

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Editor Finds Precinct Roads In Fine Shape

The Observer publisher accompanied county officials on a tour over Precinct 1 roads last Thursday. We soon found out that Robert Lee folks have grounds for their complaint that rural highways have been put in fine condition, while city streets have had no permanent improvements whatever.

Going south we traveled over 8½ miles of the Valley View loop, well drained and surfaced with an excellent graded highway, caliche, and as good a stretch of road as anyone would want. Then down to Montapeake Ranch and the Earl Robert place.

To the southwest we found more than six miles of county road which is being kept up for two families.

Up north of town we found an equally good road for a distance of 5.3 miles toward Hayrick, and the Graham Valley route from the M. A. Cox gate to L. E. Wink. The old Sanco Road, extending a distance of 9 miles to the Sanco Store, and the west Sanco road of 5½ miles are in top shape.

Then there is a newly improved road running northeast of Sanco past Mrs. L. S. Bird and other residents of that area. A good road is maintained for a distance of 6.4 miles north of Sanco to the Leeper Ranch and on to the Arledge ranch house.

Running south of Sanco to Highway 208, a distance of 2.6 miles, you will travel over one of the finest rural roads in the county. It's wide, well graded and smooth. Sanco folks now have excellent outlets to the south, east and west.

The loop to the east and south around Silver has been greatly improved at considerable expense. But the route has much travel and folks are entitled to a good highway. Then we went over the Silver school bus route leading through the oil fields to the west and southwest which is maintained by the county. It covers 13½ miles.

Back nearer Robert Lee we turned off toward Friendship and measured 7½ miles to the Menielle ranch house then back to continue the loop which intersects Highway 158 near the river bridge west of town.

All these roads are wonderful and have all weather surfacing. We hope people who are enjoying them will help Robert Lee get some street improvements by voting for the precinct road bonds next Saturday.

## DISTRICT TRACK MEET

Five Robert Lee high school boys will take part in the regional interscholastic track and field meet at Tarleton College in Stephenville on Saturday. They won the right to compete in the regional by winning first or second places in the recent district meet in San Angelo. Their district winnings were as follows: Freddie McDonald, 1st in broad jump; Richard Sims, 1st in high jump; Ronnie Sims, 2nd in 10-yard dash; Mike Lomas, 2nd in broad jump. Robert Lee will also be represented in the mile relay with John Walker, Ronnie Sims, Lomas and McDonald.

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

## Road Bond Vote Set for Saturday

### Marvin Francis Engaged as New Assistant Coach

Robert Lee has hired a new assistant athletic coach to round out next year's teaching staff. He is Marvin A. Francis, 24, who for the past three years has been employed at Edcouch-Elsa independent consolidated school South Texas.

Francis was recommended by Bill Calloway of Raymondville, who was recently hired as head coach. Both Calloway and Francis came to Robert Lee Saturday and were present for a special meeting of school trustees.

Francis will be assigned to a teaching position in the elementary department in addition to his coaching duties. His specialty is basketball and base ball and he has played semi-pro base ball at Ft. Worth.

He earned a BS degree at Pan American College in Edinburg, Tex., with a major in physical and a minor in education.

Mr. Francis plans to be married in early June and will then come to Robert Lee to establish his home. Mr. Calloway and his family will also move to Robert Lee early in the summer.

Supt. Frank Coalson says all teaching vacancies have been filled. Garland Davis, who has served as assistant coach, will devote his efforts to other extra curricular activities in the school.

### Garden Club's Spring Show A Grand Success

"From Buds to Full Bloom" was the theme of El Valle Garden Club's spring flower show at the County Park community house Saturday, April 18, from 2:30 until 7 p. m.

Judges and visitors were enthusiastic in their praise of the members and their outstanding arrangements and horticultural achievements.

Mrs. J. D. McDaniel won the sweepstakes award for the highest number of points in both horticulture and artistic design. She was also presented with an award of distinction in artistic design.

Other top winners were: Mrs. B. A. Austin, award of merit in horticulture under house plants.

