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OFF TO HOUSTON SHOW—D. P. Key's big stock truck was well loaded as it started off Sunday morning with 4-H and FFA livestock to be shown in the big stock show at Houston. Standing beside the truck are Bennie Boykin, Mr. Key, L. E. Wink and J. D. Boykin. Mr. Key did not make the trip and J. D. Boykin operated the truck.

Big Truck Load Livestock Sent To Houston Show

Coke County is well represented this week in the junior division of the Houston Fat Stock Show. Judging was set for Tuesday. Eighty-one head of livestock was loaded double deck in the D. P. Key truck shown in the above photo. The consignment consisted of 20 fat barrows, 10 baby heaves, 2 registered heifers and 49 market lambs. Six adults and 18 boys went to Houston along with County Agents Sterling Lindsey and James Coffman. Mrs. I. M. Austin and son, Clint, and Royce Hood went to Houston last Friday and are at the show this week.

DEATH OF W. A. OEFF

Mrs. W. D. McAdams mourns the death of her father, W. O. Oeff, 70, whose passing occurred at 11 p. m. Tuesday in Hendricks Hospital at Abilene. He had been seriously ill for some time and recently underwent major surgery. A native of Arkansas, Mr. Oeff resided many years at Winters and recently lived on a farm near Tuscola. He is survived by his wife and nine children. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Winters.

Petition Seeks Vote on Prec. Road Bonds

Public hearing on a proposed \$150,000 road bond vote in Precinct 1 has been set for March 23. The hearing was fixed after a petition bearing names of 100 qualified voters requesting the bond election was filed with the Coke County Commissioners Court. Purpose of the bonds is for the construction of paved and improved highways and city streets within the precinct, most of which will be allotted to the City of Robert Lee. An election is expected to be held within 30 days after the hearing. A 2-1 majority will be needed to carry the bond issue and only tax paying qualified voters will be eligible to take part in the election. This year 471 poll taxes were issued in Precinct 1, being divided as follows: Robert Lee 318, Silver 26, Sanco 27. Persons over 60 who are exempt from paying poll taxes could bring the potential

Three School Trustees To Be Named April 4

Robert Lee Independent School District will elect three trustees at the annual election April 4. Board members whose terms expire this spring are J. F. McCabe Jr., Melvin Childress and O. B. Jacobs. Mr. Childress has definitely announced that he is not a candidate for re-election and the other two have indicated they did not wish to run again. Wednesday, March 4, was the final date for nominating candidates for school trustee. They may be nominated by petition with five signers and filed with the county judge or school superintendent. Candidates may also file their own names in person at the county judge's office. No trustee candidates in the Robert Lee district had been placed on file Tuesday night. Some persons believe the deadline for filing names for school trustees should be March 5, as the law says "30 days before election," which is April 4 and there are 31 days in March. At any rate people should show enough interest over their school to persuade capable candidates to allow their names to be presented.

AT LUBBOCK TRIAL

Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good went to Lubbock Tuesday to testify in the trial of Roosevelt Wiley, charged with the Oct. 24 murder of Shorty Canada, San Angelo milk truck driver. Sheriff Good will be an important witness for the prosecution, having kept in his possession the long knife used in the alleged murder, articles of clothing worn by the two Negroes, and other items identifying the pair to the crime. Mrs. Good was called as defense witness. It was a surprise to her since Wiley at no time had been held in the Coke County jail.

Sheriff Good and Deputy O. B. Jacobs took Willie McDade, younger of the accused pair, to Lubbock Sunday. He was turned over to authorities there and will be used as a witness. Justin Kever, district attorney, accompanied them and is helping with the prosecution.

Wiley's trial opened in district court at Lubbock Monday and up to Tuesday night only six jurors had been selected. The case was transferred from Coke County to Lubbock on a change of venue.

P-TA PAYS FOR FENCE

A good crowd came out for the Game Night festivities sponsored Saturday night at the County Recreation Hall by the Robert Lee P-TA. The organization through its various money raising events has now been able to pay for a \$200 steel link fence along the south side of the school playground.

Jimmy Gray has completed his army service and has returned to his home in Robert Lee. He was stationed at Ft. Lee, Va., and lately had been hospitalized. Jimmy's release from the army was too late for him to enter the spring semester at Texas Tech. He is the son of County Treasurer Gertrude Gray.

Silver School Open House Set Thursday Night

Texas Public Education Week will be featured at Silver with an open house on Thursday night, March 5. The hour from 7 to 8 will be devoted to visiting the classrooms, where school work and equipment will be on display. Refreshments will be served during the period and a band concert is scheduled for 8:15. Supt. Paul Ashby has sent letters to all school patrons inviting them to be present for the event.

Six Girls Attend Baptist Party Held in Abilene

YWA's of the Robert Lee Baptist church returned Sunday afternoon from the State Young Woman's Auxiliary House Party at Abilene. Theme of the meeting was "Show Forth His Salvation." Some of the outstanding speakers were Mrs. Woodson Armes, Forth Worth, Mrs. Keith Parks, Missionary to Indonesia, Dr. Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary, Forth Worth. Attending from Robert Lee were Sharon Knapp, Vicki Wojtek, Jo Ann Hood, Eunice Blair, Mary Sue Roe, Ann Smith, and the counselor, Mrs. Bennie Smith. The meeting was held on the Hardin-Simmons University campus, and June McKinley arranged for the girls to stay in South-Hall Dormitory as her guests.

Move to Combat Spread of Rabies



LARRY JACK RABB ...to military academy

Larry Jack Rabb Has Appointment To West Point

Larry Jack Rabb, 19 year old son of Mrs. Otis K. Rabb of Robert Lee, has received appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He was interviewed in September for an appointment while at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he was stationed with the Army. Later he transferred to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, for special Army schooling in Army Finance Procedures. January 21, 1959, he received a letter from the Adjutant General informing him that he was appointed a candidate for admission to the United States Military Academy. He was ordered to report to the West Point Examining Board at Fort Knox, Kentucky, not later than 0800 hours on 11 March 1959. If he is found to be qualified in all phases of the entrance examination, and if entitled to admission under the terms of his appointment he will be admitted as a Cadet on 7 July 1959.

He is a graduate of Robert Lee High School. He graduated with the class of 1957. After finishing high school he attended Tarleton State College at Stephenville for one year before he decided to enlist in the Regular Army. He is now permanently stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, pending further orders.

Mrs. Lois Mae Smith spent a couple of days the last of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, at Melvin.

School District Makes A Report

A financial statement of the Robert Lee Independent School District is published elsewhere in this issue of The Observer. It covers the school year which ended Aug. 31, 1958. Publication of annual financial reports are required of counties, cities and towns and school districts, according to Texas state law. According to the tabulated report the Robert Lee school district had borrowed \$5,664 and this

County and city officials have arranged for a public meeting next Monday when a definite program will be set up to combat the serious rabies outbreak which has spread through Coke County.

Dr. George A. Martin, veterinarian of public health of the State Health Dept. at Austin, will be here to advise local authorities on what action may be taken to eradicate the terrible disease.

Dr. Martin has had wide experience in this work and assisted in stamping out rabies in other communities in recent years. City and county officials, medical doctors county agents, government trappers and all persons interested are invited to be present.

The meeting has been set for 1 o'clock next Monday afternoon at the district court room in Robert Lee.

The Coke County Commissioners in session Monday discussed the rabies situation and requested the county agents to head a committee and report to the court next Monday. The matter was taken up by the Robert Lee BCD at its meeting Tuesday when County Judge W. W. Thetford and Commissioner Fern Havins were urged to push the matter without delay. Judge Thetford phoned the State Health Dept. Tuesday afternoon and talked with Dr. Martin, who said he would come next Monday.

About 30 persons in the Robert Lee area are now taking anti-rabies serum after they had been exposed to rabid animals. The treatment consists of 14 consecutive daily injections.

Latest group exposed was the Fred Ashworth family west of Edith where a milk cow died of unexpected rabies. Taking treatments are Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth and three sons, also her father, George Powers, a brother-in-law, Roy Hood, and Hulan Harris, high school ag teacher.

County Agent Sterling Lindsey, Delmir Sheppard and Ell Hatley feared they may have been exposed to rabies while treating Mr. Sheppard's horse which died. They are taking anti-rabies serum.

