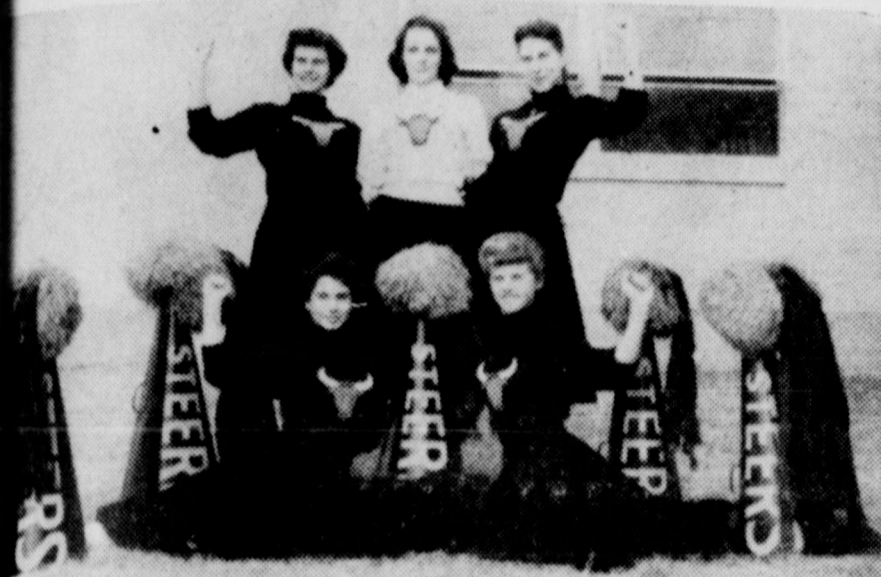


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ROBERT LEE HIGH SCHOOL YELL LEADERS shown above are (sitting) Sandra Baker and Lavina McDaniel. Standing (left to right) Bonnie Butcher, Kenney Sawyer and Jerry Dale Sparks. Miss Sawyer is their leader. The girls will be in action at the pep rally at the school auditorium at 1:30 a.m. Friday and of course at the Trent-Robert Lee football game Friday night.

Crowd Attends Barbecue For Oil Families

Coke County oil employees and their families crowded the Robert Lee school cafeteria Saturday night and did ample justice to a barbecued beef supper and all the trimmings.

It was the second annual free barbecue for the oil folks sponsored by the Robert Lee Board of Community Development. A close estimate placed the number of persons served at 435.

Featuring a program which followed in the nearby school auditorium was Cullen Akins, well known Odessa business man who is in wide demand as an after dinner speaker.

Akin's subject was "What Is Wrong with the Oil Industry," but most of his half hour talk was devoted to humorous stories and quips. In fact, he pointed out that there wasn't anything wrong with the oil business which is furnishing good jobs to thousands and has built fine schools and other public buildings, built good roads and been responsible for many good things, especially in West Texas.

BCD President J. S. Ferrell welcomed the oil folks and introduced Jake Higginbotham of Silver, who serves as Coke County representative on the Oil Information Committee. He was responsible for the program, introduced Mr. Akins and also presented Claude Pierce, head of the Hobbs Pipe & Supply Co. of Midland. Both Mr. Akins and Mr. Pierce were accompanied by their wives.

Mr. Higginbotham also showed an Oil Progress Week film which pointed out the opportunities for young men in the oil industry.

Chairman of the barbecue committee was J. E. Quisenberry. Henry Childress was in charge of barbecuing the 300 pounds of beef which was cooked in the pit at the County Park. School Supt. Frank Coalson cooked the red beans and also was busy making all facilities at the school house available for the event. Lunch room ladies prepared potato salad, and a number of business men helped serve the supper.

Prior to the main program music was furnished by musicians who went on to Green Mountain community center for their monthly program.

The party was planned for all people engaged in oil field activities, not just for Sun Oil Co. as was stated in some of the daily newspaper news articles.

Good Today
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Election Judges and Assistants, 1958

- Voting Precinct No. 1—Robert Lee—Bryan Yarbrough, presiding judge; Ollie Green, assistant judge.
- Voting Precinct No. 2 — Bronte — D. K. Glenn, presiding judge; Noah Pruitt, assistant.
- Voting Precinct No. 4 — Tennyson — C. N. Webb, presiding judge; E. D. Little, assistant.
- Voting Precinct No. 5 — Divide — Fred McCabe, presiding judge; James Counts, assistant.
- Voting Precinct No. 7 — Sanco — Ulmer Bird, presiding judge; J. L. Carwile, Jr., assistant.
- Voting Precinct No. 8 — Silver — Robert Walker, presiding judge; H. H. Jameson, assistant.
- Voting Precinct No. 9 — Green Mountain — Elbert Davidson, pre-

Trent Coming for Friday Grid Tilt

Robert Lee Steers face a crucial game Friday night when the Trent Gorillas come here for an important District 6-B grid battle.

Top position in the conference race is at stake, and the chips are all down on this one. Robert Lee leads the district with two victories and no defeats. Trent has lost two loop games, but is a tough outfit and will give the Steers a battle from start to finish.

Robert Lee took a 56-22 licking from the B team at Stamford last Thursday night, with Steer reserves playing most of the contest. Stamford made 20 points during the first period against the Robert Lee second stringers. Then the first team went in and were immediately taken out after scoring a touchdown in six plays.

Twice during the second half the Steer starters went in long enough to score two more touchdowns. The game did not count in the conference race and gave every man on the bench some needed experience.

Trent defeated the Bronte Longhorns Friday night 28-12. It was the last home game of the season at Bronte.

The Longhorns have a number of injuries which have wrecked their early hopes of a fairly successful season. Quarterback Benny Corley was ill and unable to play during the second half against Trent. His place was taken by Albert Grace, who thrilled the spectators with a 90-yard run back of a kickoff to score a touchdown.

