

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Coke County Commissioners Court Has New Look



Personnel of the Commissioners Court of Coke County was changed Jan. 1 when a new County Judge took over as its presiding officer. Shown above during a recent session are (left to right) Weldon Fikes, county auditor; W. W. Thetford, county judge; Claude Dit-

more, Prec. 4 commissioner; Fern Havins, Prec. 1 commissioner; Ed Hickman, Prec. 3 commissioner; Howard Brock, Prec. 2 commissioner; and J. L. Tinkler, county clerk.

## Bad Ice Storm Slows Traffic, Closed Schools

Traffic was reduced to a minimum and business took a big slump during the two-day ice storm which hit Coke County and a considerable area of West Texas.

Following a steady drizzle Saturday night and all day Sunday, freezing weather developed and everything was coated over with a quarter inch of ice by Monday morning.

Schools at Robert Lee and Silver were closed Monday and Tuesday and the Bronte school held no classes Tuesday.

The ice melted rapidly when a warmup came before noon Tuesday and the highways were cleared within a few hours. All schools

in the county were open again Wednesday.

The several days of bad weather brought less than a quarter inch of moisture. Some losses of young lambs were reported by stockmen.

### PIE & COFFEE SALE

The Robert Lee P-TA will sponsor a sale of pie, cake and coffee all day Friday, Feb. 6, at West Texas Utilities Co. Support of the public is invited.

### PINK AND BLUE SHOWER

Mrs. Virgil Streng (Mary Walker) was honored with a Pink and Blue Shower from 2 to 4 p. m. Jan. 27 in the Richard Day home. Assisting Mrs. Day as hostesses were Mrs. Vaughan Davis and Mrs. Eddie Good. Cake quares and punch were served to the guests. Mrs. Streng received many nice gifts.

### FRANK NORFLEET VISITS

J. Frank Norfleet of Hale Center came down last week visiting his nieces, Mrs. Ethel Green in Robert Lee and Mrs. Russ Mathers at San Angelo. He also visited Garlan and Billy C. Green at Colorado City. Mr. Norfleet will be 94 years of age Feb. 23. He is known far and wide for his successful tracking down swindlers who beat him out of considerable property back many years ago. In recent years he has resided on his irrigated farm at Hale Center where he raised fancy quarter horses.

### MOTHER'S MARCH

A total of \$219.07 was realized for the March of Dimes during the Mother's March conducted in Robert Lee Friday night. It was one of the most successful Mothers Marches that has ever been conducted here for the polio fund.

Mrs. J. O. Rudd was chairman of the group which made a complete canvass of the city. Her assistants included Mmes. Ava Lou Hanna, Patti Ivey, Sterling Lindsey, Peggy McDaniel, Jeanna Haralson, Jean Percifull, La Resa McNair, Betty Ferrell, Golda Smith, Gertrude Gray, Mabel Mundell and Leola McCabe.

## Frank Wojtek, Who Came to America At Age 17, Has Been Successful Farmer

Frank C. Wojtek, highly esteemed Robert Lee resident for more than a half century, reached his 90th birthday Jan. 21, 1959. The occasion was observed by relatives and friends who were served birthday cake and coffee.

Mr. Wojtek resides in his home a short distance north of town where he is cared for by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wiginton. He is in apparent good health, but has gradually lost his vision.

Born in Austria Mr. Wojtek came to America at the age of 17 and located in the Bell-Williamson Counties locality where relatives had preceded him. He attended college and taught in the rural schools a few years. In 1892 he married a neighbor young woman, who had come to America with her parents when she was a baby. Mrs. Wojtek died in 1953.

He had a store in Temple for some time and moved to the Twin Mountains community west of San Angelo. In 1903 he and other friends went prospecting in New Mexico but he returned the next year and came to Coke County, being employed on the Ralph Harris Ranch. He bought a farm in Graham Valley north of Robert Lee a short time later, and over the following years added materially to his real estate holdings.

He has five sons and four daughters, all residing in this area. They are V. V. Wojtek, Mrs. Leta Wiginton, Otto and Eugene Wojtek, Mrs. Inez Nutter and Victor and Frank Wojtek.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walker of Glendale, Colo., were guests Saturday in the R. L. Page home. The ladies are cousins and had not seen each other for many years. Mr. Walker is an engineer and his wife accompanied him on a business trip to Texas.

## March of Dimes Coke Campaign To Exceed \$2000

With March of Dimes funds being computed this week, indications are that the campaign in Coke County will be a fine success, with receipts well above \$2,000.

Cumbie Ivey Jr., chairman for the Robert Lee area, said Tuesday that donations here had reached \$745, with the Mothers March, Boy Scout road block and business district canvass accounting for the big money.

Here's a breakdown in receipts reported by the drive treasurer, Mrs. Winnie Waldrop, deputy county clerk:

Ball games, Jan. 28	\$107.50
Coffee Day, Froggy's	21.60
Coffee Day, Varnadores	26.50
Mothers March	219.07
Boy Scout road block	187.69
Business Firms	140.00
Dance Tickets	35.00

A report from the Robert Lee school has not come in and the canvass is not complete at Edith, Wildcat and Divide.

Silver's campaign is to be completed this week with a Mothers March and a benefit basket ball double header. Chairman John Stewart says the first game at 7:30 will see the school girls playing against their mothers, to be followed by a father vs son contest.