Mrs. H. C. Allen, award in horticulture.

Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Sr., tri-color award in artistic design.

Judges for the show were Mrs. Floyd Sims of Winters, Mrs. R. H. Fleming of Abilene and Mrs. L. H. Patterson of Sweetwater.

A complete list of the placings will be published next week.

### TO GIVE PIANO RECITAL

Jane Austin, pupil of Mrs. E. R. Kreyer of San Angelo, will give a piano recital on Sunday, May 3, at 2:30 o'clock in the Robert Lee school auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Interest this week centers on the \$150,000 road bond issue in Precinct 1 which will be decided at a special election Saturday. A major portion of the proceeds would be used to improve streets in Robert Lee.

Voting boxes in the precinct will be located at Silver, Sanco and Robert Lee. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m.

Only qualified voters who own property and render same for taxation will be eligible to vote, and the proposition must have a 2 to 1 majority to carry.

A campaign in favor of the bonds has been carried on by the Robert Lee Board of Community Development, the town's only civic organization.

It has been pointed out that an enormous amount of county tax money has been spent for improvement of rural roads in the precinct, while very little has been done here in Robert Lee.

City residents pay their share of road taxes and feel they are entitled to have their streets taken care of, too.

County and city officials and interested citizens have agreed that no contract for the street work would be let unless the bids are favorable. The bond issue would carry an interest rate of from 3 to 3 3/4 per cent and would be retired within 15 years.

Backers of the bond campaign point to the fact that Precinct 1 has a taxing valuation of nearly 15 million dollars and that only a small additional levy would be required to pay off the bonds.

### GARTMAN FAMILY REUNION

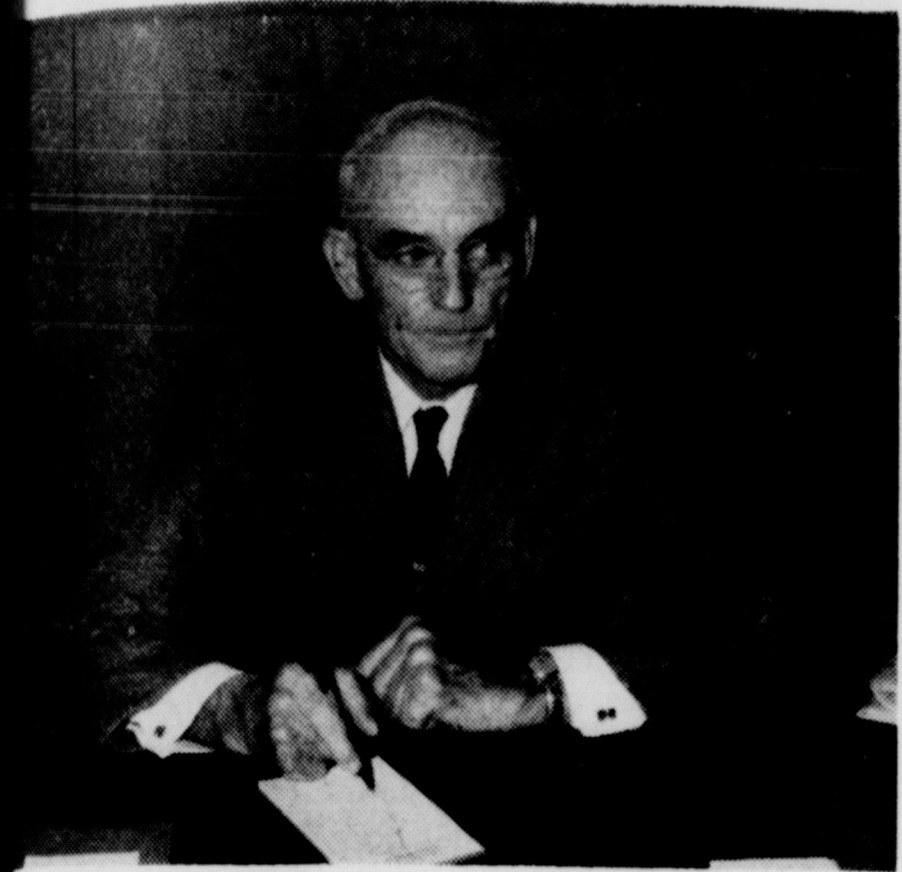
With the smallest attendance in years the 3rd annual Gartman family reunion was held April 12 in the Sanco school house. Six of the sons and daughters of Granny Gartman were present. They were Mrs. Lura Reid, Mrs. Green Preslar, Mrs. Guy Denman, Bryan Gartman, Mrs. Mary Crocker of Brownwood and Dewey Gartman of Andrews.