Trent still has several of last year's Gorilla squad which defeated Robert Lee 19-7 in the Steers' only conference loss. David Claborn, quarterback, is something special. A little guy, he is fast and smart. The Heatly brothers, Jerry Williams and Bob Lawlis are among the Trent starters who will give the most trouble. They are not too big, probably averaging about the same as Robert Lee.

Another important contest this week will be the Loraine Bulldogs invasion of Hermleigh. All of the Steers three final games are district affairs. Trent here this week, Loraine there Nov. 8 and Bronte here Nov. 14.

Freddy McDonald hurt a knee in practice Monday, but the injury is responding to treatment and he should be okay by Friday night.

Sam Ed Skipworth returned to the Steer squad this week after being sidelined some time with an ankle injury. He is expected to play at least part of the game against Trent.

Richard Sims is also back in action after recovering from a wrist injury. Jerry Tinkler will remain as starting quarterback, however.

AT BROWNWOOD MEETING

Mrs. Sam Powell appeared on a panel with Miss Ruth Hillyer and Miss Ouida Molen at a Delta Kappa Gamma regional meeting in Brownwood Oct. 10. Theme of the discussion held in Coggin Chapel Theatre was "In Vain We Build a World — Unless the Builder also Grows." Mrs. Powell is teacher of the primary department at Robert Lee public school.

Election Day Next Tuesday

Not too much interest is being shown in the General Election next Tuesday, Nov. 4. That is, insofar as Coke County and most of Texas is concerned.

However, in many states red hot campaigns have been under way with President Eisenhower taking the stump in behalf of Republican candidates for congress.

Republican candidates for U. S. Senator and Governor in Texas have been making active campaigns but there is no chance of their getting more than a token vote. The GOP hopes to re-elect their congressman from Dallas and may pickup another in the new district at Houston.

Only 12 applications for absentee ballots have been received in Coke county up to Wednesday noon. Some added interest has been created over the special ballot which submits the proposition of separating the sheriff and tax office in Coke County.

It may bring out a few more voters than usual in an off presidential year. Coke had a record primary vote in July, but next Tuesday's balloting may not attract more than 600.

Ex-Students Homecoming Set for Nov. 14

Robert Lee high school ex-students homecoming has been set for Friday, Nov. 14. Afternoon visiting and a banquet at 5:30 is planned, with the Bronte-Robert Lee football game at 7:30.

Officers of the ex-students association include E. C. (Doodad) Davis, president; Willis Wayne Smith, vice president; Wanda Smith, secretary, and Yvonne Devoll, treasurer.

Cards will be mailed next week to all former students with a request that they make advance reservations for the banquet.

Negro Pair Held For Coke County Murder

Two Negro slaying suspects, charged with the murder of a San Angelo milkman, were put in protective custody Saturday and removed to an undisclosed West Texas jail.

Sheriff Paul Good said the pair were not being held in the Coke County jail, but had been taken to another jail for safe keeping. The two, Roosevelt Wiley, 26, and Willie McDade, a juvenile, were charged before Robert Lee Justice of the Peace E. C. Davis with the murder of L. H. (Shorty) Canada, 58.

Canada's body was found about 5 p.m. Friday between Water Valley and Carlsbad in the corner of Coke County.

The Negroes were arrested in Big Spring Friday forenoon while on a big spending spree, and later confessed the robbing and murder of Canada, who drove a Gandy creamery delivery truck.

They admitted attacking Canada whom they stopped on Highway 17 after a truck they had stolen broke down. They said the man handed over \$800 after which they cut his throat and stabbed him a number of times. His body was dragged across the nearby Santa Fe track.

After getting the confession, of-

ficers sent the news over short wave radio and another state employee in that area found the body. Coke County Sheriff Good and Deputy O. B. Jacobs were notified and Justice of the Peace Davis accompanied them to the scene of the crime.

Later in the day Sheriff Good and Ranger Ralph Rohatsch transported the Negroes to the Tom Green County jail. They were brought to Robert Lee Saturday for preliminary hearing.

Justin Kever, district attorney, has information that McDade was born Nov. 26, 1941, making him nearly 17. Since a person under 17 cannot be indicted by a grand jury, it is likely a grand jury will not be called until after that date.

Wiley is an ex-convict and claimed he had been on a narcotic binge.

Canada was a well known and popular Gandy employee for many years. He left San Angelo early Friday on his regular run to Sterling City with stops at points between the two cities. His attack was said to have occurred about dawn.

Hiway 87 which parallels the Santa Fe track, cuts through the extreme southwest corner of Coke County for a distance of six miles.

Silver News

REV. SPARKS HONORED

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Sparks were honored with a covered dish supper last Wednesday night at the school cafeteria.

The event was planned as a farewell party since Rev. Sparks has resigned after 8½ years as pastor of the Silver Baptist Church.

It was a community gathering, with more than 200 persons attending. In appreciation of the esteem in which they are held Rev. and Mrs. Sparks were presented with a TV set and an electric blanket.

Rev. Sparks delivered his last sermon Sunday night. Services at the Methodist church were called off so that the congregation and their minister could attend the Baptist church.

Rev. and Mrs. Sparks are moving this week to San Angelo. They will reside in the east part of the city near St. John's hospital.

Barbara Bowman of Munday is spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clifton, while her husband is away on business.

Mrs. Jahew Jameson returned home Sunday from Weatherford and was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Joe Ash, and little son, Joe Russell Jr., who will spend the week here.

Bob Odom went to San Angelo Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of L. H. (Shorty) Canada, 58, who was robbed and killed by two Negroes Friday on Highway 87 south of Water Valley. Mr. Odom worked with Canada and other Gandy employees in San Angelo a number of years ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox has returned to her home at Tulsa, Okla., after a week's visit with her son, Fred Wilcox and family, at Perkins-Prothro Camp.