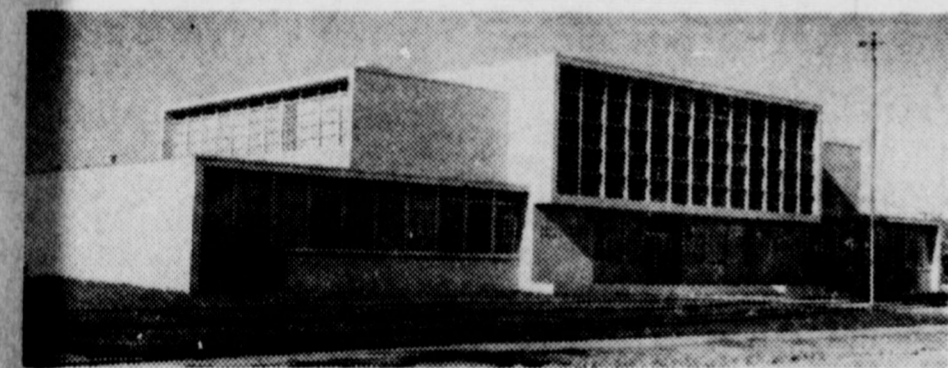
The Tad Richards barn dance Saturday night was a huge success, with a net of \$535 being raised for the March of Dimes.

Matthew Caperton of Bronte, county campaign chairman, predicts the 1959 donations for the March of Dimes will exceed last year's in Coke County.

### SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB

Members of Sunshine 4H girls club of Robert Lee held their first meeting of the new year on Jan. 22 from 8:45 until 10:00 a. m. Twenty-four were present which included four new members. Everyone enjoyed the Texas refreshments which Miss Hooper prepared. Our February meeting a lesson will be given on bread making. — Cynthia Davis, Reporter.

J. D. Green and family of Big Lake were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Ethel Green.



## New Car Tags Now on Sale

Motor vehicle licenses for 1959 went on sale Monday in the sheriff-tax office. Getting the first license plates issued was F. C. Clark of Robert Lee.

Coke County's tags this year have a JJ prefix instead of JF and they start with No. 4500.

The metal license plates also have the color pattern reversed with black lettering on a white background. Last year they were white on black.

### 867 POLL TAX RECEIPTS

Poll tax receipts issued in Coke County before the Jan. 31 deadline totaled 867, according to Deputy Sheriff O. B. Jacobs. This is considerably over the usual sale of poll taxes to be issued in off election years. Two years ago the number was around 700.

Coke County Commissioners Court held its regular session Monday, with all members braving the ice storm except Claude Ditmore of Precinct 4.

In addition to traveling over sleet coated highways, the county officials had to spend the day in the cold. An electric motor in the furnace had to have its starter mechanism repaired, and heat was not forthcoming until well along in the afternoon.

Commissioners discussed county matters and paid bills. Some unfinished business is to be taken up at another session Thursday afternoon, Judge W. W. Thetford stated.

### DISTRICT COURT

Monday's session of 51st District Court was called off because of the ice storm. Judge Joe L. Mays advised the county clerk's office that he will be in Robert Lee Wednesday to take up any cases that are to be tried.



FRANK C. WOJTEK  
...observes 90th birthday



## Frances Wylie Candidate For Special Award

Our school's 1959 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Mary Frances Wylie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie Jr.

She received the highest score in a 50-minute written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by graduating senior girls. She has received a homemaking pin manufactured by Josten's, which represents the slogan, "Home is Where the Heart Is." Her examination paper will be entered in competition with those of other school winners in the state to name the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The test is designed and judged by Science Research Associates.

Each state Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills, an education trip April 4-10 with her school advisor to Washington, D. C., colonial Williamsburg, Va., New York City and Minneapolis, and she will be a candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. The school of each state winner will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. General Mills will award a \$500 scholarship to each state runner-up.

Winners are being chosen for 12,260 schools throughout the nation which enrolled 439,150 senior girls, the largest number of participants in the five-year history of this \$106,000 scholarship program. Growth has been steady since 1955 when 187,463 girls in 8,040 schools participated.

The 1959 All-American Home-



MARY FRANCES WYLIE

maker of Tomorrow will be announced in Minneapolis April 10 at the American Table Dinner in the Leamington Hotel's "Hall of States."

The scholarship of the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5,000. The national runner-up will receive a \$4,000 grant, third place winner a \$3,000 award and fourth place winner a \$2,000 scholarship.

### ATTEND FORT WORTH SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Preslar and children went to Fort Worth the last of the week where they attended the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. Howard's younger sister, 11-year-old Phyllis Preslar of Borger, entered two Angus steers in the show and placed 6th and 13th. She showed the Angus champion steer at Ft. Worth last year, the animal having been bred by Howard Preslar here in Coke County.

## Bob L. Davis Has A New Position With Bond Firm

Bob L. Davis is now associated with Municipal Securities Company and will work out of their new office opened in the Barfield Building at Amarillo. It carries a considerable increase in salary of his former connection.

He resigned a position with Columbian Securities Corp. where he had been employed 7½ years and advanced to vice-president of the firm.

A home town Robert Lee young man, Bob was elected County Judge and served a two year term in 1947-48. He was the youngest person who ever held the office here, being only 26 years of age. After leaving the office he was city secretary at Pecos before going with Columbian.

Municipal Securities is an investment banking firm of Dallas, which buys and sells county, school and municipal bonds and also deals in New York Stock Exchange securities. Mr. Davis has a wide acquaintance in the state, especially in the northern part where his work in recent years has been concentrated.