Mrs. Lura Reid enjoyed having all her family present for the first time in many years. They included Eelie Reid of Grannis, Ark., Mrs. Alfred Otte and family of Midland, Jim L. Reid and wife, Mrs. Louie Prizzell and family, Mrs. Robert Walker and husband and Harvey Reid and family.

### FALSE EMERGENCY ALARM

The switch was thrown to set off the fire siren here last Friday night, causing a false alarm which got firement out of bed and caused many people to wonder if an emergency existed. Three-minute blasts are sounded for tornado warnings and for other emergencies. It is thought the switch was thrown by mischievous youths. Officials warn that the offense is punishable by a \$200 fine provided by state law. Future offenders will be prosecuted, officials advise.

Mrs. John Pierce and Mrs. Berria Blunk and sons, Carroll and Larry, came from Dallas for a weekend visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce.



T. A. RICHARDSON

... spent 45 years in banking business

## Richardson To Quit After Long Banking Career

T. A. Richardson has resigned as vice-president and cashier of Robert Lee State Bank to round up a banking career of 45 years. His resignation to be effective May 15 was presented at a bank directors meeting last Tuesday.

Mr. Richardson plans to take things easier from now on, but will continue to operate his insurance agency. He is well recovered from a serious illness of arthritis a few years ago, but the present illness of his wife makes it important to have more free time. The family has no plans for leaving Robert Lee.

Mr. Richardson has been with the Robert Lee Bank the past 23 years. He started his banking career at Fluvana and after three years went to the Fort Worth National where he spent three years.

He then came out to Colorado City and for 15 years was with the City National Bank. While there he met and married Miss Leita Harris of Ballard, who operated the Western Union office. They were married in 1926.

The Richardsons are active in the Church of Christ.

They have a daughter, Martha, who is the wife of Owen Cosgrove of Alpine, a Church of Christ preacher who formerly was located in Robert Lee. The Cosgroves have two children.

### SCOUT-O-RAMA SHOW

Robert Lee's Boy Scouts and Cubs will take part in the Scout-O-Rama in San Angelo next Saturday, April 25. A total of 169 scout units will be represented in the circus-type shows.

Fess Parker, who became famous in the David Crockett films, will open the big event. Parker, who was a member of San Angelo's Troop 2, will be in full Scout uniform. As many as 5,000 Cub and Boy Scouts and their leaders will be on the arena floor in San Angelo Coliseum with Fess Parker for the opening ceremonies.

### GREEN MT. MUSICAL

Monthly Green Mountain Musical will be held Saturday night, April 25. Free entertainment and refreshments. Ladies requested to bring cakes and cookies. Three different bands are expected to perform, according to information from Sammie Duncan, master of ceremonies.

### MATHERS FAMILY REUNION

The C. E. Mathers family spent a very enjoyable day together Sunday at their home near Silver. All their children were home. Their son, Upton, from Seminole, Okla., and little son, Kenneth, came down on Friday. All attended church together Sunday morning. Also Mrs. W. D. Jameson of Colorado City and Mrs. Wayne McCabe and daughter of Silver spent the afternoon in the home.

Their children are Mr. and Mrs. George Pennington of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kuhn of Colorado City, Mrs. L. E. Higgins of Robert Lee and Upton of Seminole, Okla.