Mrs. C. G. Walker spent the weekend in Big Spring with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Ballard, who has been seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lacik have returned from a three weeks vacation to various points in Texas and Oklahoma. He is a Sun pumper.

Charlie Palmer, Rex Mason and Joe Windham, students at North Texas State College at Denton, came for a weekend visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Gandy of Palestine are guests of her brother, L. K. McKinnon and family. The former is having a month's vacation from his position with the Texas Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sanders and children of Eldorado were weekend guests of Mrs. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards and daughters, Twila and Carol, enjoyed a weekend trip to Gaston where they were guests of Mrs. Edward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Copeland. They also attended the high school reunion and football game.

Tom Hunter was in Dallas last week with his two sons, Bob and Mark, who underwent a medical checkup and treatment. Mr. Hunter is a field clerk at Jameson natural gasoline plant.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Duff of Nederland have been guests of her brother, W. H. Vincent, Sun Pipeline Co. foreman here. The Duffs were enroute home from a vacation trip to Colorado. Mr. Duff is a 25-year employee of Sun Pipeline Co. and his boss at Nederland is E. E. McClusky, formerly of Silver.

A. W. (Buster) Jones and W. E. Moore spent the weekend squirrel hunting in the pecan timber near

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Gustine. They had fine success. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom went to San Angelo Tuesday to attend the funeral of Cecil Jones, well known filling station operator. He was the father of Walter Jones, whose wife is the former Esther Allen of Silver.

WOLVES TIED SNYDER

Many Silver people followed the Colorado City Wolves to Snyder Friday night and were happy that the underdog Wolves held Snyder to a 12-12 tie. Jay Shimer is quarterback on the Colorado City team and Mike Wheeler is a starting guard. Other Silver boys on the Wolves team are Bill Newell, Larry Lindsey, Rusty Whitaker, Wayne Reed and Jimmy Palmer.

Methodists Plan Barbecue Armistice Day

A Barbecue Supper will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Silver School Cafeteria. The event is being staged by the newly organized W. S. C. S. of the Silver Methodist Church.

Mrs. A. H. Jones, president, announced that proceeds will go into the Parsonage Fund.

Tickets are now on sale and may be obtained from members of the church and from Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. in Robert Lee.

Barbecue, beans, salad, homemade pie and a drink will be included in the meal. Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 75c for children.

The public is invited.

Halloween Carnival Saturday

Because of the football game in Robert Lee Friday night, the Silver P-TA sponsored Halloween Carnival has been changed to Saturday, Nov. 1, starting at 6 p.m.

Please don't forget the change of date. Everyone come out Saturday night. Bring the family, have fun and good eats.

Date of the next regular P-TA meeting has also been changed due to a conflicting date. The Bronte-Silver junior football game has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 4. For that reason the P-TA will meet Monday, Nov. 3, at 7:30, with an executive meeting at 7. All officers and committee chairmen are urged to attend the executive meeting.

TURKEY SHOOT NOV. 8

Annual Turkey Shoot sponsored by the Silver Lions Club has been set for Saturday, Nov. 8. The event takes place at the football field from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. The committee in charge of arrangements includes Vaughan Davis, Hale Kincaid and George Fugate.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincere thanks to the people of Silver for the electric blanket, the TV set, and other expressions of friendship. We shall treasure your memory. — Ray and Lillian Sparks.

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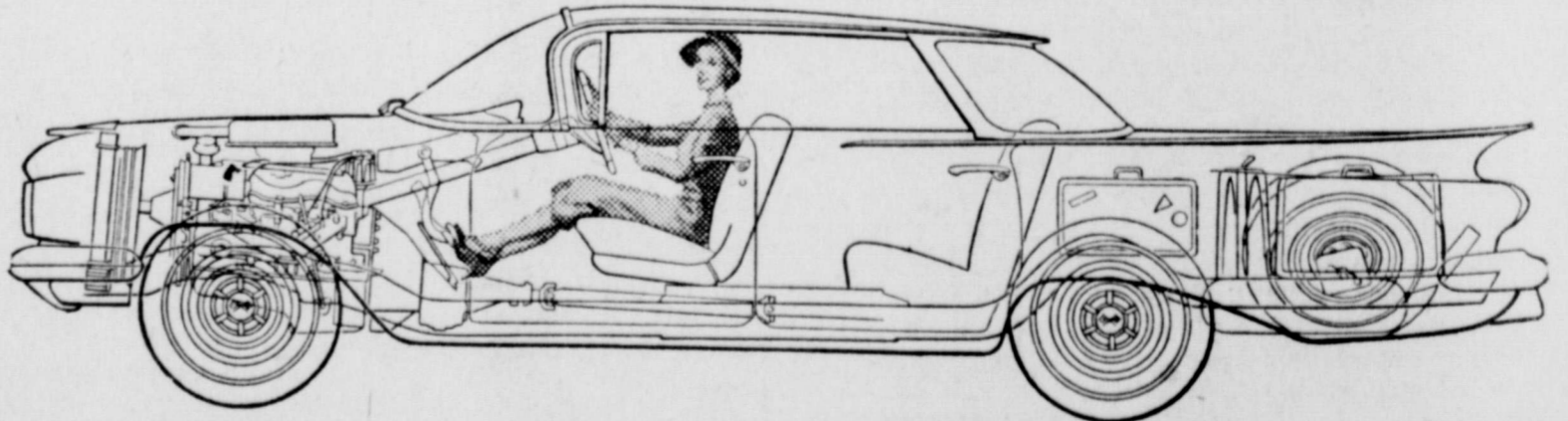
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Sen. Hardeman Opposes Amendment to Raise Legislators Pay to \$7500 Year