BAND CLUB BAKE SALE
March 27th. Remember the date!

Jack Dement is the new Ambassador Oil Co. area foreman, succeeding Leonard Stevens, who moved to Andrews. Mr. Dement was transferred from Oklahoma City. He and his family will reside in Colorado City, since his territory extends a considerable distance into West Texas.

loan was no doubt increased considerably before new tax money started coming in later in the fall. Contrary to general belief in the past that the state paid twice as much as local taxpayers contributed to the school costs, the report indicates local taxes exceeded state aid more than 2 to 1. Taxpayers will also be greatly interested in the table of bonded debt in the district which totals \$301,600.

Silver News

Good reports come from Jahew Jameson, who underwent major surgery more than two weeks ago in a San Angelo hospital.

Mrs. Naomi Beringer and daughter, Capt. Frances McKinney, and a friend, Major Bonnie Best, of Ft. Sam Houston Army Hospital, came recently for a visit in the C. M. Haigood home. Mrs. Beringer remained for a longer visit with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Caldwell of Channing visited here recently with Mrs. Caldwell's brother, Frank Mullican, and family. They were enroute to the Gulf Coast on a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Caldwell is employed by Community Public Service Co. at Channing.

T. W. Lyle returned Friday night from Olean, N. Y., where he spent three weeks at the Walker Mfg. Co. plant. An employee of Sun's Jameson natural gas plant at Silver, Mr. Lyle is to be transferred this summer to the company's new plant under construction at LaVerne, Okla. At the New York factory he was given instruction in operation of a new style generator which will be installed in the Oklahoma plant. Mr. Lyle went to New York with two other Sun employees and they made the trip by plane. Mrs. Lyle and Ronnie met their husband and father at San Angelo Friday night.

Mrs. Tom Hunter was honored with a coffee Wednesday of last week at Sun Recreation hall. A number of Silver friends attended the event and Mrs. Hunter received gifts of bedspreads and pillow cases. Her husband has resigned as clerk at Jameson plant here and the family will move to Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Furr were in Dallas over the weekend and returned home Sunday night with their 6-year-old son, David. The latter is making a good recovery from recent surgery and is now getting around with the aid of braces and crutches.

Curtis Parish and family spent the weekend in Odessa with the parents of Mrs. Parish. Curtis is chief clerk here for Sun Pipeline Co.

Hubert Payton is off duty this week as a Sun production roustabout. His wife was scheduled to undergo surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cox returned Tuesday of last week from a week's visit with relatives and friends at Holdenville, Tula and Nowata, Okla. Mr. Cox is well recovered from a long illness and returned to his work Monday as a pumper for Crescent Oil Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gann of Monahans are new operators of Odom Cafe, having leased the business a few weeks ago from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom. The couple had cafe experience at Monahans. They have a daughter, Mrs. Bennie Rogers, who lives in Robert Lee where her husband is employed by Humble Oil & Refining Co.

Mrs. Hank Mason of Dallas was a recent guest here in the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Fugate, and family.

Mrs. Frank Mullican was called to Lubbock early last week by the illness of her son, Jerry, who has been a hospital patient. Mrs. Mullican brought her little grandson,

Scott, home with her.

Glenn Wilkes came from St. Bernard, La., for a visit over the Feb. 22 holiday. He is employed at Texas Natural's new gasoline plant near New Orleans.

TEXAS NATURAL CAMP

Mrs. S. T. Luth of El Paso is a guest of her sister, Mrs. John Mason, and family.

Mrs. Glenn Hodge and son, Mark, recently spent a few days with her mother at Whitnef.

The Harold Snell family of Rankin spent the weekend at Texas Natural plant and were over night guests in the Charlie Green home.

James Hearn and family of Odessa were weekend visitors in the home of his brother, Frank Hearn and family.

Mrs. James Deen was honored with a Pink and Blue Shower last week in Sun Recreation Hall at Silver. Hostesses for the affair were Mesdames Jack Geist, M. C. Hendry, Bob Moore and John Mason. Refreshments were served and Mrs. Deen received many nice gifts. Mrs. Deen is the former Joydell Kinsey of Robert Lee.

(Intended for last week)

Don Geer, band teacher at Silver Peak School, and his fiancée, Mary Prichard, of Kilgore, were honored with a surprise Coke party Monday afternoon during band class. The band presented the couple with a steam iron. Cold drinks and cookies were served to the honored guests, Mrs. Ruth Geer, mother of Don, band members and mother of band students who assisted the boys and girls. Miss Prichard and Mr. Geer will be married Easter Sunday in Kilgore.

The monthly Family Night supper of the First Methodist Church

of Silver was held Wednesday night in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. After the meal, another Bible study was given by the pastor, Charles Simpson.

Mary Beth Walker, daughter of the Roy Walkers, was ill this past weekend and missed school the first part of the week. Mary Beth is a straight A student in the 7th grade at Silver Peak.

Judy Kincaid, daughter of the Hale Kincaids, was a patient in the Coke County Hospital over a week, but is back in school this week.

Mrs. C. T. Wiles was hospitalized in San Angelo last week, but came home Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Simpson will be the new junior MYF sponsor for the Silver Methodist Church. Mrs. Simpson will replace Mrs. Billy M. Jones who is having surgery this week in Colorado City.

PERKINS-PROTHRO CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Long of El Paso were guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wilbern Millican, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Millican of Edith spent Sunday in the Wilbern Millican home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox attended the annual Valentine Sweetheart dance in San Angelo Saturday night for her Sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Watson visited Sunday in the John Conley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Jones spent Thursday in Sweetwater visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Lehde.

Mrs. Hubert Moore of Levelland, formerly of Perkins-Prothro, was a visitor in camp last Saturday and was honored with a coffee in the Jack McCallie home.

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Peggy McCallie and other cheer leaders of Colorado City High School entertained at the Colorado City Country Club Saturday night.

Mrs. Billy M. Jones was admitted Tuesday afternoon to Root Memorial Hospital, Colorado City, prior to having surgery Wednesday. Her parents of Sweetwater will stay in the Jones home to care for the Jones boys, Keith and Scott.

E. E. McCluskys Were Honored On 25th Anniversary

When Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom visited over the Feb. 22 holiday weekend in Beaumont with their son, R. H. (Bobby Hugh) Odom and wife, they also attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McClusky, former Silver residents. Mrs. R. H. Odom is the former Dorothy McClusky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McClusky.

The silver anniversary celebration took place the afternoon of Feb. 22 in the elegant new home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis in Beaumont. Mr. Davis is a brother of Mrs. McClusky and Mrs. Davis is Mac's sister.

The dining table was centered with a 4-tier wedding cake, with the numerals "25" as a top decoration. The centerpiece was surrounded with ruffled lace net. Cake was served by Mrs. Stella Burlin. Mrs. O. E. McClusky served punch and Mrs. Bob Odom poured coffee. The couple received many beautiful gifts.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom of Silver, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dean of Woodville and Mrs. H. E. McClusky, mother of E. E. McClusky.

Also Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McClusky, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bloomfield and children, Mrs. Stella Burlin and Mrs. Noma Weatherby, all of Beaumont.

During the festivities Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones of Silver telephoned their congratulations.

Ernest E. McClusky of Sog Lake and Miss Mertie Davis of Daisetta were married at Sog Lake on Feb. 24, 1934. Mr. McClusky has been employed by Sun Pipeline Co. many years. He was a recent foreman at Silver and is now foreman of the company's operations at Nederland.

They have many Coke County friends who extend congratulations and best wishes.

GJREEN MT. HD CLUB

The Green Mountain Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 3 in the home of Mrs. Floyd Harmon. The president, Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, called the meeting to order.

