and FFA exhibitors, then was judged grand champion heifer of the Junior Show.

Dee, along with T. C. Price, 52, a heifer he purchased from Lee Campbell, a well known breeder at Dublin, appeared T. V. twice Tuesday night.



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## Funeral Services Held Thursday for F. Sims, Sr., 71

(The Bronte Enterprise)  
Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Thomas Fewell Sims, Sr., 71, a well known Bronte peace officer, who died in Shannon hospital at San Angelo at 3:45 Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Mr. Sims was born Aug. 26, 1887, in Bell County. He was the son of the late A. G. and Nannie Richardson Sims. He was educated in the public schools and attended the University of Texas at Austin. He was a member of the former Emma Jones were carried Oct. 26, 1910.

Mr. Sims served as a peace officer in the Bronte area for the last 30 years. At various times during this period, he was a deputy sheriff, city marshal, constable,

and city nightwatchman. At the time of his death he was constable in the Bronte precinct.

During his long career as a peace officer, he apprehended many persons wanted by authorities. His experiences included many interesting incidents. Prior to becoming a law enforcement officer, Mr. Sims was a stock farmer.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Bronte and also a member of the Woodmen of the World lodge.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. James W. Campbell, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Douglas Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church here. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, with Cliff Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife; one son, T. F. Sims, Jr. of Bronte; one daughter, Mrs. Royce (Modelle) Hayley of San Angelo; three brothers, Harold Sims of Lone

Wolf, Okla., Lewis Sims of Bronte, and Lawrence Sims of Kingston, Okla.; three sisters, Mrs. Willie Taylor of San Angelo and Mrs. Jewell Hardin of Fort Worth; and one grandson, Tommy Glenn Sims of Bronte.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Wayne Roberts of Jal, New Mex., is making a week's visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bell. Her husband is employed by El Paso Natural Gas Co. at Jal. Mrs. Roberts is the former Nettie Bob Bell.

Mrs. Waymond Robertson is improving from a severe attack of bronchitis. She is being treated at Coke County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Robert L. Jay and son, Benjie, returned Tuesday from a few days in Brady where they were called by the illness of her grandfather.

Mrs. Della Freeman was returned Friday from Shannon hospital and will continue as a patient in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She is recovering from a light stroke.

Mrs. Lillian Caraway expects to return soon to her position as a registered vocational nurse at Coke County Memorial Hospital after a period of illness.

Mrs. R. B. McClure returned Wednesday to her home at Talpa after a few days visit here with her son, J. R. McClure, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Martin and children, Judy and Randy of San Angelo, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Millican. The ladies are sisters.

Billy Gene Bell and family have moved back to Amarillo from Hereford where he operated a body and fender shop for a few months. Their Amarillo address is 1563 Bell Ave.

## GREEN MT. HD CLUB

The Green Mountain WHD Club met on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the community center. Mrs. R. L. Page, president, called the meeting to order. "Do You Just Belong?" was the opening exercise, read by Mrs. Glenn Waldrop. Three members and three visitors answered the roll call with a storage idea. Council report was given.

Program was on "Time and Energy Savers," by Mrs. Waldrop and Mrs. Page.

Social hour followed. Meeting adjourned with next meeting Oct. 7 in the community center.—Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, reporter.

Mrs. O. E. Kresta was dismissed Tuesday from Coke County Memorial Hospital where she had been a medical patient several weeks. She is now convalescing at her home west of town and expects to return next week to her work as a registered vocational nurse at the hospital.

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The Rustler which became Observer near the turn of the century, has shared

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the joys, the sorrows, the victories and defeats of this area. It has seen the younger generation march off in four wars. It has helped record the floods, the drouths, the births and deaths, in fact every facet of the community has been recorded right here in the pages of this newspaper.

Discovery of oil and development of highly valuable production in recent years has helped greatly in offsetting a period of Coke County's most serious drouth. The community has prospered. We have wonderful paved highways, new schools, good churches, new court house, hospital, new city water system, new park and swimming pool. We've got everything a modern community needs.

Right now we need men and women with vision, with hustle, to keep what we've got and go farther ahead—not backward.

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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.



This is National Newspaper Week. Everyone has a "special week" of some kind nowadays. We are interested in promoting the event to include bringing gifts to the editor as a part of the observance.

(See Cheesecake Below)

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A survey shows that 92 per cent of housewives interviewed said if they had a choice of newspapers with or without advertising, they would prefer newspapers with advertising.

Guess they won't care much about this issue of The Observer.

In glancing over the new county tax rolls we noted that someone turned in \$1,500 money on hand or on deposit. Didn't know anybody had any money in Coke County. They've never turned it in before. It's the law though and your money on hand or on deposit is taxable.

Four nice little gals dropped by the other day. They were selling ads for the Silver school annual, and of course we bought one. They were Susan Hughes, Sue Moore, Sandra Higginbotham and Beverley Higginbotham.