Mr. Davis and his family will continue to reside in Amarillo. However, they will be moving soon into a new home as their residence is in the path of the new Interstate Highway 40 which goes through Amarillo.

Mr. Davis looked after business matters at the court house here Monday and remained overnight with relatives. He continued to San Saba Tuesday for a conference with public officials.

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### JANUARY FORD SALES

Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee reports the following sales of new units during the past month:

I. A. Bird, Mercury Montclair  
Vaughan Davis, Mercury Montrey

W. W. Paul, Country Sedan  
Neal C. Clayton, Ranch Wagon  
Silver School, Custom 300  
Robert Lee School, Custom 300  
Ida Lee Brown, F-100 Pickup  
L. Ray Adams, Galaxie  
Coke County, F-100 Pickup  
C. E. Mathers, F-250 Express  
W. T. Rienhart, Fairlane 500.  
Hamilton Scott, F-100 Pickup  
Cody Oil Co., Custom 300  
Sigmon Lloyd, Galaxie

Harold Robertson, who recently completed a 4-year enlistment in the Air Force, is returning to Coke County. He and his family will occupy the Lowell Roane farm house in the Friendship community.

## Want Ads

**FOR SALE**—Two houses; one 3-bedroom, den and two baths, recently remodeled; one 3-bedroom; across street from school. See Vines Peoples, owner, or S. R. Young. 1p

**FOR SALE**—Ford tractor, cultivator and planter. Used very little. Frand Smith, Phone GL 3-4495. 31f

**MAYTAG LAUND-O-RAMA** is now operating in Bronte for your convenience from 5 a. m. until 10 p. m. 31f

**FOR RENT**—2 bedroom modern house, close in. Mrs. Frank Smith, Phone GL 3-4495. 31f

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughn and daughters, Vernay and Paul, recently made a trip to northern Texas and into Oklahoma. They visited overnight with the Norman Watsons at Graham and continued to McAlester, Okla., for a visit with the Ben Bessent family. Mrs. Bessent and two children returned to Robert Lee with her parents, while Ben is away from home with a Magnolia seismograph crew. He is expected to join his family here this weekend.

Freddy McDonald motored to Lubbock Sunday, returning with his sister, Mrs. Noel Dean Scott, and her two children, who are spending the week here with her mother, Mrs. Fred McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall and daughter, Judy, of Lubbock came for a weekend visit with Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave King.

### Hayrick Lodge

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



J. D. BLAIR, W. M.

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## ELKINS Cabinet Shop

Cabinet work of all kinds; also furniture repairs and refinishing, saw sharpening, etc.

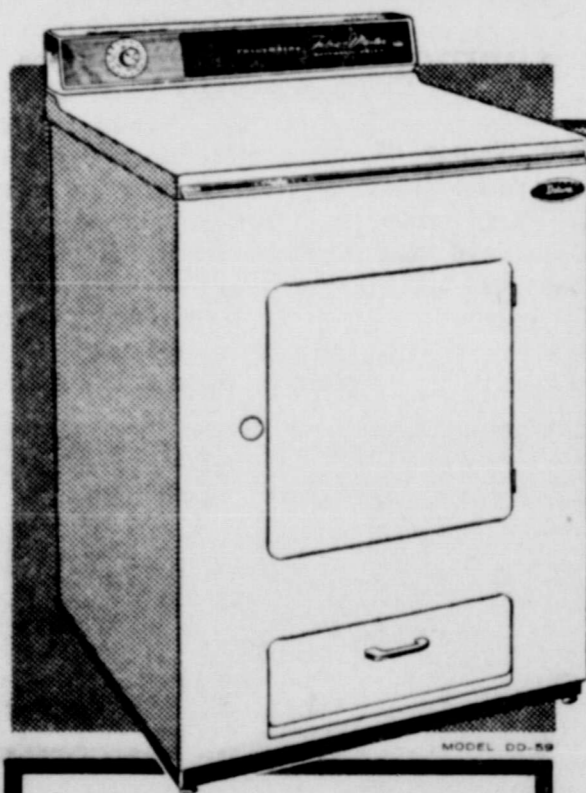
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## Silver News

Mrs. E. C. Mathers entered Coke County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee Sunday evening for medical treatment.

James Furr, member of the maintenance crew at Jameson natural gasoline plant, has transferred to the office where he has a field clerk classification. He has been a Sun Oil Co. employee several years.

T. W. Lyle is being sent by Sun Oil Co. to Olean, N. Y., to take three weeks of training at the Clark Mfg. Co. factory. He will make the trip from Texas to Buffalo by air. Mr. Lyle is slated to be transferred by Sun to its new gasoline plant which is now under construction at LaVerne, Okla. He and his family will not move until after the present school term ends. A long time Sun employee, Mr. Lyle has been an operator 1st class at Jameson plant a number of years. He will be promoted to distillation operator at LaVerne. At the Clark factory he will be instructed in operating new turbine type generator engines which are to be installed in Sun's new plant in northwestern Oklahoma.

### BASKET BALL MEET

Westbrook girls and the Wall boys were crowned champions of Silver's annual junior high basketball tournament which came to an exciting finish Saturday night.

Westbrook and Wall were the only schools which competed in the championship finals, with the Wall fems being defeated by Westbrook and the Wall boys losing a tight overtime battle to Westbrook.

Both Silver teams lost their first round games, then went to the consolation finals. Silver girls defeated Miles for the consolation trophy while Coahoma downed the Silver boys in their bracket.

The meet was a fine success, with good attendance throughout.