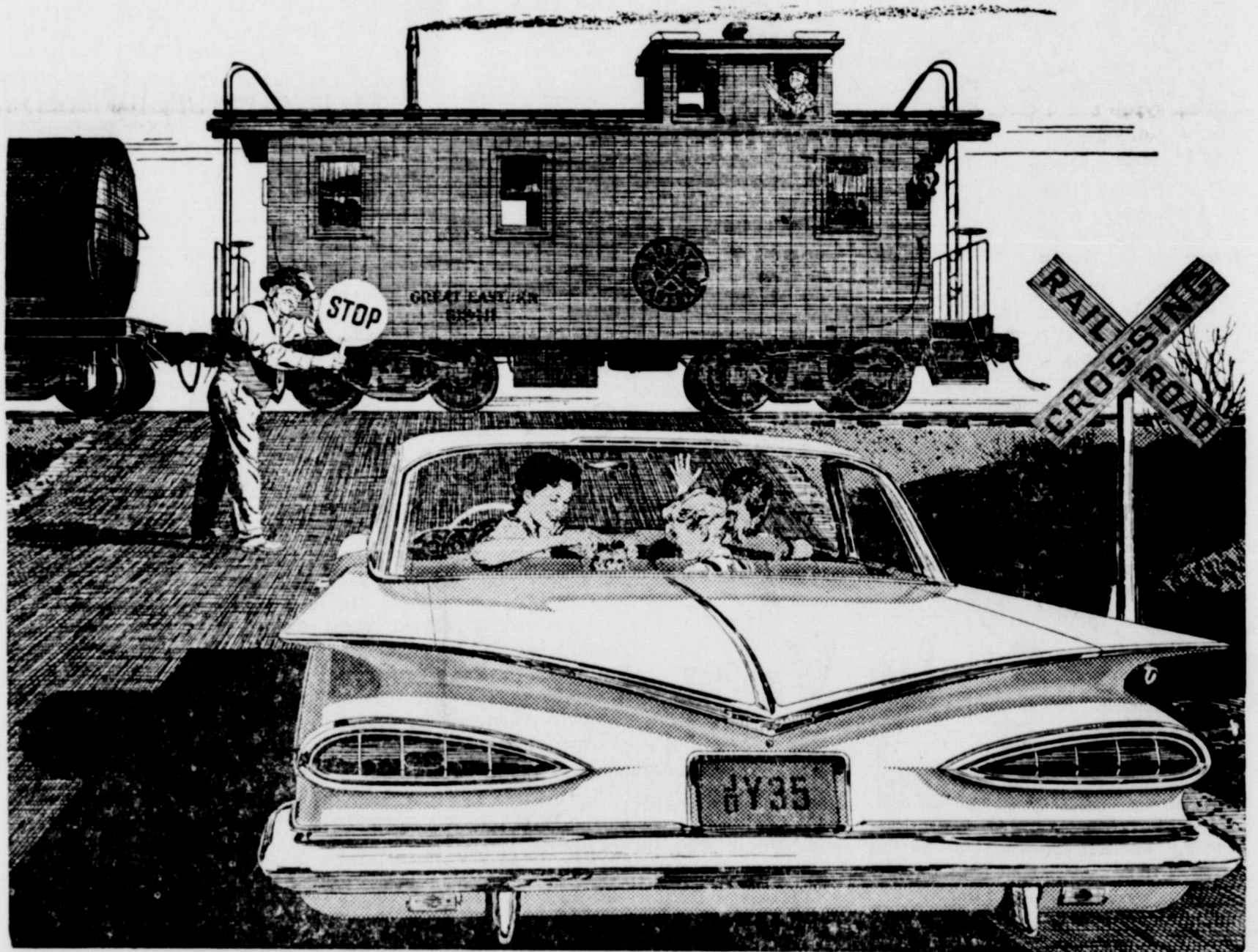
Mrs. Waldrop gave the demonstration on "Vegetables Can Be Different." All members were present with two new members to join the club, Mrs. Ed Roberts and Mrs. Floyd Harmon.

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HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS FROM YOUR STATE CAPITAL

AUSTIN, Tex. — 56th Legislature is moving like a snowplow—with the snow still falling and the snowballs flying.

Taxing and spending committees are pushing doggedly through their hearing schedules. But new bills are still swirling into their path, and, in whatever direction they move, they're constantly pelted with objections.

With the 120-day session nearing the halfway point, each passing day increases the possibility that they'll come to the May 12 quitting deadline still "snowed under."

OVERHAUL PLAN — Rep. Frates Seeligson is pushing his take-some, add-some tax plan as a long-needed updating of Texas' tax structure.

Seeligson (of San Antonio) told the House Revenue and Taxation Committee that many taxes still on the books (such as those on clock peddlers, waxworks, medicine shows, etc.) are no longer useful. Others, such as the chain store tax, he called inequitable.

Seeligson's bill would repeal some 38 such taxes and increase levies in other areas—auto sales, cigarettes, liquor, beer, corporations franchises. His plan also would include two ideas backed by Gov. Price Daniel — to take over abandoned property for the state and to make a bookkeeping transfer of \$18,000,000.

But, unlike the governor, Seeligson is frankly pulling for a general sales tax.

Other new tax ideas are to increase the levy on beer from \$4.30 to \$10 a barrel, by Rep. Leon Thurman of Anson.

Rep. W. T. Oliver of Port Arthur has introduced a five per cent gross receipts tax on hotels, motels, rooming house rentals and airline passenger business. Oliver also proposed a five-cent-a-gallon tax on soft drink syrup and a three per cent levy on pop sales.

OF CHURCH AND STATE — Religion and politics got mixed—with explosive results — when four legislators announced they'd heard atheism was being taught in state colleges.

A bill to require all faculty members in state schools to take an oath they believed in a supreme being was introduced by the four. They are Reps. Bill Hollowell of Grand Saline, Joe Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Ben Lewis of Dallas and W. T. Dungan of McKinney.

College officials and university pastors joined in calling the charge "ridiculous." Several University of Texas spokesmen, both educators and ministers, said they had never known a time when there was more sincere interest in religion among both faculty and students than at present.

WHY VACCINATE? — Sen. Floyd Bradshaw of Weatherford and the medical profession are at odds as to the value of smallpox vaccinations.

Sen. Bradford refused to send his four children to Austin schools, which require vaccinations, and is teaching them himself in his office. He also introduced a bill which would prohibit local school boards from requiring that children be vaccinated before they can attend school.

Quoting from a 34-year-old medical article, Bradshaw told the Senate Public Health Committee, "the bedbug is the sole conveyor of smallpox."

But medical spokesmen credited vaccinations with eliminating the scourge that once killed thousands

each year. Dr. J. M. Coleman of Austin told the committee that allowing children to come to school unvaccinated had the same "potential for destruction" as allowing them to bring "pistols and switchblade knives."

HOW MUCH CREAM? — Milk producers and milk-sellers are squabbling as to whether the law should require that milk be labeled as to butterfat content.

House Health Committee sent the labeling bill to a sub-panel.

Retailers opposed the bill, said the procedure would be costly. They said, too, that there would be competition to provide richer milk which a calorie-conscious public doesn't want. Present law requires 3.25 per cent butterfat content for whole milk.

Producers said they thought the public ought to know what they're buying.

SHORT SNORTS — Texas Capitol grounds of the 1980's will extend almost to the University of Texas campus, if plans materialize. A proposed master plan, unveiled by Governor Daniel and the State Building Commission, aims at continuing present expansion northward by four blocks and in a four-block-wide strip. . . National Safety Council sent congratulations to Governor Daniel for Texas' eight per cent drop in traffic deaths for 1958. Latest reports show 2,336 killed last year as compared to 2,539 the year before.



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 Victor Wojtek of Robert Lee, Ole G. Wilkins of Bronte and Olin Blanks of San Angelo. The plan of operations is presently being prepared on the Blanks ranch and should be completed in the near future.

Stock ponds have recently been completed on farms owned by W. D. McDonald, J. L. Brunson and Mrs. Charlie Keeney of Bronte; and on J. D. Harmon's place southwest of Robert Lee. Brunson also recently completed 3.3 miles of terraces and 3,618 feet of diversions on his place south of Bronte.

The Secretary of Agriculture has recently approved policies governing federal assistance in installing Fish and Wildlife measures in P. L. 566 watershed projects as authorized by P. L. 85-865. Under this law federal cost sharing can be obtained by local public

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groups for wildlife habitat improvement measures to be installed in conjunction with the watershed project. Public access to the area is required to qualify for this assistance in wildlife development.

Courthouse Rainfall Record
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This year .09
This time last year 4.60

READ THE WANT ADS.

SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB

Members of Sunshine 4-H Club of Robert Lee held their second meeting of the new year on Feb. 23 from 10:15 until 11:15 a. m. Twenty-five were present including Connie Butts, our new member. Everyone enjoyed the hush puppies for refreshments which Miss Hooper prepared. Our next meeting will be in March. Our lesson will be on relishes and garnishes. — Cynthia Davis, Reporter.

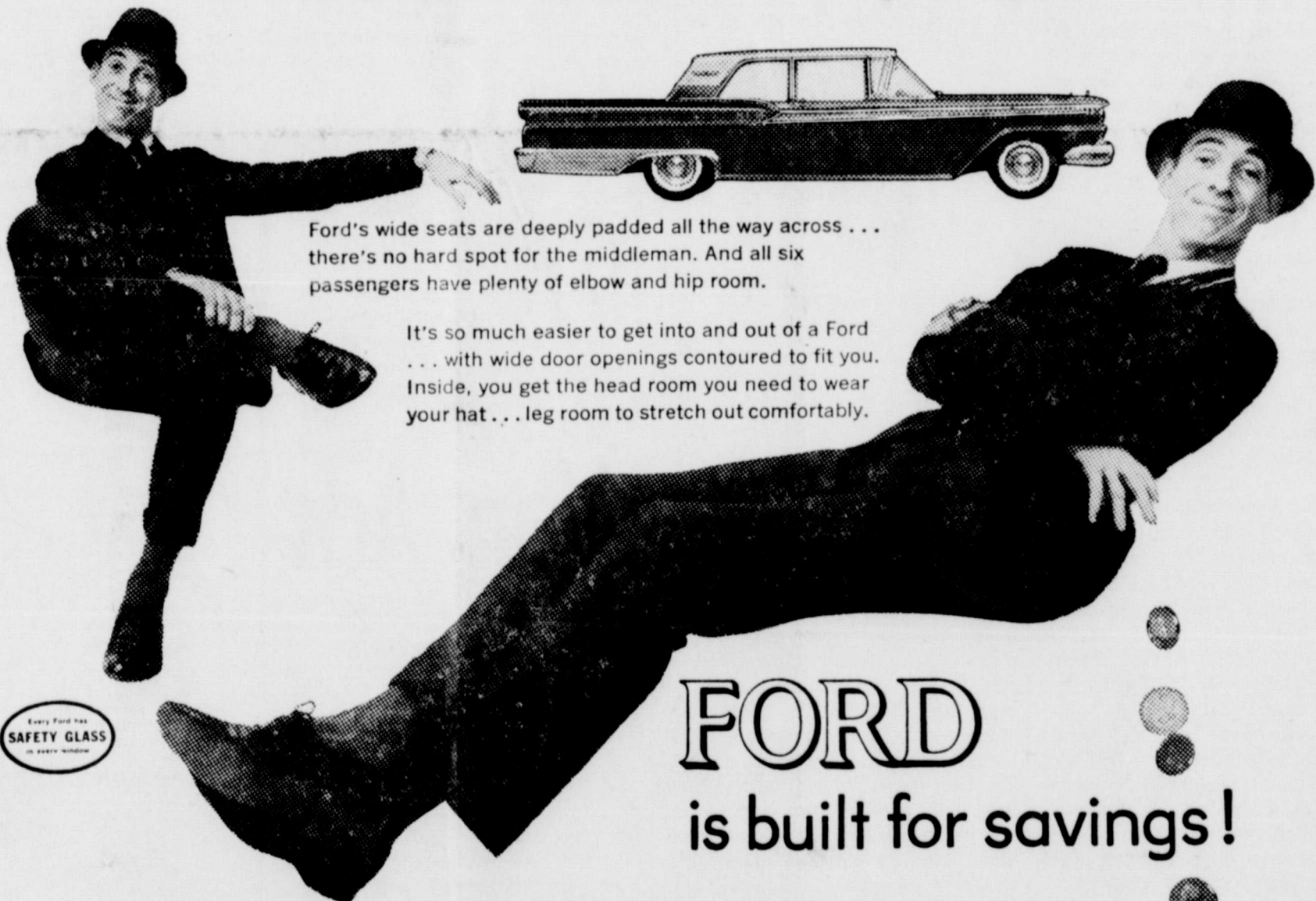
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Sanco Woman, Now 80, Recalls Early Life As Teacher and Rancher's Wife

"At seventy I am in no haste to go!"

Then she annexed ten more years to make it 80, celebrated with a birthday dinner at the ranch place that has been her home up to now throughout the twentieth century.

"My Seventy Years" was the story Mrs. Julia Bird penned, had it typewritten in manuscript form by her daughter, Mrs. Maudie Killam of Oklahoma City, and concluded it with a verse from Browning:

"Grow old along with me,
The best is yet to be."

About the community as usual after passing the 80th milestone, interested as usual in everything alive, the pioneer teacher enjoys visiting with grandmothers who learned readin', writin', and 'rithmetic in her beginner's classes at, or not long after the turn of the century.

With her husband, the late L. Smith Bird, also an early day teacher, she came to northern Coke County in 1898, after a youth of pioneering with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cosby, in the Big Spring country. She and her husband taught at Sand Springs and Silver respectively, then at Wilmeth in Runnels County briefly, then superintendent of the Robert Lee public schools.

When school was out, they would come back and tend cattle and farm here.

At the dinner Sunday, Feb. 22, following her birthday Feb. 21, I. A. Bird, Sanco ranchman, was next in seniority, with 77 years to his credit, considerable of those years in the saddle, and all but five of them here. Other relatives shared the day — Mrs. Thelma Killam, daughter and husband, Fred; Mrs. I. A. Bird with Mr. Bird and their daughters and husbands and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McKinley and Doris June; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Pentecost and son, James Bird.

Miss Judy Killam, granddaughter; Jimmy Killam and wife, Doris, with their tiny daughter, Lorie, the newest great-grandchild; Ulmer Bird of Sanco, oldest son, and wife, Josephine completed the group. The youngest son, Ira M. Bird, electronics service man, lives at Mission, with wife and four children.

Mrs. Julia Bird's manuscript autobiography tells of an immigrant family coming by rail from Lone Oak, near Greenville, in the days when travelers boiled their coffee on the big stove in the waiting room of the Texas and Pacific railway "depot" in Ft. Worth, then headed west, family and household goods, milch cow and horses all riding in a chartered box car.

The teacher-grandmother chronicler gives a close-up of the hardships which preluded the modernities of a vast oil producing, agricultural Texas planes country.

Cowmen and cowboys held sway on broad leagues that looked much the same, in whatever direction one gazed. Settlers were "nesters." Titles were often adjusted in "land rushes", sometimes by bluff



MRS. L. S. BIRD
...feted on birthday

and bluster, and only occasionally at gun point. In the main, people were frinedly, kind, lonely, poor, and determined.

The young girl grew up in a family that came to number thirteen children, out of sight and sound of any other human habitation. Mother and children for weeks would keep a lonely vigil at the "nester's" home as the husband-father earned flour, lard, potatoes and bacon by traveling a-foot or by wagon and team to town or scattered ranches, building the first houses and barns, and setting up the first windmills on that stretch of the south plains.

Riding after the cattle herself, milking five cows, come sandstorm or blizzard, extracting about a quart apiece from the grass eaters, did for recreation. Or add to that, riding horseback ten miles to church on a genteel date engineered by a formal note: "— presents his respects to Miss Julia Cosby and requests to escort her to church on Sunday, the —, 1895." Then there was the occasional long ride to the plains party, in the family wagon, with Mother, Father, and all the stair-stepped brood down to the baby.

Parties were few, and far between, and often lasted most of the night. Those traveling farthest would often visit overnight, returning the next day. These were the high points in a life that, although inspiring to those who knew they were building a country, often grew as monotonous as the brown grass prairies."

Sandstorm that turned the day to blackness even in the '90's, prairie fires that called for everyone in miles and miles of grassland to join battle with wet tow sacks to save their livelihood — these furnished occasional grim excitement.

Julia Bird did her own gardening with her hoe and woman-powered her garden plow until some two years ago, when the doctor advised against more of that. This was one of several vigorous activities she yielded with the greatest reluctance after seventy. To church, to post office, to town, Mrs. Bird drives her own car when necessary, relinquishing it usually to others. But on her

eightieth, as on her seventieth, this teacher of formative years in the west candidly confesses, "I am in no haste to go."