The constitutional amendment (J. R. 1) proposing annual sessions of the Legislature, annual salaries of \$7,500, plus an unlimited per diem and unlimited "expenses of office," for each member, and authorizing living quarters in the Capitol building for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and their respective families, should be carefully considered in view of the following:

1. It would permit continuous sessions of the Legislature, which would not be good for either the members or the State.
2. It authorizes an unlimited per diem, in amount, to each member, in addition to the annual salary.
3. It authorizes unlimited "expenses of office," which might well include board and washing, transportation, publications, rent, secretarial help, clerk hire, stationery and supplies, telephone and telegraph, postage, etc., "in amount and manner as determined" by the Legislature, itself. (It is not unlikely that it would deal generously with itself — the only restraint being the "next election" provided there is a record vote.)
4. It is wholly unnecessary from the standpoint of either results



SEN. DORSEY HARDEMAN

- contemplated or expenses involved.
5. It includes a provision relating to the occupancy of living quarters in the Capitol building, by certain officials, now determined by statute.
 6. It appears to be in conflict with other provisions of the Constitution.

stitution.
7. It is poorly written and, if adopted, will likely entail extensive litigation and require judicial interpretation.

I opposed the submission of the resolution in the 1957 session of the Legislature, and subsequent study has confirmed the soundness of my action.

Annual sessions neither assure a more accurate financial picture nor greater economy. The results of the Congress attest to this.

The absence of deficits, generally, in State spending, since appropriations in excess of cash and anticipated revenue have been prohibited, except in case of emergency, is ample justification of the present system. The loose language of the proposal leaves it doubtful whether this restraint would be applicable to appropriations made by the "Second Regular Session."

Also, it is doubtful whether appropriations at such session, for other than "the general operation of the State government," would be valid.

The "freezing" into the organic law of a provision authorizing the occupancy of a portion of the Capitol building as living quarters by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and their respective families, is highly undesirable as to practice, as well as procedure. There is no more

Bronte Plays Silver Team Next Tuesday

Silver Indians will entertain Bronte in a junior high football game on the Silver field next Tuesday night, with kickoff at 7:30.

On Thursday night of this week Silver plays at Coahoma.

The Indians ran into tough opposition at Hermleigh last week when they came home with the short end of a 34-14 score.

When Hermleigh played at Silver a few weeks ago the Indians won by the one-sided score of 46-6. However, it was a different outfit they met last week, with Hermleigh using several sophomores in its lineup.

Coach Guy Wheeler was well pleased with his players in spite of the older and more experienced opposition which they faced. Bill Ledbetter ran back a kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown, while David Lindsey went over for the other counter after a 60-yard march.

Jerry Mayo also ran back a kickoff for 70 yards for a touchdown which was called back.

impelling reason for furnishing elaborately equipped, and expensively decorated, residence apartments in the Capitol building for these two officials, and their families, than for any number of others. The Capitol building was dedicated by Temple Houston to be the "habitation of the Government of Texas." Obviously this did not include bedroom and kitchen privileges.

Since its provisions may not be voted upon separately, however desirable one or more features might be, which is rather doubtful, the amendment should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorsey B. Hardeman.

GREEN MT. HD CLUB

The Green Mt. W. H. D. Club met on Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the Community Center. The president, Mrs. R. L. Page, presided. Roll call was answered by three members with the kind of party I like best.

Program was on "Buffets, Teas and Coffees" and was given by Mrs. Glenn Waldrop.

Meeting adjourned on time with next meeting to be Oct. 6 due to the general election on our regular meeting day. — Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Reporter.



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

The annual Concho FFA District range judging contest was held Saturday, Oct. 5, on the Cumbie Ivey ranch 2 miles east of Robert Lee. The contest was jointly sponsored by the FFA District and the Coke Soil Conservation District. Teams from Ozona, Eldorado, Garden City, Sterling City, Lakeview, and Robert Lee took part in the event. Awards were presented by Mr. Runge, who is a supervisor from the Eldorado-Divide Soil Conservation District.

F. S. Higginbotham, chairman of the Kickapoo creek watershed steering committee, reports that good progress is being made in obtaining the easements needed for the planning phase of the project.

Kenneth Lackey has a good stand of native grass and Sorghum alum on 56 acres that he drilled last spring. The native grasses in the stand include Lovegrass, Sideoats grama, and Blue grama.

Another good stand of drilled native grasses has been found on the R. B. Allen farm south of Silver. Grasses in that stand include Weeping lovegrass, Switchgrass, Buffelgrass and K. R. Bluestem.

J. S. Walker is in the process of dozing approximately 84 acres of mesquite on his place southeast of Silver.

Present moisture conditions make this a good time for mechanical brush control practices where seeding is not necessary because a higher percentage of the roots can be pulled out when the ground is somewhat moist.

Seven net wire diversions totaling 2,157 feet have been staked for construction on the Olin Blanks ranch northwest of Robert Lee.

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FFA Boys Held Grass Judging Contest Here

The Coke County SCS sponsored a Grass and Range Judging Contest for the Concho FFA District Oct. 25. Six school and 50 boys participated in the contest.

The Coke SCS Board of Supervisors voted to sponsor the contest this year and purchase the awards. Six banners and 10 individual ribbons were awarded Saturday at 1 p. m. in front of the court house.

Roland Willis, supervisor of the local soil conservation service, provided the technical assistance in setting up the contest on Cumbie Ivey's Ranch, 2 miles north of Robert Lee. Twenty native grasses were used for identification purposes, four individual plots were used for Range Judging and one plot was used for kind of site, degree of utilization, condition and recommended treatment.

Schools represented included Eldorado, Lake View, Sterling City, Ozona, Garden City and Robert Lee. Other schools that were eligible to participate included San Angelo, Big Lake, Wall and Bronte.