More information on the tournament, with names of the all-star teams, etc., will be published next week.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ernest Clendennen and family in the death last week of her father, Arch Bryan, at Amarillo. Funeral services were conducted at Amarillo Friday morning. Mr. Clendennen returned to Silver Saturday but his wife and two sons remained there another day. Enroute home Sunday they were forced to put up at a Lubbock motel, but were hoping to make it on home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers returned early last week from a few days trip to Seminole, Okla., where they visited their son, Upton, and family. They report some snow and ice which brought worth while moisture to that section of the state. Upton is much improved following surgery early in the winter. He has gained weight and is handling a cattle and farming operation.

### SCHOOL CLOSED

Silver public school was closed Monday and Tuesday because of the icy roads which made travel

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Coke County have decided as indicated by order duly entered upon its minutes to that effect, and so intend to raise the salaries of each Commissioner from \$4,000.00 per annum to the sum of \$5,500.00 per annum and to raise the present salary of the County Treasurer of Coke County from the sum of \$4,000.00 to the sum of \$5,500.00 per year and to raise the Salary of the Clerk of the County and District Courts (County Clerk) from the sum of \$5,800.00 to the sum of \$6,000.00 per annum and pursuant to such decision and intention will on the 9th day of February, 1959, at a regular term of The Commissioner's Court of said County, make and enter such orders.

dangerous. Supt. Paul Ashby said that with clearing weather it was probable classes would be resumed Wednesday.

The P-TA meeting was postponed from Tuesday until next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., according to the president, Mrs. Frank Mullican. The program will be furnished by the first and second grades.

### MOD BENEFIT GAMES

Big event of the week in Silver will be the basket ball games at the school gym Friday night. The double header will see the mothers playing their daughters and the men trying to sink more baskets than their sons. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes and a good turnout is hoped for.

A Mothers March to be conducted this week will wind up the MOD campaign in the Silver community, according to John T. Stewart, local chairman.

Mrs. R. S. Anderson is much improved in Coke County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee where she has been a patient the past ten days. She expects to return to her home in Silver by the middle of the week.

Other Silver patients under treatment at the hospital in Robert Lee are Mrs. E. D. Ackerman and Mrs. R. C. Scuddy.

### HD CLUB MEETING

Robert Lee Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, January 28, at the home of Mrs. Curtis Walker. Mrs. Tom Rives gave a talk on Parliamentary Procedure.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Vaughan Davis, Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith, Mrs. Royce Smith, Mrs. Curtis Walker, Mrs. Douglas Waid and Mrs. Tom Rives.

### TRY A WANT AD!

## Kay Stewart, Reid Biggs Wed Jan. 21

The marriage of Miss Marilyn Kay Stewart and Ivey Reid Biggs took place at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Baptist Church of Silver. A large number of guests were present for the ceremony performed by the Rev. Clarence Collins, pastor of First Methodist Church at Colorado City.

Wedding music was played by Mrs. James E. Payne and the vocalist was Miss Rheta Biggs, sister of the bridegroom, both of Colorado City.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length gown of Chantilly lace over satin. The bodice featured a square neckline outlined in sequins and pearls, and the full skirt was designed of lace over ruffled tulle. Her veil of illusion was attached to a crown of sequins and seed pearls. She carried an orchid on a white Bible.

Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe of Silver was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Nancy Myers of Colorado City and Tootsie Favors of Snyder.

Todd Biggs of Scotts Bluff, Nebr., was best man for his brother. The bride's brothers, Tommy and Lawrence Stewart, seated guests and lighted candles. Groomsmen were Larry Gayler and Tommy Jamison, both of Lubbock, and Don Hestand of Midland.

A reception was held in the Silver school auditorium.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stewart of Silver. She graduated from Colorado City high school and attended Texas Tech before accepting a po-

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sition as stenographer-clerk in the office of Sun's Jameson natural gasoline plant at Silver.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester T. Biggs of Colorado City, the bridegroom is a graduate of Colorado

City high school and is a senior student at Texas Tech where he is a business management major. The couple made a brief honeymoon trip to Dallas and are at home in Lubbock.

## March of Dimes Benefit Basket Ball Games

Silver School Gym

Friday, February 6

Starting at 7:30 P. M.