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Millican were Sunday guests in the home of their son, Wilbern Millican, and family at Perkins-Prothro Camp. A family dinner was served as a birthday courtesy to Mr. Millican. His other children were also present, including Mr. and Mrs. Finis Millican, Mrs. Don Smith and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Danford and children of San Angelo.

Howard Varnadore is making a steady recovery at Shannon hospital where he underwent surgery two weeks ago for a vertebrae injury. He is hoping to be transferred soon to Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee.

Mrs. Wayman Robertson, Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis Jay, all of Robert Lee, and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver motored to Colorado City Monday afternoon to visit Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth and her new daughter, Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth is the baby's grandmother and Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Wallace are its aunts.

County Officials Attend Course At A&M College

College Station, Feb. 28 (Spl). County judges and commissioners from 100 Texas counties attended the three-day County Judges' and Commissioners' Conference held on the campus of Texas A & M College (February 24-27).

Attending from Coke county were Judge W. W. Thetford and Commissioners Fern Havins, Howard Brock and Claud Ditmore.

The "back-to-school" type conference program was developed from suggestions by county officials. Its primary purpose was to give those participating a better understanding of the many problems which commissioners courts must handle in the discharging of their responsibilities.

The Conference was sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the County Judges' and Commissioners' Association of Texas.

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GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS 4-H WEEK

By CAROLE L. HOOPER

By proclamation, Gov. Price Daniel has designated the week of February 28-March 7 as 4-H Club Week in Texas. The week is also being observed nationally.

"In 1914," Governor Daniel said, "the United States Government invested in the rural youth of our nation through the 4-H club program. Since that time, more than 20 million young people have received the benefits of this vast program and become 4-H alumni. These alumni are engaged in farming, ranching, homemaking and a variety of other occupations. Throughout Texas and the Nation a special salute is extended to them."

In a letter to the 111,000 4-H club members in Texas, the Governor said, "Since the 4-H club program was organized 50 years ago, members of your organization have made outstanding contributions to the material wealth of Texas and the Nation. More important, as young people, you represent the richest resource of our State.

"I extend sincere congratulations to each of you on your fine accomplishments of the past year and join the people of Texas in saluting you, your parents, adult leaders and friends who make this program possible.

"Please accept my best wishes for 1959 and the years ahead. May you continue to build yourselves, your homes and your communities and thus help build our State and Country. The future holds bright promise for our land, and as 4-H club members you have a vital share of this future."

More than 1,000,000 Texas young people have been 4-H members during the past 50 years. Today, 4-H alumni are leaders in business, industry, the professions and government, and are among the

strongest supporters of the Agricultural Extension Service sponsored organization.

Here in Coke County there are 105 boys and girls enrolled in eleven 4-H clubs. The seven clubs work together under the 4-H council which is made up of the presidents and elected delegates from each club. Newly elected Council officers are Dee Arrott, Tennessee, Co-chairman; Daniel Dixon, Bronte, Co-chairman; Prescilla Wylie, Robert Lee, Secretary-treasurer.

Activities of Council include the planning of activities and yearbooks and the discussion and voting on all business of a county wide nature.

The local clubs have set up exhibits in Bronte and Robert Lee in observance of National 4-H week. Included in the Exhibits are garments made by 4-H girls in Clothing Workshops last June.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Feb. 24—Judy Kincaid admitted. A. J. Roe dismissed.

Feb. 25—Osa Faries dismissed. Feb. 26—Mrs. Violet Kirpatrick admitted. Mrs. Helen Fowler dismissed.

Feb. 27—Mrs. Ed S. Roberts admitted. Brenda Cowley, Judy Kincaid dismissed.

Feb. 28—Mrs. Ada Wilson, Mrs. James Eaton admitted. Diana McClure dismissed.

Mar. 1—John McDaniel admitted. Mrs. Ed S. Roberts dismissed. Mar. 2—Mrs. Willie Belle Skipworth admitted. Mrs. Violet Kirpatrick, Mrs. Ada Wilson, Mrs. James Eaton, John McDaniel dismissed.

Other patients in hospital more than the past week are R. L. Read, Mrs. Oscar Collett, Mrs. Jennie Scott Allen.



We've been in the banking business for years, and we think we know a sound investment when we see one. 4-H Club work is such an investment. It will pay off in better homemaking, more efficient farming, and in citizens who are alert to the interests of their community, county, state and nation.

Robert Lee State Bank

NOTICE TAXPAYERS

Change in Schedule

Starting Jan. 26, I will be at my office in Robert Lee on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week until further notice, and will still be at Bronte on Saturdays to assist you with your Income Tax Returns. Fifteen years experience plus up to date information on latest rules.

O. T. COLVIN
FARM BUREAU INCOME TAX SERVICE
Phone 172 Blackwell

ON THE CAMPUS

At Robert Lee High School

By FRANCES WYLIE

The student council declared Public Education Week, March 2-6, would be "defferent."

Monday, Twirp Day, girls were carrying boys' books, opening doors, and walking after them.

Everyone certainly had a new appearance Tuesday from levis, floppy shirts, and bobby-socks. This was Dress-Up Day.

Today, Wednesday, was announced at Teacher-Appreciation Day. Members of the FTA (Future Teachers of America) taught classes. Western Day will be Thursday with everyone dressed in western attire.

An assembly will be held on Club Day, Friday. Each club of the school will take part for about ten minutes.

Of course, some students disobeyed the rules and have had to be punished. At noon in the lunchroom, a meal of bread and water was served to the offenders of the law.

To climax the week, the student council has reserved the gymnasium and band hall Friday for a game night. Shuffle board, ping pong, bridge, dominoes and other entertainment will be provided. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served by members of the council. All students and parents are invited to attend.

Robert Lee's Steers will meet Talpa High School's baseball team Friday, March 6, at 3:00 P. M. at Ed Hickman Field.

Over twenty high school boys have signed up for baseball. Returning Steer players are Jerry Tinkler, Melvin Duncan, Richard Sims, Johnny Jones, James Blankenship, Kenneth Wink, and Bobby Cowley.

One act play try-outs were held Tuesday night, February 24, in the school auditorium. Members of the play cast are Barbara Gray, Marilyn Weathers, Jerry Dean, Freddy McDonald, Sam Skipworth, Richard Sims and Jimmy Bell. Stage manager is Ronnie Sims, who will also paint the scenery. Don Weathers is his assistant. The

play "The Wall" is under the direction of Garland Davis.

The Bachelors' Quartet sang Friday night at Silver's Pancake Supper. Saturday they went to Sweetwater to entertain over 360 Girl Scouts at their convention. Friday, March 6, the Quartet will perform at a high school banquet in Ballinger.

Twelve seniors were named to the play cast of "It's Cold in Them Thar Hills." The actors include the following: Johnny Jones, Marow Wojtek, Douglas Robertson, Jamie Schooler, Jane Austin, Kenney Sawyer, Eunice Blair, Pat Cnner, Marian Mason, Sandra Baker, Jo Ann Millican, and Betty doubles and one single, and one boys' doubles and one single.

Robert Jay, band and science instructor, has nine high school students registered for interscholastic league tennis competition which he will be coaching. Students taking this course are Lavina McDaniel, Betty Hood, Sandra Baker, Jane Austin, Gayle Lewis, Eunice Blair, Frances Wylie, Sam Skipworth, and Bill Mundell. Each school can enter only one girls' doubles and one single, and one boys' doubles and one single.

Tennis practice started Monday at the park's courts.

This week is also National 4-H Club week. Thousands of 4-Hers throughout the United States are observing this week. The Moonbeam Club has a window display in Robert Lee made by Prescilla Wylie, Galdys Rives and Leta Faye Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stewart of Albuquerque, New Mex., arrived Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Stewart's mother, who has been ill. They also visited their niece, Mrs. Weldon Fikes, and family. Ray Stewart and wife of Lamesa joined the New Mexico visitors the first of the week. Curtis and wife left Wednesday for their home, leaving Mrs. Sparks much improved.

Mrs. Montie Wallace and little daughter, Terry, returned home Saturday from a week's visit at McKinney. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Liston, and son, J. T. brought them to Robert Lee and returned home Sunday.