Friends of Upton's dropped in Sunday afternoon for a visit with him. All in all, it was a very enjoyable day. Also Mrs. Mathers celebrated a new birthday, receiving lovely gifts and a beautiful birthday cake.

## Will Take Bids Here May 12 for Spillway Repair

Sealed bids will be received at 2 p. m. May 12 by the Upper Colorado River Authority for spillway repairs on the Mountain Creek Reservoir at Robert Lee.

Bids will be opened at a meeting of UCRA directors at the Robert Lee State Bank.

Plans and specifications on the project may be secured from Forrest & Cotton, consulting engineers, of Dallas. Cost of the work is estimated at \$60,000.

The spillway was badly damaged from an 8-inch rain in October 1957. Since that date there has been no runoff.

The Mountain Creek Reservoir was constructed from UCRA funds to furnish a new water supply for the City of Robert Lee. The city is not required to pay interest on the investment of nearly \$100,000 but makes a \$350 monthly payment on the principal. Cost of the contemplated repair job will be added to the principal sum to be repaid by the city.

Jerry Hurley came in last Friday night on a Navy leave and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hurley. He went on to Harlingen Saturday to spend a few days with his wife, who is residing there with her parents. Jerry will report back to his ship at San Diego April 26th and expects to leave soon on a cruise in the far Pacific.



## Zelda Caraway Is Bride Of Sweetwater Man

Miss Zelda Caraway, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Caraway of Robert Lee, and John Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodward of Sweetwater, were married Saturday, April 18, in the Robert Lee Methodist Church.

The pastor, Rev. Travis McNair, officiated with a double ring ceremony at 6 p. m. Only the immediate families and a few close friends were present.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Wilfred Caraway, of Dallas. Miss Mildred Wallace was maid of honor and Bobby Reese of Bronte was best man.

The bride wore a street length dress of white silk, with white hat and white accessories. She carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds. Miss Wallace's dress was

of blue silk, with blue hat and matching accessories.

Wedding music was played by Miss Jane Austin, a cousin of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Blackwell high school, and for the past seven years has been employed at Robert Lee State Bank as an assistant cashier. She will remain at her position through May.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Sweetwater high school and is employed as a gauger for Hunt Oil Co.

After a brief honeymoon the couple will be at home in Sweetwater where they have a furnished apartment.

### LAMESA MAN IN WRECK

James Pratt, 34 year old Lamesa resident, is recovering in Coke County Memorial Hospital from injuries received in a car wreck four miles south of Robert Lee Sunday afternoon. He was returning home from a pleasure trip to Ciudad Acuna, across the river from Del Rio, and was driving alone. Pratt said he reached around to the back seat to get some kleenex and was unable to right his auto after getting out on the shoulder. The car went into a borrow ditch and overturned twice. It was a 1954 Chevrolet. Pratt received an injured right leg, shoulder bruises and a cut above his right eye. He is expected to be released from the hospital within a few days.

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## Silver News

### PERKINS PROTHRO CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sheppard and family of Spearman visited with her sister and family, the Leslie Copelands, last weekend.

Several children at Perkins-Prothro have been ill this week with various "spring bugs." Sick have been Daphne and A. J. Roe, III; Debbie and Lynn Beal; Mike, Jackie and Quinn Conley; Linda Wilcox; Bill Burns and Scott Jones.

Peggy McCallie and Sandra Clifton were in the Junior play presented last Friday night in the Colorado City high school auditorium. The play, "Love Thy Neighbor", had a large attendance and was well received. Peggy is the daughter of the Jack McCallie's and Sandra is the daughter of the John Cliftons.

Residents of Perkins-Prothro were happy to hear of the election of Mrs. Fred Wilcox as Girl of the Year for her sorority, Beta Sigma Phi. This honor is bestowed on a member of the sorority who has given the most time in furthering the work of the sorority. Mrs. Wilcox is secretary for Beta Sigma Phi.