Team placings were as follows:

- Sr. Division:
1. Eldorado
 2. Ozona
 3. Robert Lee
 4. Sterling City
 5. Lake View

- Jr. Division:
1. Sterling City
 2. Eldorado
 3. Robert Lee
 4. Ozona
 5. Garden City

Individual ribbons were awarded to the following high individuals:

- Sr. Division:
1. Jerry Johnson — Eldorado
 2. Farris Nixon — Eldorado
 3. Kenneth Deland — Ozona
 4. Jim Williams — Ozona
 5. Muggin Good — Ozona
- Jr. Division:
1. Jim Cheek — Eldorado
 2. Jim Runge — Eldorado
 3. Lee Foster — Sterling City

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5. David Duram—Sterling City
Mr. Runge, member of the board of supervisors from Eldorado SCS, presented team banners and awards.

Other adults assisting with the contest included: Bill Roundtree, Eldorado SCS; Ray Sims, Coke Co. assistant agent in training; Fred Igo, Sterlign City; Oliver Burke, Eldorado; M. A. Barber, Ozona; Gerald Oakes, Garden City; E. A. Howard, Lake View, and Hulan Harris of Robert Lee.

Book Review For Garden Club Members

El Valle Garden Club honored a number of guests at its October 15 meeting held in the community club house at the Robert Lee County Park.

Among the forty present were the following visitors: Mrs. A. J. Bilbo, Mrs. Nell Pruitt, Mrs. John C. Snead, Mrs. Green Preslar, Mrs. Viola Gramling, Mrs. Ira Bird, Mrs. J. S. Gardner, Mrs. Woodow Gardner, Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Frank Gunn, Miss Ollie Green and Miss Iva Snead.

After the business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. J. S. Ferrell, Mrs. W. B. Clift presented a review of Wilfred Walker's book, "All the Plants of the Bible." At least 114 plants with biblical reference are mentioned in this book with colored photographs.

Refreshments were served from an attractive table covered with cut work linen and silver appointments. Floral arrangements carried out the Golden Age theme, featuring two shades of gold zinnias. Mrs. Ferrell poured coffee from a lovely silver service.

Greeting guests and members were the hostesses, Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Mrs. G. C. Allen, Mrs. J. J. S. Smith and Mrs. Jack Trimble.

The recent bake sale conducted by El Valle Club was reported a success by Mrs. Travis McNair, chairman of the finance committee. She also announced plans for selling Christmas cards.

Mrs. G. C. Allen distributed windshield stickers to members to emphasize the Litterbug Campaign sponsored by the club this year.

Texas Crude Oil Production Drops

For the past eight years, Texas crude oil production has averaged more than one billion barrels a year, but signs are that production will fall below that mark in 1958. Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association reported today in an industry review for Oil Progress Week.

The production record thus far this year indicates about 940 million barrels will come from Texas wells in 1958, or about 14 per cent below the yield for 1957, some 1,085,000,000 barrels. The only other time since 1951 that Texas produced under a billion barrels was in the recession year of 1954 when 974 million barrels flowed.

To meet the slackened demand for Texas oil caused by surpluses of crude and oil products which piled up in 1957, State conservation authorities reduced production schedules to as low as eight days a month in April, May and June. In May, productions averaged 2.2 million barrels a day, or about one million barrels under the daily rate of the previous May. It appears, however, that 1958 production will average a little more than 2.5 million barrels daily, compared to 2.9 million in 1957.

To prevent waste, the Texas Railroad Commission limits production to the demands for Texas oil, as provided by state laws. It is estimated that the state's wells have a total reserve capacity to produce more than 1.5 million barrels a day above current rates. This is a substantial portion of the nation's oil producing reserve in case of an emergency which demanded a sudden upsurge in production.

Texas has more than 185,000 producing oil wells, but the rate of increase in number of wells dropped off substantially this year. In 1956 and 1957 the well population gained at an average of about 850 wells per month, but in the first nine months of 1958, only about 450 wells per month were added.

The effect of so many wells sharing in the state oil output has been to gradually reduce the average output per well. In 1956 Texas wells averaged about 18.5 barrels per day; in 1957, about 16.5 barrels. This year the figure will reach a low of about 14 barrels per day.

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PERSONALS HOSPITAL NEWS

Welcomed as new readers of The Observer are Mr. and Mrs. Dee W. Smith, Box 298, Spearman. Former Robert Lee residents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith have lived at Spearman the past year where Dee is employed by Baker & Taylor Drilling Co.

Lee R. Bown motored to Temple Monday and retruned the following day with his wife who had undergone examination and treatment at Scott & White clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen left Sunday for Houston to attend Grand Chapter session of the Order of Eastern Star.

Marian Mason injured a finger when she caught it in a door at the high school building one day the first of the week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mason of Texas Natural Gasoline Camp, and attends high school in Robert Lee.

Good reports come from Mrs. Lula Looney Brown, who is recovering from a heart attack at the Bronte Hospital. She was spending the night with her daughter, Mrs. Fred McDanold, in Robert Lee when she became ill ten days ago.

Robert Lee's high school band has accepted an invitation to take part in San Angelo College homecoming activities Saturday.

Oct. 23 — Donny Robertson admitted.

Oct. 24 — Bonnie Quisenberry admitted. Donny Robertson, Mr. J. B. Talley Jr. dismissed.

Oct. 27 — Marlow Wojtek admitted. Bonnie Quisenberry dismissed.

Oct. 28 — Mrs. A. E. Latham, Freddy McDonald admitted, Mr. O. B. Jacobs, Mrs. Kenneth Lakey and infant daughter, Marie Elaine, dismissed.

Oct. 29 — Derwood Coason admitted.

Twila Edwards of Silver was treated for a broken finger at the hospital in Robert Lee Monday. She received the injury while playing basket ball. Twila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Edwards.