County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

This week 4-H'ers all over the world are celebrating National 4-H Club Week. You will see the green four leaf clover with the four white H's displayed by members everywhere. The four H's designating development of head, heart, hands and health, call for a well rounded program of work and wholesome recreation.

Using the farm, home and the community as laboratories for practical learning, 4-H club work is conducted by local extension agents, parents and local leaders.

Take time out for a look at the 4-H program in Coke County during this week. If you see a girl or boy you know doing a good job with her or his demonstrations, offer your congratulations. If you can, pay your neighborhood club member a visit. He or she will be glad to have you.

Club work by the 4-H'ers in the county includes attending meetings, and accepting responsibilities, having demonstrations at home, performing public demonstrations and entering judging contests. You are possibly familiar with many of their varied activities, but are not aware of many others, such as their work on leadership, record keeping, safety, electricity, landscaping, gardening, and wildlife, to mention a few.

Work among the 4-H club boys in the county is varied and includes many types of demonstrations. There are some 85 boys in 4-H club work in the county with an estimated 65 home demonstrations. Many of these boys and others perform club activities and employ leadership practices. They work to be on judging teams and become proficient in various fields. They learn skills and "learn by doing" to employ the 4-H club motto.

Some of the 4-H club boys that are due congratulations on their work are Dee Arrott, James Pentecost, Gaylon Pitcock, Robert Wink, Kenneth Wink, and Eddie Glenn with their calves; Dee Arrott, Bobby Blaylock, Jimmy Wells, Benn Boykin, Bill Burson, Malcolm Johnson and Sidney Eubanks with their lambs; and Dee Arrott, Robert Wink, C. L. Sparks, Bobby Blaylock, James Pentecost, Gaylon Pitcock, Mike Krall, Clyde Byrne, William Ray Hood and Douglas Phillips with their swine programs.

Other 4-H club boys performed demonstrations and/or entered the district judging costests. James Calder, Gussie Thomas, Tony Dean, ad Russell Brown took part in electric demonstrations. Bill Roach performed a gardening demonstration while Pat Wilks, Gerald Sorrels, Tommy Lee and Donald Spiller entered judging contests along with several club members that were named above.

Several 4-H girls have conducted livestock demonstrations this year. Kay Wink and Kathy Preslar had calf demonstrations, while Dawnie Boykin, Kay Wink, Prescilla Wylie and Juanita Johnson had swine demonstrations. Girls feeding lambs were Dawnie, Juanita, Rhea Jean McCutchen, Melinda Perciful and Cynthia Davis.

These boys and girls and others are learning to do clearer thinking. It's part of their pledge. They do this by taking part in local club meetings, learning to lead and follow and they do it by carrying out many kinds of constructive activities in home economics and agriculture. They learn to keep records, organize their work, and think through problems. Through your help and cooperation, your assistance, they will be some of the leaders of tomorrow.

GOOD Today,
BETTER Tomorrow;
ROBERT LEE!

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Mr. and rs. O. E. Eubanks of Eunice, N. Mex., visited Robert Lee relatives and friends the last of the week. They came especially to get a checkup on their new Chevrolet pickup truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Jones and little son, Matthew, came from Brownfield for a weekend visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. Mrs. Jones is the former Dixie Taylor.

Mrs. Truett Rogers and children returned the first of the week to their home in Arlington after a few days' visit in the parental home of Supt. and Mrs. Frank D. Coalson at their ranch west of Edith.

BIRTHS

HARMON — Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Harmon (Olean Millican) of San Angelo are parents of their first child, a daughter born at 5:30 a. m. Mar. 3 in a San Angelo hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 2

ounces and has been named Theresa Ann. The father is employed by Welter. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican of Robert Lee.

BLOODWORTH—Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth (Pansy Post) of Silver are parents of their first child, a daughter born at 2:15 p.m. March 1 in Root hospital at Colorado City. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and has been named Janice Lynn. The father is employed by Sun Oil Co. at Jameson gasoline plant. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver.

THOMAS—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thomas (Glenda Littlefield) of Arlington are parents of a son, Stephen Eugene, born Feb. 20. The father is employed in an Arlington bank. Mrs. Mamie Littlefield Watson of Abilene, former Robert Lee resident, is the grandmother.



WE SALUTE
THE
4-H Club



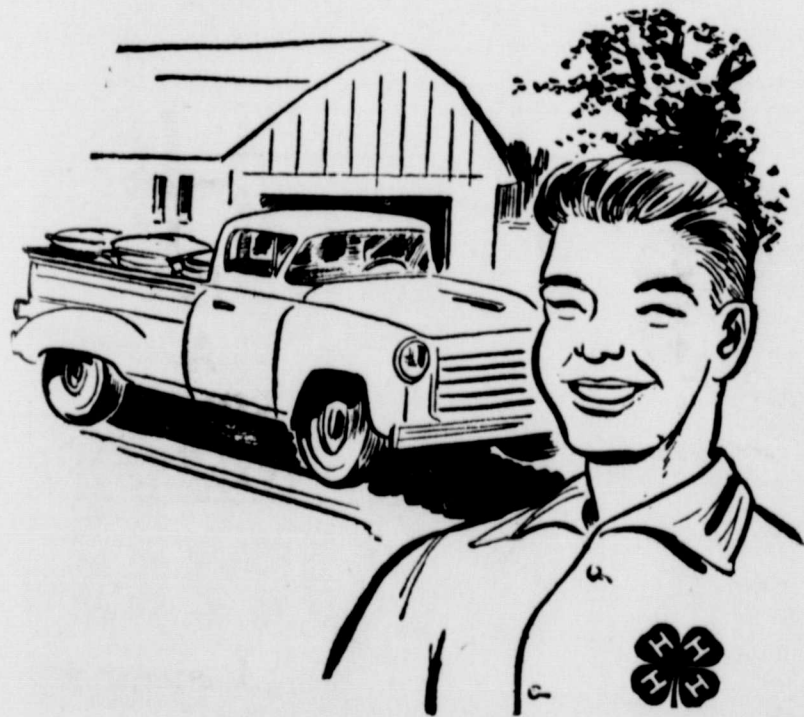
Every 4-H Member
Deserves An Award!

We are justly proud of the young 4-H people of our community. They have done an outstanding job of reaching their goal... "to make the best better." They are early acquiring the skills and knowledge needed to be better, more productive citizens. We salute them and hard-working 4-H leaders!

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CONGRATULATIONS, 4-H'ers!

The observance of National 4-H Club Week, this week, is an opportunity to salute the more than two million 4-H boys and girls who are taking important strides toward finer citizenship. Whether it be learning better care and operation of farm equipment or mastering a homemaking skill, 4-H members acquire initiative, responsibility and leadership. We commend them for their dedication to the fourfold development of Head, Heart, Hands and Health through the 4-H program.

KEY FEED STORE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ROAD BONDS BY COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE

TO THE RESIDENT PROPERTY TAXPAYING VOTERS OF COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1 OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

TAKE NOTICE that a petition signed by M. W. Farris and more than Fifty (50) other persons, as resident property taxpaying voters of COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, a political subdivision of COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, has heretofore been submitted to the Commissioners' Court of said County, wherein such petitioners assert that they desire the Court to order an election to be held in said COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the qualified resident property taxpaying voters of said Precinct, for their action thereupon:

"WHETHER OR NOT the bonds of COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, a political subdivision of COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, shall be issued in the total principal sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled, or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and which bonds are to bear interest at a rate not exceeding FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENTUM (4 1-2%) per annum, and are to be payable at such times as may be deemed most expedient by the Commissioners' Court, but not to exceed TWENTY (20) years from the date thereof; and that at such election there shall also be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying voters of the said COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, the question as to whether or not ad valorem taxes shall be levied on all taxable property within the said COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, for the purpose of paying the interest on the said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption or payment thereof at maturity."