Violet and I are going to state fair this weekend. Have tickets for the Notre Dame-SMU football game in the Cotton Bowl and hotel reservations at the Baker, thanks to the phone call made by Cumbie Ivey. Those hotel people have a deep respect for car dealers.

GOOD Today,  
BETTER Tomorrow—  
ROBERT LEE!

J. C. Harwell has returned from San Antonio while his wife remains there with their daughter, Mrs. David Nixon and family. The Nixon's infant daughter recently underwent spinal surgery and her condition is still considered critical. Mrs. Nixon also underwent surgery early this week, reported as a minor operation.



Vanda Jones, Miss National Press Photographer, reminds that October 1 to 8 is National Newspaper Week.

## County Agents News Column

By Sterling Lindsey

### RODENT CONTROL

Another week has passed and the 4-H Clubs still have not received the last order of rat and mouse bait (at writing time on Tuesday). We, in half of the clubs, would like to thank the public for their patience in the matter.

Apparently production is farther behind than even the Rodent Control Service office personnel realized. They promised delivery of the bait not later than Sept. 24, more than a week ago.

We might mention a few things that will help to control the pesky creatures as cool weather moves in. First, cleaning up the premises will help. Remove all trash, rubbish, brush piles from your farm, homestead, and storage areas. This practice will remove some of their breeding and living places.

Another helpful practice is to chink or stop all holes or places of entry if that is possible. Mice can get through the smallest of holes or cracks to reach better living quarters. However, many homes and storage areas can be sealed from them.

Removing all loose grain or other feeds will eliminate them. This practice, like the preceding one, is nearly impossible to accomplish on many farms, but care can be taken to minimize feed sources. If the grain or other food is not available around the homestead, mice will stay in or move back to a place that provides a better source of food.

### FARM OUTLOOK GOOD

The overall farm and ranch outlook has improved considerably over the county during the last thirty days. I doubt that anyone a month ago guessed or even imagined that some oat fields would be being grazed by Sept. 25. The pastures have made a complete about face and have more grass than they did in the spring when the weeds were so competitive. And a few grain sorghum fields may even make better second crops of grain than their initial crops if cold weather holds off.

All in all, nature in West Texas can do wonders if conditions are right. Winter is not over, nor even here, but I am sure the change of face must be gratifying to everyone.

### CATTLE DISEASE

During the past three years much has been said and done to control brucellosis among dairy cattle. Now it looks as if it is going to be imperative that the beef industry of Texas follow suit. A good many operators and a few counties over the State have already begun brucellosis curbing programs. Others will probably follow suit in the not too distant future.

Regardless of the size of beef cattle operation a man has, he is going to be affected by the action Texas takes in the next few years on brucellosis control. Practically every state in the union is brucellosis free or is on some brucellosis control program. Texas is neither on beef cattle. If the present trends continue, in a few years Texas stocker and feeder



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cattle, fat heavy cattle and many breeding cattle markers will have been lost to states that are brucellosis free.

A few of those markets have already been lost. As the trend develops and our cattle are not able to be moved per normal, they will be sold at home in competition with the normal trade. Every stock farmer will feel the effects of the embargo.

The situation is not alarming, but is worthy of immediate attention, by all cattle men, large or small, beef or dairy, purebred or grade.

We plan to give more information on the subject in the future. It is important that cattle men understand the situation and take what ever action is necessary to keep Texas the cattle stronghold that it is.

Mrs. Roy Hood is much improved at Coke Memorial Hospital where she has been a medical patient the past week.

Mrs. Fred Smith this week accompanied her husband to Turkey where he is engaged in bridge construction work. Their children, Danny and Freddie, are spending the week with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis.

Bob Vaughan and Foy Ashworth went to Ft. Worth Wednesday afternoon and were to attend a dealers preview of the new Chevrolet on Thursday. The new models will be shown in dealers showrooms the middle of October.

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## week end SPECIALS!

NEW RED

Potatoes 5 lb. 23c

FRESH HOME GROWN

Okra 2 lbs. 25c

SNOWDRIFT

Shortening 3 lbs. 79c

HONEY - - - - - 1/2 Gal. Bucket \$1.09

CHILI, Armour's - - - - - Large 1 1/2 Lb. Can 69c

TAMALES, Armour's - - - - - 1 Lb. Can 25c

CRACKERS, Salad Wafers - - - - - 1 Lb. 27c

ALL BRANDS

Biscuits can 10c

KIMBELL

Milk 2 for 25c

FOREMOST ORANGE DRINK - 1/2 Gal. Bot. 25c

CAKE MIX, Gladiola - - - - - Box 29c

TUNA, Chicken of the Sea - Giant Size Can 39c

Pork Roast 1b. 49c

HORMEL ALL MEAT

Franks 1b. 57c

Bacon Squares 1b. 45c

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