### WIN TRACK HONORS

Coach Guy Wheeler was well pleased with the showing of his Silver boys in the district interscholastic field and track meet Monday of last week in San Angelo. Local winners were as follows:

Grade School — Raymond Kincaid, 2nd in shotput Dwain Walker, 2nd in broad jump Butch Ashby, Raymond Kincaid, Dwain Walker and David Lindsay, 4th in the 440-yard relay.

Junior High — Paul Ferrell, 3rd in pullups; Curtis Higginbotham, 4th in 50-yard dash; Mike Hollis, 2nd in 75-yard dash, 3rd in 50-yard dash; Lawrence Stewart, 2nd in broad jump, 4th in high jump; 3rd in shotput; 4th in pullups; Bill Ledbetter, 4th in high jump.

### SILVER METHODIST CHURCH

Members of the Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet Friday, April 24th, at 5:30 p. m. at the church for a get-together. The group will plant shrubs at the parsonage and give the church yard a good clean-up.

By Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

April 23, 1958

All members are urged to bring a picnic lunch, their hoe and rake and come planning to have a great time. Families are invited to participate in the event.

The monthly Family Night at the Methodist Church was enjoyed Wednesday evening by a large attendance. After the buffet style meal and fellowship, another lesson of the New Testament was taught by the pastor, Rev. Charles Simpson.

Adults interested met at 6 p. m. last Wednesday in the fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church to make plans for the Methodist vacation Bible School. Tentative plans are for having the school in August. Several men and women plan to attend a training school to be held in San Angelo April 30th at the Lakeview Methodist Church, at 9 a. m.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

April 15 — Mrs. James Deen and infant daughter dismissed.

April 16 — Mrs. Oscar Collett, G. E. Davis admitted. Carl Brock dismissed.

April 18 — Lois Mae Smith dismissed.

April 19 — James Pratt admitted.

April 20 — Mrs. Loyd Phelan dismissed.

### P-TA NEWS NOTES

The roundtable discussion, "Leisure Time — Constructive or Destructive," last Thursday night was very interesting. Prince, Hervey Latham, Melvin Childress, Weldon Fikes, Mrs. Hale Kincaid, Mrs. J. Q. Counts and Miss Eunice McLure, with Robert Vaughn as moderator, made up the panel. Miss McLure was presented with a corsage for her long and faithful service as a Robert Lee teacher.

### CARD OF THANKS

Your kind expressions of sympathy are gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated during our recent bereavement. — The Prine Family, Rena and Calvin, and the Bell Family.

### LOFTONS' ANNIVERSARY

The 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton was observed at their home here Sunday, and all their children and their families were present for the happy occasion. Other folks and friends also came during the afternoon. The Loftons have five sons, as follows: Leslie and Keith of Snyder, Norris of Midland, Dale of Lubbock and Weldon (Jiggs) of Texas City.

### BRONTE TO PLAY STEERS

Bronte Longhorns and the Robert Lee Steers tangle in a district 20B base ball game on the Robert Lee diamond Thursday afternoon.

The Steers won two games the past week, making their first start in loop competition with a 14-1 victory over Norton here Tuesday. Jerry Tinkler shutout the visitors and allowed only three hits.

Paul Tinkler struck out 18 batters as he paced Robert Lee to a 6-1 victory over Divide in practice tilt here Friday. He hurled the full seven innings and gave up two hits. He also hit a three-bagger. Jerry Tinkler, James Blankenship and Tommie Allen each collected two hits.

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# Important Information to the Tax Paying Voters of Precinct Number One

No. 3 of a Series of Three Advertisements

The big cities are getting bigger, but smaller towns in Texas and all over the country are having a struggle to survive.

Robert Lee is among the few towns of its size that has made any marked improvement during the past ten or fifteen years. The population has doubled to an estimated 1,400 and many new homes have been built and more are contemplated for this year.

A fine new school, beautiful new court house, a modern county hospital, a fine park and swimming pool for recreation, a new and adequate water supply and distribution are among the outstanding improvements which are being enjoyed.

Yet we are faced with constant competition from the cities who would gobble up our home town merchants and be happy to see Robert Lee reduced to a post office and one service station.