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that said petition has been set down for hearing before the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, on the 23rd day of March, 1959, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., the place of such hearing being the Commissioners' Court Room in the County Courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the said COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1 OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, is a duly and legally established political subdivision of said County, and the boundaries of said District, as described in that certain order of the Commissioners' Court passed the 13th day of February, 1928, and recorded in Volume 5 page 463 et seq., of the Minutes of said Court, are as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the North line of Coke County, at the N.E. Corner of Section 264, Block 1-A, H. & T. C. Ry. Co.;

Thence South with Section lines to S.W. Corner of Survey No. 327 and N. W. corner of Survey No. 346;

Thence East to N.E. corner of Survey No. 344;

Thence South with section lines to N.E. corner of Section No. 383, N.W. corner of Section No. 384;

Thence East with section lines to N.E. corner of Section No. 385;

Thence South with Section lines to S.E. corner of 402;

Thence West to the S.W. corner of 402, and the N.E. corner of 418; Thence South to the S.E. corner of 418;

Thence East to N.E. corner of 436;

Thence South to S.E. corner of 458;

Thence West to the East line of J. I. Ligon's land;

Thence in a southerly direction following the west line of Mrs. Nannie Sims and A. F. McQueen and L. S. Sims' land to the N.W. corner of Survey No. 966, S. A. Maverick;

Thence in a southerly direction with the W. line of said Survey No. 966, to the Colorado River;

Thence down said River with its meanders to upper corner of Survey 460, J. Leiberman, and lower corner of Survey No. 461, Jas. Baker;

Thence with West line of Survey No. 460, to its S.W. corner;

Thence along the South line of Surveys No. 460 and 459, to S.E. corner of Survey 459;

Thence South 30 West to a point in the North line of Survey No. 22, Jose Antonio Gutierrez;

Thence West to the N. W. corner of said Survey No. 22;

Thence South to the S.W. corner of Survey No. 22;

Thence West to a point in the East line of Survey No. 1, D. & S. E. Ry. Co., now owned by Mrs. D. H. Carter;

Thence South to the N.W. corner of Survey No. 1, Waco Mfg. Co.;

Thence South with the west line of said Waco Mfg. Co., No. 1 to its S. W. corner and N.W. corner of Survey No. 1, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co.;

Thence along the West lines of Surveys No. 1, Abstract No. 173, and Survey No. 2, Abst 1635, and Survey No. 3, Abst. No. 172, and Survey No. 4, Abst. No. 1634, and Survey No. 1; Elvira Engledow, grantee, Abst. 137, to S.W. corner of said Survey No. 1, Elvira Engledow;

Thence East to N.W. corner of Survey No. 7, B. S. & F.;

Thence South with West line of Survey No. 7, Abst. No. 37, B.S. & F., to a point in N line of Survey No. 6, Abst 1751;

Thence West to N.W. corner of said Survey No. 6;

Thence South on West line of Survey No. 6, and West line of Survey No. 5, Abst 1037, to the South line of Coke County;

Thence West along the Coke County line to the SW corner of Survey No. 24, Abst 1420, T & N O Ry. Co.;

Thence North with the West line of Surveys Nos. 24, Abst. No. 1420, Survey No. 42, Abst 1952, Survey No. 43, Survey 44, Survey No. 45, Abst 117, to the N.W. corner of said Survey No. 45;

Thence North with the East line of Survey No. 37, to the N.W. corner, being a point in S line of Survey No. 36;

Thence East to the S.E. corner of said Survey No. 36;

Thence North to the S.W. corner of Survey No. 2;

Thence East to the S.E. corner of said Survey No. 2;

Thence North to a point in the South line of Henry Franks Survey No. 2;

Thence West along the South line of said Franks Survey to its S.W. corner;

Thence North to the N.W. corner of said Franks Survey, same being a point in the S. line of Survey No. 10 Matthew Burniett;

Thence East to S.E. corner of said Matthew Burniett;

Thence North to the South line of the Frank Moore Survey No. 17;

Thence West passing S.W. corner of said Frank Moore to the

S.W. corner of Survey No. 18, Abst. 191, David Hornbuckle;

Thence North to the N.W. corner of said Survey No. 18, same being in the South line of Survey No. 4, Abst. 1834;

Thence East to the S.E. corner of said Survey No. 4;

Thence North to its N.E. corner;

Thence West with North line of said Survey No. 4 to the East line of Survey No. 314, in Block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. Co.;

Thence North with East line of said Survey 314, to the N.E. corner of same, same being in West line of Survey No. 3, R. L. White, Abst No. 971;

Thence West to the S.W. corner of said White Survey No. 3;

Thence North to S.E. corner of the J. M. Moore Survey No. 5;

Thence North to the N.E. corner of said J. M. Moore Survey, passing said corner to the S.W. corner of Survey No. 9, J. W. Meek;

Thence North to the N.W. corner of said J. W. Meek Survey No. 9, same being the S.W. corner of Wesley Lucas Survey No. 3;

Thence North with the West line of said Lucas Survey to its N.W. corner, same being in S. line of F. L. Harris Survey No. 20.

Thence East to the Southwest corner of G. McCleskey Survey No. 2;

Thence North with East line of said Harris Survey to the S.E. corner of River Survey No. 483;

Thence North 30 East with East line of said Survey No. 483, to the Colorado River; same being the N.E. corner of this Survey;

Thence up said River to the lower corner of Sur. 486, Adam Braden;

Thence S 30 W to the S.E. corner of said Sur. 486;

Thence N. 60 W. along the South Bdry. line of Surveys 486, 487, 488 and 489 to the S.W. corner of Sur. No. 489;

Thence N. 30 E. to the Colorado River, being the upper corner of Sur. 489;

Thence up said river with its meanders to the lower corner of Sur. 507;

Thence South 30 West to the S.W. corner of River Survey No. 506, N.W. corner of Survey No. 4, Winfield Scott;

Thence South to the Southwest corner of Survey No. 4 in the N line of Survey No. 5;

Thence West with section lines to the West line of Coke County;

Thence North with said line to

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LEGAL NOTICE—

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 the N.W. corner of said County;
 Thence East with North line of
 said County to the place of be-
 ginning.

AND WHEREAS, the Honorable
 Commissioners' Court of Coke
 County, Texas, has set the above
 petition down for hearing at a
 special session of said Court, to

be held in the Commissioners'
 Court Room at the Courthouse in
 the City of Robert Lee, Texas,
 on the 23rd day of March, 1959, at
 10:00 o'clock A. M., and has or-
 dered and directed the undersign-
 ed to give notice of such hearing
 in accordance with law; now,
 therefore,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of
 such hearing to all persons con-

cerned in order that they may ap-
 pear before said Court at the time
 and place above mentioned, and
 to attend such hearing, and to
 contend for or protest the ordering
 of such proposed bond election,
 as prayed for in the above peti-
 tion, and at such hearing any per-
 son interested may appear before
 the Commissioners' Court, in per-
 son or by attorney, and contend

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for or protest the calling of such
 proposed bond election; and all
 persons interested shall have the
 right to offer testimony to show
 that said petition should or should
 not be granted and that the elec-
 tion prayed for should or should
 not be ordered.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE

SEAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS'
 COURT OF SAID COUNTY AF-
 FIXED, this the 2nd day of March,
 1959.

J. L. Tinkler
 County Clerk and Ex-officio
 Clerk of the Commissioners'
 Court of Coke County, Texas
 (Com. Crt. Seal)

**ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BONDED INDEBTEDNESS
 August 31, 1958**

Issue	Date of Interest	Rate of Interest	Date of Maturity	Amt. of Issue	Amount Retired	Amount Outstanding
Series 1948	8-15-48	2¾%	1960	\$ 12,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Series 1933	1933	5%	1973	14,850.00	6,750.00	8,100.00
Series 1937	1937	4%	1967	30,000.00	17,500.00	12,500.00
Series 1954	1-15-54	3&¾%	1979	295,000.00	16,000.00	279,000.00
TOTAL				\$351,850.00	\$50,250.00	\$301,600.00

NOTES AND WARRANTS

Payable to	For	Rate	Amount	Retired	Outstanding
Robert Lee State Bank	Op. Note	4%	\$ 5,664.22	0	\$ 5,664.22
Robert Lee State Bank	Bus Warrants	6%	4,236.00	0	4,236.00

The first of the above-listed notes is due on demand.
 On the second note principal for 1958-59 is \$1,412.00; interest, 1958-59 is \$254.16; principal, 1959-60 is \$1,412.00; interest, 1959-60 is \$169.44.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Sept. 1, 1957, to Sept. 1, 1958**