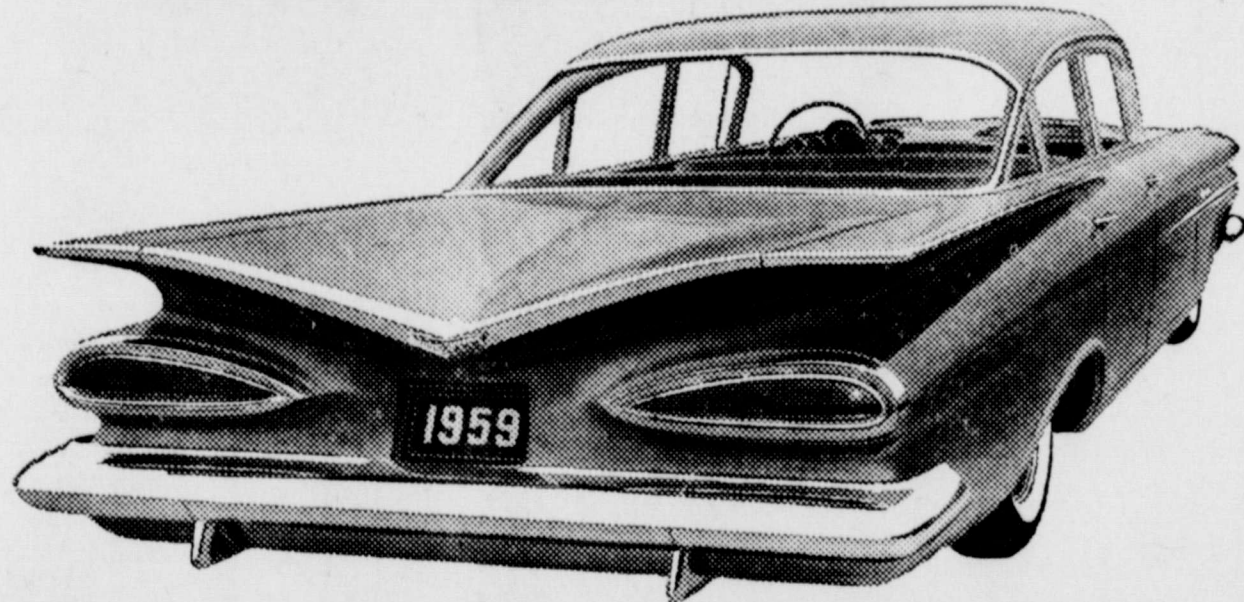
2 EXCITING GAMES

Mothers vs. Daughters

Fathers vs. Sons

Let's all turn out and put the March of Dimes over in a big way at Silver.

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Here's an engine that always seems able to coax extra miles out of a tank of regular-grade gas. In fact, if you're one of those drivers who keep tab on things like gas mileage, you'll soon see for yourself that this new Hi-Thrift 6 gets up to 10% more miles a gallon.

Another thing you'll like about this 135-h.p. 6 is the

extra pep it gives you for passing and climbing hills. This is due to higher torque at normal speeds.

It may be hard to believe anything that looks and moves like this '59 Chevy can be such a stickler for economy. But—whether you pick the Hi-Thrift 6 or a vim-packed V8—this is just one more reason Chevy's the car that's wanted for all its worth. Stop by your dealer's and see.



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# County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

The weather conditions existing as this is being written are not what the sheep men that are lambing would prefer for lambing, but at least we are receiving some badly needed moisture. Staying on the optimistic side, we hope it will warm up and at the same time continue to rain at more frequent intervals. As close as we are to spring, subsoil and surface moisture conditions must improve before we can get too jubilant about the coming pasture and crop year's prospects.

Several people have called us lately in regard to pruning trees, both ornamental and fruit trees. January and February are generally considered to be the best months in which to prune trees. Since January has already past, the job should be done at your earliest convenience.

Pruning is done for a purpose. Either to shape a tree, or to remove dead or excess limbs, or to make a shade. You with that in mind before you commence pruning, decide on a shape to shoot for,

## CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 223.238 miles of Seal Coat from Fr. Taylor Co. Line To 6.9 Mi. S., Fr. 6.9 Mi. S. of Taylor Co. Li. To Winters., Fr. Runnels Co. L. To 6.3 M. S. Paint Rock., Fr. 0.2 Mi. W. of Eden To Eden., Fr. Eden To McCulloch Co. Line., Fr. Irion Co. L. E. 5.8 Mi., Fr. Sonora E. 7.7 Mi., Fr. 7.7 Mi. E. Sonora., To 18.5 Mi. E. Sonora., Fr. Int. US 87 & 277 to 9.0 Mi. S., Fr. Bronte To Runnels Co. Line., Fr. Coke Co. L. To Ballinger., Fr. Eldorado To Menard Co. L., Fr. 1.3 Mi. S. of US 290 To Val Verde Co. L., Fr. Mitchell Co. Li. To Robert Lee., Fr. 12.9 Mi. NW RM 33 To RM 33., Fr. 16.8 Mi. W. of SH 163 To SH 163., Fr. 1.6 Mi. S. of US 67 To Crockett Co. L., Fr. Menard To 4.8 Mi. E. (Sect.), Fr. Menard To 5.9 Mi. SW., Fr. Veribest To US 87 on highways US 83, US 87, US 67, US 290, US 277, SH 158, SH 29, SH 163, SH 208, RM 2404, RM 33, RM 1676, FM 2092 and FM 2291, FM 2334, covered by C 34-3-8, C 34-4-16, C 35-2-19, C 70-4-10, C 70-5-10, C 77-6-23, C 141-4-10, C 141-5-11, C 159-1-16, C 344-1-6, C 344-2-11, C 396-3-6, C 412-4-5, C 454-4-7, C 494-10-2, C 558-10-5, C 1645-1-4, C 2008-1-3, C 2140-1-2, C 2229-3-2, in Runnels, Concho, Tom Green, Sutton, Coke, Schleicher, Crockett, Reagan, Menard counties, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., February 13, 1959, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on a above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall not pay less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman, or mechanic employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

Plans and specifications available at the office of R. N. Jennings, Resident Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

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then prune to achieve your goal. You will probably need to prune back to a basic shape the first year. After that, with a small amount of annual trimming, a beautiful tree can be produced.

We might add, when you finish pruning, give your tree or trees about one pound of commercial fertilizer for each inch in diameter of the trunk. Water the fertilizer in heavily and with the coming of spring your tree should make abundant growth.

Predatory animals continue to abound in the County. The smaller animals considered to be in the varmint class have been known to be prevalent all along. Lately, bobcats and coyotes have been making lots of tracks over the county. Coyotes have caused some damage on Buster and Don Fields place at Edith and on Tom William's place at Juniper.