Citizens residing in town and out in the precinct have an equal responsibility in helping make Robert Lee a better town. More improvements will attract additional people. More people will result in more and new business establishments coming here. Everybody will benefit. Farmers and ranchers will have a better trading point. Their property will be worth more and it will be a better community in which to live and raise a family.

We feel it is only fair that citizens in all sections of Precinct 1 vote FOR the road bonds at next Saturday's election. The rural areas have been provided with all weather highways at a big outlay of county tax money. There is no ranch or farm home in the precinct that does not have such roads.

Robert Lee citizens have favored these road building projects all along, but we have been left out. We pay county road taxes, too, and pay auto license fees which go into the road fund. Our assess-

ments are high in proportion to farm and ranch land.

Since all funds have been used in the rural areas, we feel justified in asking for a bond issue to put Robert Lee streets on a par with those out in the precinct. These city streets have lots of travel and if they are properly graded and topped future maintenance costs will be small.

City property and farm and ranch land are paying only about 15% of the county taxes in Precinct 1. The other 85% comes from taxes on oil properties.

Coke County oil fields are not about to play out. Oil men say we will be producing lots of oil 20 years from now. We have been in full production only seven or eight years and 30 years is considered the minimum life of the average oil field.

Oil valuations in this county last year were down about 20% from the peak two years. Much of the drop was caused by fewer producing days, and some of that resulted from too heavy imports of foreign crude. Steps have been taken to limit these imports.

Tax evaluation engineers have indicated Precinct 1 will gain a half million dollars in oil assessments this year. This is due to new development in the I. A. B.-Menielle field northwest of Robert Lee, where more than 50 good producing wells have been brought in.

Indications are that the present size of the field will be doubled within a year or two.

Coke County oil wells were allowed to produce only 121 days last year, a drop from 172 in 1957. Prospects are that 1959 may see a worth while increase, possibly a 12-day average or 144 producing days for the year. That will bolster oil valuations. At any rate, if the oil is not taken out it is still there and available for future use.

## The Robert Lee

# BOARD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## Silver News

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Prather came from Austin for a weekend visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Newell.

Wade Anderson, who is serving with the Air Force in Japan, has been on detached duty the past month in the Philippines. He is an engine technician. Wade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers were happy to have all their children home over the weekend and the group attended services Sunday at the Church of Christ. The guests included Mrs. Geo. B. Pennington of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kuhn and children of Colorado City, Upton Mathers and son, Kenneth, of Seminole, Okla., and Mrs. Lawrence Higgins of Robert Lee. The occasion was a birthday celebration for Mrs. Mathers.

H. C. Palmer of Sweeny visited here a few days last week with his son, Cecil Palmer, and family. Sony Palmer, student at Texas A & M, and Charlie, who attends North Texas State at Denton, came in for the weekend. Enroute back to their studies on Sunday they took their grandfather to Bridgeport to visit his daughter.

Buck Welter, field meterman at Jameson plant, was called to Missouri the last of the week to attend funeral services of a brother who died while engaged in oil field work in Iran. The body was flown back to the United States for burial.

Ross Cone and John Shimer are in Dallas this week attending a meeting of Sun Oil Co. gas plant superintendents.

Eddie Good, Jameson plant engineer, has gone to Kilgore for two week of training at a natural gas technical school.

A pink and blue shower was given Tuesday night at Sun recreation hall for Mrs. B. R. Duncan. Her husband is employed by Perkins-Prothro. Hostesses were Mesdames Frank Mullican, Delbert Coalson, Ray Coalson, R. B. Allen, Fred Wilcox, Wilbern Millican, Bob Odom and Allen Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Geer were honored with a shower Monday night at fellowship hall of the Methodist church. Hostesses were Mesdames W. W. Paul, O. W. Newell, C. A. Kennedy, Jack McCallie, Billy Jones, J. B. Higginbotham and O. W. Higginbotham. The couple was married March 29 in Kilgore. Mrs. Geer is the former Mary Pritchett. Mr. Geer has been band director in the Silver public school the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Bradham and children, Kathy and Doug, came from Rio Grande City for a visit Friday until Monday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bradham.