RECEIPTS

	State and Co. Available Fund	Local Maint. Fund	Transportation Aid Fund	Interest & Sinking Fund	Building Fund	Sick Benefit
RECEIVED FROM STATE FUNDS:						
a. State Available Fund	\$24,809.50					
b. Vocational Aid Reimbursement		\$ 1,321.78				
c. School Lunch		2,056.23				
d. Salary & Operation (Foundation)		25,660.00				
e. Transportation Aid (Foundation)			\$6,560.00			
RECEIVED FROM COUNTY FUNDS:						
a. County Available Fund	1,663.45					
RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT FUNDS:						
a. Local taxes, current		42,669.39		\$18,321.97		
d. Donations, fees, rentals, refunds		1,710.35	19.66			
g. Contract schools (Silver)	5,380.00					
i. Short time loans or advances		4,919.31	1,159.31			
m. Sale of property, equipment, supplies	260.00		375.00			
n. Non Renewals		36653				\$840.00
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	31,852.95	\$78,963.59	8,113.97	18,321.97	200.00	753.00
BALANCES, SEPT. 1, 1957	1,380.60	127.72	42.24	3,154.69		
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS BALANCES SEPT. 1, 1958	\$33,233.55	\$79,091.31	\$8,156.21	\$21,476.66	\$200.00	\$1,593.00

DISBURSEMENTS

	State and Co. Available Fund	Local Maint. Fund	Transportation Aid Fund	Interest & Sinking Fund	Building Fund	Sick Benefit
Administration	\$ 4,974.84	\$ 7,804.30				
Instruction	26,062.75	46,530.38				\$685.00
Other School Services		5,313.64				
Operation of Plant		8,110.09	\$4,235.01			
Maintenance of Plant		383.91				
Fixed Charges		1,465.91	45.00			
Community Services		150.00				
Salary			3,876.20			
Capital Outlay		2,068.24				
Debt Service		7,264.84		\$19,790.25	\$200.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$31,037.59	\$79,091.31	\$8,156.21	\$19,790.25	\$200.00	\$685.00

SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

A fox was sitting quietly nearby when Linzy McDorman drove his milk truck up to the back door of the Baker Grocery & Maret early Saturday. Ronnie Baker went after his shotgun and dispatched the animal after it had walked a short distance to the alley back of the Methodist Church. It was believed to have been rabid because a healthy fox is afraid of human beings.

One Robert Lee woman told The Observer her 9-year-old son was afraid to go outside the house after dark because of the danger of rabid animals.

Bert Blaylock tells about his ranch neighbor, C. B. Whitson, who had a close call with a fox. The animal had come into the yard and attacked a dog. Whitson went out with a shotgun but couldn't shoot without hitting the dog. When he attempted to strike the fox with the gun, the animal grabbed the gun stock in his mouth and was dragged quite a distance before he let loose and was killed.

Mr. Blaylock also reports trapping another bobcat the past weekend. It was a male and one of the biggest Bert had ever seen. Tracks showed there was another cat and he hopes to get it, too, before kidding time.

The matter of requiring vaccination of all dogs will be discussed at the Monday meeting in the court house, and other ideas will be presented to control the rabies outbreak. A bounty on foxes and other varmints has been suggested. County officials have indicated they will help in every manner possible.

In the meantime a number of dogs already have been vaccinated against rabies. Drug stores carry the serum and the county agent's and others have administered some of the shots. Mass vaccination days for dogs will no doubt be arranged and publicized.

The county's recent decision to pay a 50c bounty on rattlesnakes resulted in some activity. Cliff Calder was paid for 62 sets of rattles, more than half of them taken at the Harry Weaver ranch house south of town, and the others at the O. B. Jacobs place east of Silver. Cliff also brought in a couple of huge rattlers alive in a tow sack. Didn't say what he would do with them. In the past there was a ready sale for snakes, but the market hasn't been too good recently.

John Conley delivered 23 sets of rattles. He and other men employed at Perkins-Prothro Camp southwest of Silver got them out of holes. Hale Kincaid of Silver got paid for two snakes this week.

The 5 cent bounty offered for jack rabbit ears has not attracted much attention, although a few pair of ears have come in.

Snake and jack rabbit bounties are paid in the office of J. L. Tinkler, county clerk. Chilly insists that no live snakes will be accepted.

Suggest you cut out the school financial statement for future reference. The public hasn't had an insight into school matters, but



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things may be different from now on. The school district's future depends a lot on how much the new oil field northwest of Robert Lee will add to the taxing valuation. Bronte folks recently discovered their school district was in bad shape financially and they had to do something about it.

Two big feeds, the home ec girls smorgasbord Thursday night and the Eastern Star Mexican supper Friday night, may cause a lot of us to have plenty of bicarbonate of soda handy. The food will be wonderful no doubt, but it's hard to stop eating when you should.

Glad to report everything is normal again at our home, with Violet being back home and feeling okay after being hospitalized a few days with the flu.

Silver Lions Serve Pancakes To 500 People

Silver Lion Club's annual Pancake Supper Friday night was a huge success. A record crowd of 500 persons turned out for the event and were provided with a program of free entertainment.

Lions Club President John T. Stewart expressed his thanks for the fine support of their annual money raising event, proceeds of which will be used in sponsoring civic projects in the Silver area.

Volunteer workers from Silver, Robert Lee and Colorado City helped in preparing pancakes, fried bacon, coffee and milk and serving the big crowd in fine style. Club secretary W. W. Paul said an exact count of the plates served is not available.

However, a good sum was added to the Lions treasury. Plates were 50c for adults and children and practically all the food was donated. Business firms who contributed were Howard Rogers Meats, Ruffin Locker, Fuller Foods and Safeway of Colorado City; Gandy Creamery, M System, Crowe Packing Co., Martin-Glover, Kimbell Wholesale Grocery and Troy Laundry of San Angelo; Ivey Motor Co. and Froggy's Cafe of Robert Lee and the Gabbert Packing Co. of Ballinger.

Jack Denman, who arranged the program and was master of ceremonies, said 33 persons contributed to the two-hour program of entertainment provided free in the adjoining school auditorium.

Performing in costumes were several members of the tap and ballet dancing classes of Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. They included a pre-school trio of Patti Lyn Ivey, Cookie Hinnard and Christie Lee Roach of Robert Lee. A junior group from Bronte included Sally Richards, Melissa Lee, Mary Jane Morrow, Ann Ivey, Laura Morrow, Lisa Morrow and Bennie Carol Oglesby.

From Colorado City came a string group of top musicians known as the "Cotton Pickers." They included Varlin Corbell, Lloyd Claxton, Franklin Morris, Kenneth Wilson and O'Neal Brown, vocalist.

Silver was represented by a teenage vocal duo made up of Susan Hughes and Sandra Higginbotham. Sandra's mother, Mrs. J. B. Higginbotham, was their accompanist.

The Sparks Sisters of Robert Lee opened the program with a number of selections. Mrs. Peggy Sparks Evans played the piano accompaniments for her younger sisters, Louise, 15, and Elwanda, 12. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks.

Featured in several popular piano numbers was Mrs. Annie Laurie Forehand of Robert Lee.

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Dean. Ronnie served as pianist. Coke County's popular string band, the "Rabbit Twisters," went over in their usual fine style. This group is made up of Ernie Smith, Sammie Duncan, Richard Beck, Donnie Duncan and Jack Denman. Richard's little daughter, Pamela, was featured as a soloist.

MRS. TINKLER HONORED

Mrs. Paul Tinkler was honored with a Bridal Tea Friday afternoon at the County Park Recreation Hall. Hostesses were Mmes. Bob Godwin, Lewis Heuvel and Fagan Parker. Several high school girls assisted in serving the refreshments consisting of cake and punch, nuts and mints. The honoree received many nice gifts. Mrs. Tinkler is the former Bonnie Butcher of Silver. Silver friends of the young couple gave them a shower two weeks ago at which time they also received a large collection of gifts.

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R. L. (Bob) Read continues to improve at Coke Memorial Hospital and seems to be well on the road to recovery. A sister, Mrs. E. M. Forman, who had been at her brother's bedside three weeks left Friday for her home in Renville.

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