Others have been sighted in the Water Valley, Foster Price ranch and Valley View areas. And bobcats persist in varying numbers in many areas of the county.

The Coke County 4-H club council will hold their first meeting of the year at the County Extension Office on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 9 a. m. We would like to encourage all the council delegates and alternate delegates, club officers and leaders to be present. Also, any other club members and/or parents wishing to attend the meeting will be welcomed. A strong and active 4-H club council makes the 4-H clubs better or-

ganizations and makes available more and better activities, programs and events in which club members can participate.

## Honor Roll

Silver public school honor roll for last six weeks of first semester as reported by Guy Wheeler, principal:

### "A" HONOR ROLL

9th grade—Jeral Sorrels.  
8th grade—Allen Clendennen, Twila Edwards, Dwain Walker.  
7th grade—Carolyn Vinson, Mary Beth Walker.

6th grade—Raynelle Bloodworth, Dennis Gartman, Sue Ree Kennedy, Mary Morgan, Billy Paul.

5th grade—Gayle Conley, Karen Fugate, Lane Arthur.

4th grade—Debby Hines, Charles Kennedy, Susan Newell, Carl Bloodworth, Robert athers, Steve Kohutek.

3rd grade—Rose Ann White, Tommy Morgan, Gene Kincaid, Lonnie Bloodworth.

2nd grade—Betty Post, Judy Gartman, Judy Ann Voelkel, Kathy Denman Lynn Beal, Sandy Cone.

### "B" HONOR ROLL

9th grade—Susan Hughes, Sandra Higginbotham.

8th grade—Betty Post, Richard Ramsey, Ann White, Pat Wilkes, Norman Butcher.

7th grade—Rosalind Bradham, Ronnie Lyle, Jackson McCallie, Ruth Palmer, Mike Simpson, Lynn White.

6th grade—Jeanie Arnold, Billy

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## GREEN MT. HD CLUB

Keith Jones, Joan Mills, Lynn Mills, Larry Don Mullican, Patricia Post, John Reed, Daphne Roe.

5th grade—Alettris Ackerman, Rhonda Sue Gartman, Brenda Sue Jameson, Robert Glyn Jameson, Richard Ledbetter, Fredda McCabe.

Note: The lower grades do not have a B roll.

READ THE WANT ADS.

The Green Mountain Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 27 in the home of Mrs. Della Schooler. The attendance was small. A lesson of parliamentary procedure was given by Mrs. Glenn Waldrop.—Mrs. R. L. Page, Reporter.

Mr. and Mr. W. D. McAdams were in Abilene Sunday to visit her father, who has been re-admitted to Hendricks Hospital for additional treatment.



You can TUNE IN  
Let us TUNE UP

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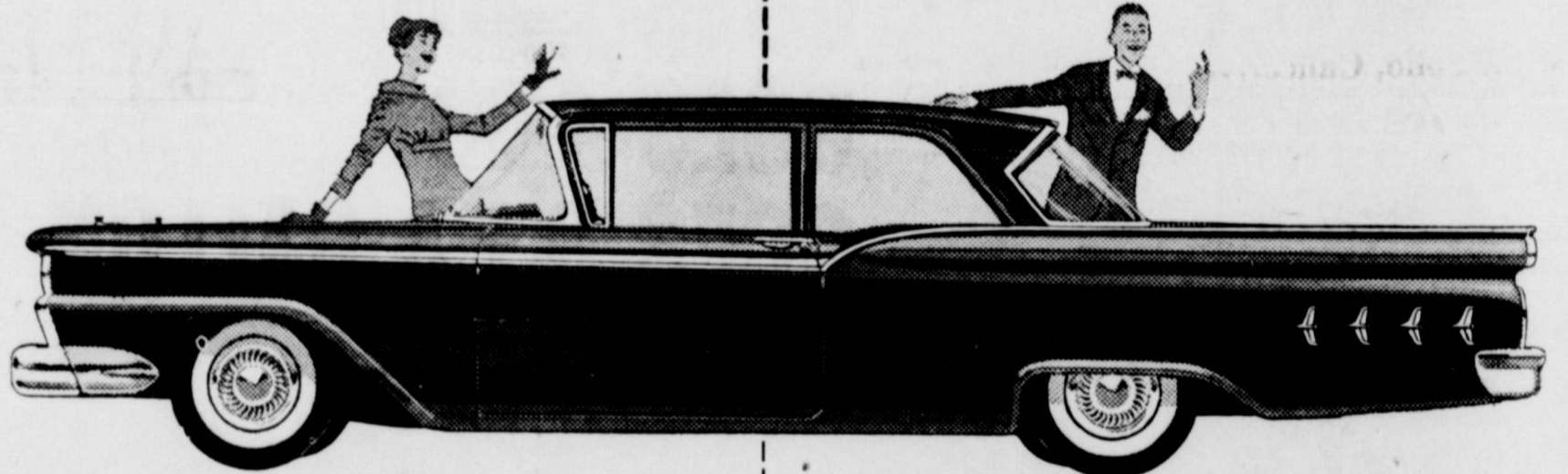
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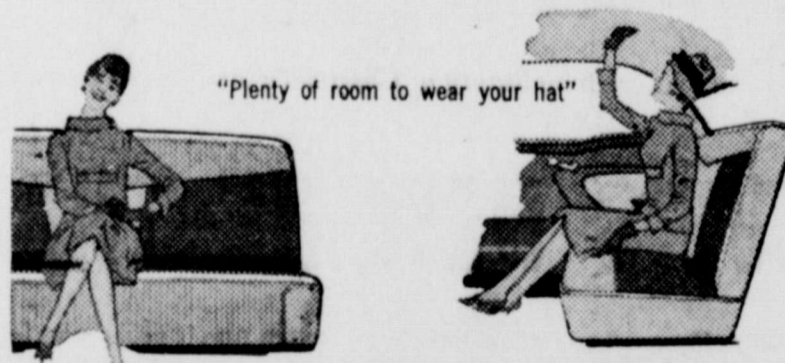
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### Baptist Sunday School Banquet

Robert Lee Baptist Church held its first annual Sunday School Training Banquet Thursday night, Jan. 29. Only those who had participated in one or more Sunday School study courses in 1958 were eligible to attend.