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WHAT FIRE PREVENTION MEANS TO ME AND TO MY COMMUNITY

Following is the 1st place Junior High winner in the Fire Prevention Week Essay Contest sponsored by the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Robert Lee. Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Godwin of the Mexican Camp and is an 8th grade student at Robert Lee.)

In this theme, I shall do my best to tell what I think fire prevention means to me, to my community, and my reasons why.

Fire Prevention Week is at hand, I should like to open this theme about that week and its origin.

Fire Prevention Week was started in 1871 after the great Chicago fire. Each year since then, the President of the United States has declared the week of October ninth as a National Fire Prevention Week. Clubs and organizations work together to help carry out its intentions. Schools have classes, exhibits, and demonstrations to instruct students on fire safety and prevention. Newspapers, magazines, and radios help by giving instructions and facts which help us realize the importance of fire prevention. Two of these facts are that over three hundred million dollars in property damage and over ten thousand lives are lost in fires each year.

I have been much more interested in fire prevention since we lost everything, but the clothes on our backs, when our house burned down about four years ago. Fire prevention means more to me now. Our family consistently examines our home and surrounding buildings to be sure that they are safe from fire hazards. We also check frequently all of our heating and wiring equipment, the roofing materials, storage of combustible liquids, or oily or paint stained rags.

Public education and literature on improvements of fire also mean more to me now. We boys and girls can learn through many other organizations such as Boy Scouts and 4-H about the causes and prevention of fires and bring this knowledge home to our parents and friends.

Community fire laws may be passed, that would help educate my community, but it is easier to adopt these laws than it is to enforce them. Community fire laws can only be enforced when all the community realize that it is for the benefit of everyone instead of a gain of an individual. A good fire record in a community means to all of us, that there will be lower insurance rates, fewer lives lost, and less property damage. The local fire marshal in our little town, stated recently that over three hundred dollars had been spent on brush and grass fires alone this year. This is just one example in which fire prevention could have saved the taxpayer many dollars.

Records show that there are less fires during Fire Prevention Week, but it should not only last one week. Its purpose is to get a year-round program started. By condensing reasons, facts, and figures, I have arrived at this conclusion: "The best way to fight fire is to prevent it!"

DON BELL MARRIED

Miss Joy Lee Redden and Curtis Don Bell were united in marriage October 23, in Andrews, Texas.

Joy Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Redder of Jal, New Mexico.

Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bell of Robert Lee. He is presently employed with a drilling company in Andrews.



CLARK GODWIN

RAINY AND COOL

Coke County has received an inch or more of moisture since the past weekend, with most of it falling Wednesday. The rains were of the gentle variety and no runoff occurred. Added moisture is of great benefit to pastures and crops, although cotton farmers have been further delayed in their harvest. Temperatures cooled off, ranging from the forties at night to the high fifties during the day.

Maurice Yarbrough and family moved Friday to Eldorado where the former accepted a position with Humphrey Motors Ford Agency. Maurice resigned as foreman in the Ivey Motor Co. shop here and the position is now held by his brother-in-law, Hays Prince. Mr. and Mrs. Prince and their children will also occupy the Yarbrough home in the north part of the city. Mrs. Prince is the former Betty Yarbrough and is a sister of Maurice.

SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

The football fever is getting up in Robert Lee since our Steers have been doing so well and now lead the 6-B District. A great game is in prospect for Friday night when Trent plays here. The Gorillas are not of the man eating type, but they are fast and well coached. I wouldn't want to miss that one.

And then local fans, quite a few of them, will go up to Hermleigh Saturday afternoon to see the Cardinals battle Loraine's Bulldogs. Robert Lee tackles Loraine next week and the Steers are expecting trouble.

Experts pick Loraine to defeat Hermleigh. We're going to give the nod to Hermleigh if Burleson is in there at fullback.

Don't forget the football rally at the school auditorium at 11:30 Friday forenoon. The public is invited and urged to come out and help boost the team's morale.

When Ronnie Sims came to the bench during the Hermleigh game here two weeks ago he was looking for one of his contact lenses which he wears while playing football. He didn't find it either, although the field was pretty well combed the following day. Those contact lenses cost \$125.

Senator Dorsey Hardeman has made a vigorous campaign against the amendment to have a legislative session each year and raise the pay of legislators to \$7,500 per year. His argument appears on another page in this newspaper.

Dorsey goes even farther, says he don't think any of the nine amendments are necessary. Well, I'm going to vote for some of them, but will go along with our senator on the legislative change. Wouldn't it be awful to have the legislature in session all the time!

Seems like the kids should have some kind of a supervised Halloween celebration. They do something about it everywhere but in Robert Lee.

BIRTHDAYS HONORED

The home of Mrs. L. M. Service was the scene of a happy gathering Sunday, the 26th. The event was in honor of the members of the family whose birthdays were in October.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Sr. and Butch, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Casey and Leroy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowley, Bobby and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., Kathy, Johnny, Jay, Lyn and Konny, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Escue, Jr., Janice and John of San Angelo.

The honored ones were Mrs. Bill McCutchen, J. W. Service Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Casey, J. H. Escue, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr.

The dinner was also for more members of the family who were unable to attend, also Editor and Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, whose wedding anniversary was the 28th of October.

A wonderful meal was served at noon, and a fine time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams left Friday on a vacation trip to Mesa, Ariz., where they will visit Melvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Childress, and other relatives. They plan to return to Robert Lee Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Bessent and little son, Craig, arrived recently from McAlester, Okla., for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan. Ben is employed on a Magnolia seismograph crew near Oklahoma City.