The pastor, Bennie Smith, was master of ceremonies. A program "The Royal Road to Readiness" was presented by Kenneth Lackey, Mrs. Weldon Fikes, J. L. Car-wile, and Mrs. Sam Powell, and was climaxed by the guest speaker, Bro. B. T. Shoemake, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winters.

Highlight of the evening was the display of 18 Sunday School Workers' Diplomas, 2 S. S. Workers' Advanced Diplomas, and one S. S. Worker's Master Diploma.

E. C. Davis and staff prepared and served the banquet at the church to 24 persons, including Bro. and Mrs. Shoemake.

Jimmy Mac Mathis is now employed as a clerk in the office of Paul Good, sheriff and tax assessor-collector. Mac completed a course in accounting the past year at a San Angelo business college.

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### Notes From The Oil Field

#### Stake Wildcat On Jack Walker East of Silver

McCulloch Oil Exploration Co. of California, Inc., filed application to drill a 7,300-foot Ellenburger wildcat in Coke County, just south of the Nolan County line and one mile northeast of Silver. It will be drilled as the No. 1 J. S. Walker.

Location, on a 640-acre lease, is 660 feet from the north and east lines of 255-1A-H&TC.

The prospector is one mile south and slightly west of a recently completed one-mile east extension to the Nolan County portion of the Jameson, North (Strawn) field, El Paso 1 Jameson, finalized May 9, 1958, for a daily flowing potential of 144.8 barrels of 43 gravity oil, no water, through a 14-64-inch choke and four sets of perforations between 5,996-6,081 feet.

It is also four miles northwest of the recently completed Panther Gap (Pennsylvanian Reef) discovery, Sun 1-B Price.

#### PLUG McCABE WILDCAT

Woodward & Co., Dallas, have plugged and abandoned at 7,310 feet the No. 1 Fred McCabe, Coke County wildcat nine miles southwest of Robert Lee and four miles south-southwest of the depleted Robert Lee (Palo Pinto) field.

A one-hour test in the Pennsylvanian between 6,210-232 feet recovered 3,180 feet of gas, six feet of oil and 40 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud.

A two-hour test between 6,212-262 feet recovered 1,335 feet of gas, 200 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud, three feet of oil and 30 feet of salt water.

Operator ran logs. Location is 660 feet from the south and east lines of 26-Z-D&SE.

#### NEW CHEVROLET OWNERS

Vaughan Motor Co. of Robert Lee sold the following new passenger cars and pickup trucks during January:

- Morgan Russell, 4-d sedan.
- B. W. Patterson, pickup.
- H. B. Melton, pickup.
- Eason Bro. Garage, pickup.
- C. E. Sheffield, pickup.
- H. G. Gafford, 4-d sedan.
- L. G. Adkins, pickup.
- Texas Nat. Gas, pickup.
- L. L. Harvell, 4-d sedan.
- G. E. Stevens, 4-d sedan.
- Howard Preslar, 4-d hardtop.
- W. B. Reed, 4-d sedan.
- Oliver Eubanks, pickup.
- Harvey Fryer, pickup.
- Richard Day, 4-d sedan.

Jim Ybarra of Robert Lee remains in a San Angelo hospital where he is being treated for a bad leg injury. Employed at Texas Natural Gasoline plant, Jim's leg was crushed when a heavy string of pipe fell on him.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Jan. 29 — Osa Faries, Mrs. Edna Wolfe, Mrs. R. C. Scudday, Mrs. R. D. Ross admitted.

Jan. 30 — Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. E. D. Ackerman admitted. Osa Faries, Mrs. R. D. Ross dismissed.

Jan. 31 — Mrs. Virginia Jay admitted.

Feb. 1 — Patricia Fowler, Shirley Roe, Mrs. C. E. Mathers admitted.

Feb. 2 — Tommy Allen admitted. Mrs. John Allen, Patricia Fowler, Virginia Jay dismissed.

Feb. 3 — Tommy Allen dismissed.



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#### COKE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

##### Present Supervisors —

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

Applications for assistance under the Great Plains Conservation Program have been received from Manse Millican of San Angelo, W. C. Shamblin of Blackwell and Alton Roberts of Robert Lee. Basic conservation plans and desired practices will be worked out in the near future.

Aubrey Denman has completed his Great Plains Conservation program plan. Practices included in his plan are: a conservation crop rotation, a waterway, one pond enlargement, net wire diversions, pipeline and water trough, and a cross fence to improve grazing management.

If your plans for this spring include root plowing or any sort of brush control where seeding of native or introduced grasses is done in the same operation, now is the time to get your grass seed and find a contractor. Early seedings have been most successful on the average. Grass seeded late usually gets going just in time to be burned down by dry, hot weather.