MAIL ROUTE CHANGE

Postmaster H. S. Lewis Jr. announces a change in mail service to become effective Saturday, Nov. 1. On that date the star route running from San Angelo to Abilene at night and returning the next morning will be discontinued through Robert Lee. Mail formerly dispatched for that run will be sent out at 4:30 p. m. to Bronte on R. L. Read's star route. Mr. Read will bring the mail to Robert Lee at 7:00 a. m. from Bronte as usual and continue his trip to the Divide and Edith. Bob has moved to Bronte.

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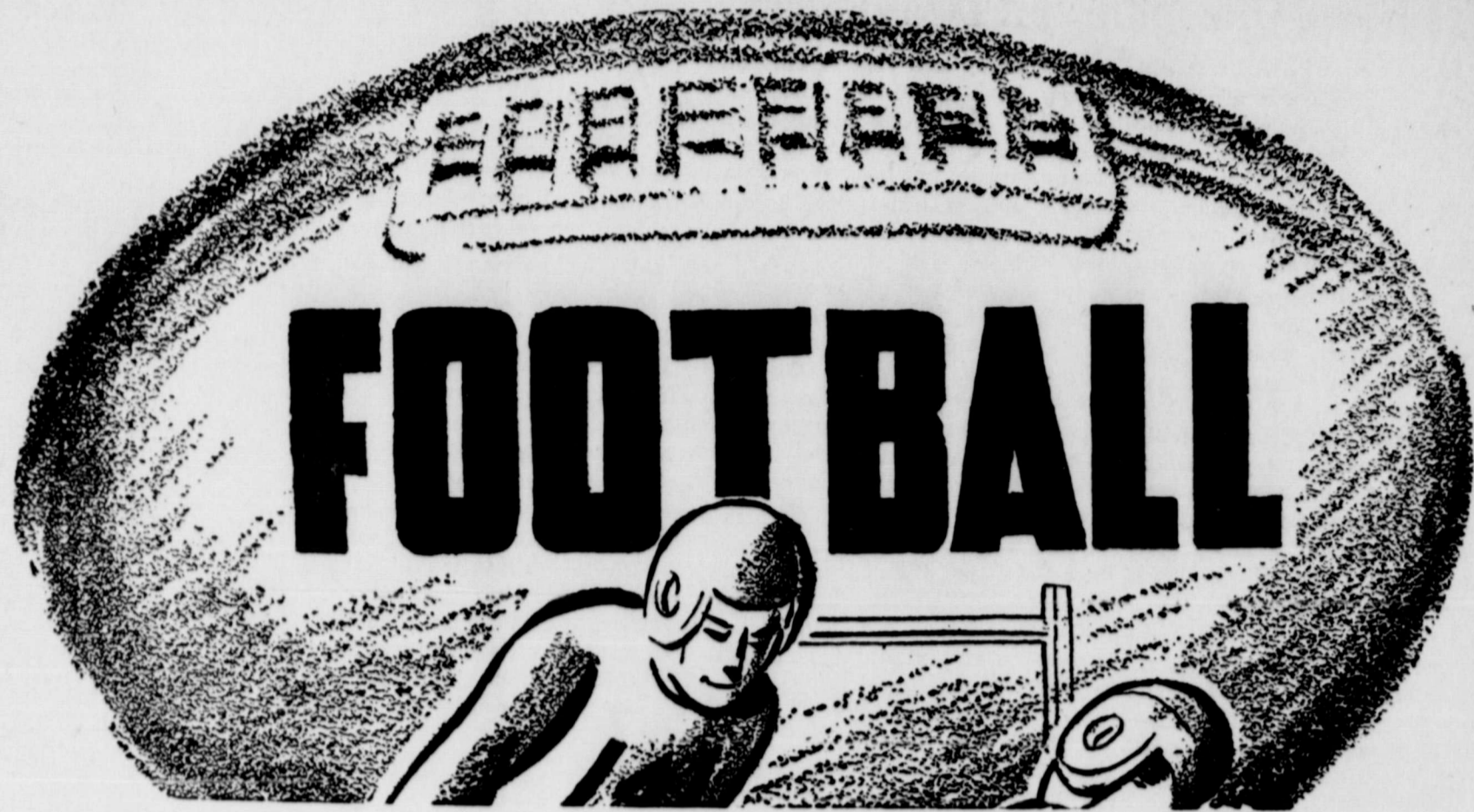
John Brown

Robert Lee, Texas

**Robert Lee Steers
1958 Schedule**

- Sept. 11—Sweetwater B 16, Robert Lee 0.
- Sept. 19—Jim Ned 18, Robert Lee 14.
- Sept. 26—Melvin 0, Robert Lee 38.
- Oct. 3—Eldorado 14, Robert Lee 18.
- Oct. 10—Menard 8, Robert Lee 14.
- Oct. 17—Hermleigh 6, Robert Lee 20.
- Oct. 23—Stamford B 54, Robert Lee 20.
- Oct. 31—Trent, Here (*).
- Nov. 7—Lorraine, There (*).
- Nov. 14—Bronte, Here (*).

*Denotes district game.



THE STEERS NEED THIS ONE TO STAY ON TOP IN DISTRICT 6-B

Friday, October 31, 7:30 P.M.

Trent Gorillas

VS.

Robert Lee Steers

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12	Ronnie Sims	HB	147
14	Freddie McDonald (Captain)	HB	152
15	James Harmon	E	140
16	Danny Arthur	E	154
18	Donny Robertson	E	135
19	John Walker	HB	145
20	Gary Ledbetter	G	140
23	Jimmy Bell	G	143
25	Bobby Cowley	G	145
27	Kenneth Wink	E	130
33	Richard Sims	QB	135
41	Jerry Blair	T	165
42	Melvin Duncan (Co-Capt.)	T	177
47	Douglas Ashworth	T	166
46	Bill Mundell	G&C	149
48	Butch Service	G	133
44	Paul Tinkler	E	135
50	Sam Skipworth (Co-Capt.)	QB&C	159
22	Jerry Tinkler	E	143
20	A. J. Summers	G	135
24	Jerry Quisenberry	T	153
57	Pat Lomas	G	132
45	Morgan Ashworth	G	125

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WHERE FRIENDS MEET

Why Should One Man Run Two Offices?

The leading editorial in a recent issue of the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram carried the heading, "The People Must Pay Higher State Taxes." State officials announce a deficit of 150 million dollars by next June 30, and from now on it's going to cost 75 million dollars a year more to maintain state services.

Heretofore, state financing has been comparatively easy through the process of taxing more and more natural resources, notably oil. But now, since oil production has been greatly curtailed, the legislature will have to turn to other sources of revenue. The people will have to foot the bill in direct property taxes, the Star-Telegram says.

And that brings up the matter of separating the sheriff and tax assessor-collector office which Coke County citizens will vote on next Tuesday.

The tax office is certainly big enough and important enough to warrant a person who will devote all his time and attention to the duties of the office. Under the present situation the sheriff is ex-officio tax assessor-collector and only a portion of his time is devoted to these so called ex-officio duties.

The Observer believes these important departments of county government should be handled by separate officials. In our opinion it will result in a more legal and fair method of assessing property for taxing purposes.

At present the assessing is pretty loosely administered. Maybe some property isn't being assessed at all. We don't know and wouldn't care to cite names if we did know. But it's general knowledge that property is assessed pretty cheap in Coke County. An exception is the modest home in town which usually is figured at 20% of its real value.

Some persons argue that a separate tax official will add just that much more expense. We contend that if he does a good job, it will be worth the added cost, if there is any. In Reagan County, where the sheriff and tax offices were separated two years ago, \$20,000 in added tax money was collected the very next year. It was a good move for Reagan County people—it made them money instead of being an extra expense.

Anyway expenses seem to get the light treatment, at least cause no worries, in the Coke County sheriff-tax office. They have lots of expenses. Last year's published report showed costs of the combined office included \$773 phone and postage, \$1,077 car expense, \$840 for deputy cars, \$963 office supplies, \$1,382 radio expense, \$186 feeding and conveying prisoners, \$150 extra help, \$6,040 sheriff salary, \$9,143 deputy salaries after deductions, \$1,378 extra help, \$1,097 car trade in 1957, \$1,755 car trade in July 1958. That accounts for \$24,790 and besides the county furnishes a residence in the jail for the sheriff along with heat, water and light, worth maybe \$75 a month.

That's a lot of money. If the voters decided to separate the two offices, they should require candi-

dates running two years from now to say how much help they expected to hire. How many deputies should a sheriff have in Coke County, which has less than 4,000 people and is considered a law abiding community. The county hires two full time constables, the highway patrolmen get in here and it takes but a few minutes to summon a Texas Ranger. If a tax assessor-collector works at the job full time, he can start assessing Jan. 1. He may need extra help at certain busy periods, but there is a limit how much full time help is required.

Some say we are just against Paul Good, but that is not exactly the case. Mr. Good has been in the court house a long time and he has demonstrated that he is well able to look out for himself. He was deputy during the 14 years Frank Percifull was sheriff, and when Paul finishes two more years of his present term he will have held the office in his own right 14 years.

There has been a mistake in some people thinking there will be an appointment of a tax man if the offices are separated at next Tuesday's vote. Such is far from the fact. Paul Good will serve out his entire term just the same, but voters two years from now would vote on separate candidates for sheriff and tax assessor-collector.

The Observer believes it's a step toward better government in our county to separate these offices.

Only qualified voters who have rendered property for taxation will be permitted to vote on this proposition which will be submitted on a special ballot at the General Election next Tuesday.

Duties of a sheriff and tax assessor are certainly unrelated, but they were combined 25 years ago to cut expenses in small counties which had meagre taxes to collect. At that time Coke County's assessed valuation for taxing purposes was less than 4 million dollars. It jumped to nearly 30 million, but has dropped back now to 25 million or thereabouts.

Oil development has been the cause of great increase of wealth. It amounts to more than 80% of our tax income.

It also might be pointed out here that Mr. Good and his office have nothing to do with assessing oil property or public utilities. This is handled by a firm of property evaluation engineers and their services for last year cost Coke County \$8,866.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Watson and two children, Katherine and Norman Keith, came from Graham for a weekend visit with Mrs. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan. Katherine's second birthday was honored by the family while they were here.

BIRTHS

BLAIR — Mr. and Mrs. Don Blair (Shirley Stewart) of Andrews are parents of their second daughter born at 5:21 a. m. Oct. 20 in San Angelo Clinic-Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and has been named Kimberly Gail. She has a sister, Donna Jean, two years old. The father is employed by Ard Drilling Co. at Andrews. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair of Robert Lee.

WATSON — Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Watson (Pat Jones) of 918 E. 5th St., Irving, Tex., announce the newest member of their family. She is Elaine Mabelle, born Oct. 14 and weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces. She has two brothers, Kelly and Kenny, and twin sisters, Sherry and Terry. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Jones and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Watson, all of Irving.

Training School For Firemen

Mr. W. J. Henderson, instructor with the Extension Training Service at A & M College, began a training course for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday night.

The school will last five weeks and will be held each Tuesday night.

Sam Jay, Fire Chief, says that most of the training will be held in the field. The department's regular meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month but during this school the members will be given attendance credit on attending the school.

The regular time for meetings will be resumed after the course is over.

Mrs. J. E. Epperson of Houston and her sister, Mrs. J. E. Harris of Carlsbad, visited here last week with their brother, Newt Field, and their uncle, Joe Field. They have another sister, Beulah, who resides at Baytown. While in Robert Lee Mrs. Epperson ordered a year's subscription to The Observer.

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