Assistance in determining what grasses to plant, seeding rates, and methods of planting can be obtained from your local Soil Conservation office in the court house.

If you thing increased rainfall is the only reason for the better grass cover we have now, look around you. Some pastures are still in the drouth.

#### Courthouse Rainfall Record

This month Trace  
This year Trace  
This time last year 1.79

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### Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.



## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

The President's request for an additional 1½ cents a gallon on gasoline has met strong opposition. Gov. Price Daniel of Texas said last week 28 other governors had joined him in the fight against increasing the federal tax on gasoline which is already 3 cents a gallon.

Texas and most other states need to put more tax on gasoline to help with their own road programs. Ike says the increase is needed to carry through the enormous national road building act which will construct super highways throughout the country.

The Observer holds with Gov. Daniel and we suggest that the President and Congress consider the idea of making those Interstate Highways toll roads. Let the people who use them pay for their enormous cost.

How many Coke County people will do much traveling over the new Interstate highways? We estimate only a very small per cent. Persons who have traveled over toll roads are glad to pay for the privilege. We can't afford to build these expensive super highways all over the country and let the public travel over them free of charge.

Why Mr. President, and why Mr. Congressman not require the people that use them pay a toll and not saddle the big expense on motorists who are far off these routes and seldom use them?

Now that another March of Dimes has gone over big in Coke County, it may be the proper time to do some thinking. The Salk vaccine provides the means of preventing wide spread polio epidemics, but the mere existence of the vaccine cannot bring the disease in check; IT MUST BE USED.

### PROBABLY THE DUMBEST

Some years ago the voters of Texas passed a constitutional amendment which abolished the ad valorem tax, for State purposes. By this action the voters exempted the oil industry, the telegraph and telephone industries, the electric utilities, the sulphur industry, the great Dow Chemical Company, the Monsanto Chemical Company, the railroads and big land owners and other type of Big Business from paying any taxes for the upkeep of Texas. This amendment becomes effective in 1951, and from here on out foreign corporations and absentee landlords can exploit Texas and contribute nothing toward the government of Texas for this privilege. While it is true that these big industries were dodging a major part of their ad valorem taxes, the little we got was better than nothing, which is what Texas will get from now on out. Under the pretense of removing the burden from the "home owner and small business man," the lobbyists worked the people of Texas into freeing all big business from any taxes to help keep up the State government. In our humble opinion, repealing the ad valorem tax, without passing an income tax to take its place was the dumbest stunt ever pulled by the people of Texas.

## Mrs. Mellard, Former Coke Resident, Dies

Mrs. F. C. Mellard, the former Mrs. F. K. Turney of Robert Lee, died at 12:30 a.m. Jan. 25 at her home in Marfa after an illness of about a year.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Marfa Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mellard was born Lillian Bilbo in Lampasas on Nov. 7, 1890. When she was a small child, she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bilbo, to Coke County. Mrs. Mellard was reared in the Sanco Community north of Robert Lee.

She taught school for several years in Robert Lee, Winters and in that area. In 1918, she was married to the late Dr. F. K. Turney. He was killed in an automobile accident in 1940.

Mrs. Mellard served as matron of a girls dormitory at Sul Ross College, Alpine, for several years. She was married to F. C. Mellard in 1949.

Mrs. Mellard was active in church work and in the Order of Eastern Star, having been a worthy matron for several years.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Ila Ruth Barns of Hatch, N. M., and Mrs. Carl (Bennie Helen) Rusk of Alpine; her mother, Mrs. B. W. Bilbo of Robert Lee; five brothers, Allie Bilbo of Robert Lee, Vernon Bilbo of Fairacres, N. M., Raymond Bilbo of Laredo, Alvin Bilbo of Long Beach, Calif., and Otho Bilbo of Hobbs, N. M.; five sisters, Mrs. Minnie Randle of San Saba, Mrs. Letha Creighton of Elida, N. M., Mrs. Bess Tallant of Denver City, Mrs. Catherine McGuire of Idalou and Mrs. Louella Bessent of Robert Lee; and three grandsons.

Driving to Marfa last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. C. Mellard were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo, Mrs. C. W. Bessent and Mrs. Charles Ragsdale of Blackwell. They were accompanied by Shelton Anderson, who joined the group at McCamey. Mrs. Mellard was a sister of Mr. Bilbo and Mrs. Bessent and was an aunt of Mrs. Ragsdale. All the brothers and sisters were present for the funeral except a brother in California and a sister in South Texas. Mrs. R. L. McGuire had been at her sister's bedside for some time.



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### Change in Schedule

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### IN DALLAS HOSPITAL

David Furr, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Furr of Silver, was admitted to Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Dallas on Jan. 30.

David has been in a cast from his waist to his feet the past four months. The cast has been removed and he will be in braces learning to walk again. He will remain in Dallas approximately six weeks. Anyone who would like to send David a greeting card may use the following address:

David Furr  
Scottish Rite Hospital  
2201 Welborn St.  
Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Devoll of Bertram recently came to Robert Lee for a weekend visit with their son, Lendy Devoll and family. Horton has made a good recovery from a tractor accident several months ago in which he suffered a bad leg fracture. He is now working in a rock quarry.

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Mrs. Marvin Jones suffered a broken wrist in a fall on the ice. The accident occurred at her home when she started from the house to their auto. Frank Grimes of Bronte, former Robert Lee man, received a broken hip when he fell in front of a Bronte store. He was taken to the Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring.

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