Mrs. Bill Matheny and children of Palestine spent a few days here the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore.

Tootsie Favors came from Snyder for a weekend visit with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Jett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Herford and sons, Ernest and Douglas, made a weekend trip to Belknap near Newcastle where they attended a reunion of the Vardy family. They accompanied Mrs. Herford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Vardy of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goodwyn of Waco came for a weekend visit with their son, Wayne Goodwyn and family.

Willie I. Tubb of San Angelo, former Silver resident, visited friends here Tuesday of last week. He was returning home from a visit with his sister, Mrs. L. D. Rodgers at Lamesa. Mrs. Rodgers has returned to her home after a month in the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Millican reside with Mrs. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hugh Odom returned Monday to their home at Beaumont after a weekend visit

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom. They made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ford of Beaumont who attended a family gathering at Christoval.

## Honor Rolls

### "A" HONOR ROLL

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

3rd grade — Lonnie Bloodworth, Steve Gilbert, Gene Kinsaid, Tommy Morgan, Tommy Lee Weigel, Rose Ann White, Linda Wilcox.

4th grade — Carol Bloodworth, Susan Newell, Debbie Hines, Robert Mathers.

5th grade — Lane Arthur, Karen Fugate, Brenda Sue Jameson.

6th grade — Allana Cartrite, Mary Morgan, Dennis Gartman, Raynelle Bloodworth, Sue Ree Kennedy.

7th grade — Carolyn Vinson, Mary Beth Walker.

9th grade — Susan Hughes.

### "B" HONOR ROLL

5th grade — Aletris Ackerman, Gayle Conley, Mike Conner, Rhonda Sue Gartman, Robert Glynn Jameson, Richard Wayne Ledbetter, Ray Mayo.

6th grade — Billy Paul, Jann Mills, Lynn Mills, John Reed, Daphne Roe, Patricia Post, Jeanie Arnold, Keith Jones.

7th grade — Raymond Kincaid, Jackson McCallie, Lynn White, Ronnie Lyle, Mike Simpson.

8th grade — Dwain Walker, Richard Ramsey, Ann White, Twila Edwards, Allen Clendennen, John Paul Ashby.

9th grade — Lawrence Stewart, Sandra Higginbotham, Bill Ledbetter.

## Silver Members Attend District Meeting of P-TA

Delegate of the Silver Parents-Teachers group who attended Friday sessions of the District P-TA spring conference in Sweetwater were Mrs. Frank Mullican, president, and Mrs. W. W. Paul, publicity chairman. Also Supt. and Mrs. Paul Ashby and Mrs. Myrle Jameson.

Attending the banquet Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Myrle Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican. Mrs. Mullican was presented with a Texas P-TA life membership certificate and pin from the Silver unit.

The banquet was served buffet style, with attractive decorations and table arrangements and the food was delicious. Everyone agreed the banquet and the speaker, Mr. McMillan of Abilene, were the highlights of the conference.

A more complete report of the conference will appear in next week's paper.

Mrs. Mullican, Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Jameson also attended the Saturday session. Mrs. Chester McDonald of Sterling City was elected district president. Mrs. Eldon Mahon of Colorado City was named one of the vice-presidents.

### TEXAS NATURAL CAMP

A. T. Ledbetter of Stanton visited here over the weekend with his brother, Cliff Ledbetter, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mason visited his parents at Grandfalls over the past weekend.

Mrs. Griff Powell received word

late Sunday that her brother had drowned at Cotton Valley, La. Jimmy Weatherbee was released Friday from Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo and returned to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mert Donnelly of Hainesville moved Thursday into one of the company owned houses here. He is the new superintendent

of Perkins plant and will replace Johnny Mason who is being transferred to the Wimberley plant north of Merkel.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. T. W. Daniel is the new correspondent for Texas Natural. She will be happy to have folks give her news items each week. Monday morning is the deadline.)

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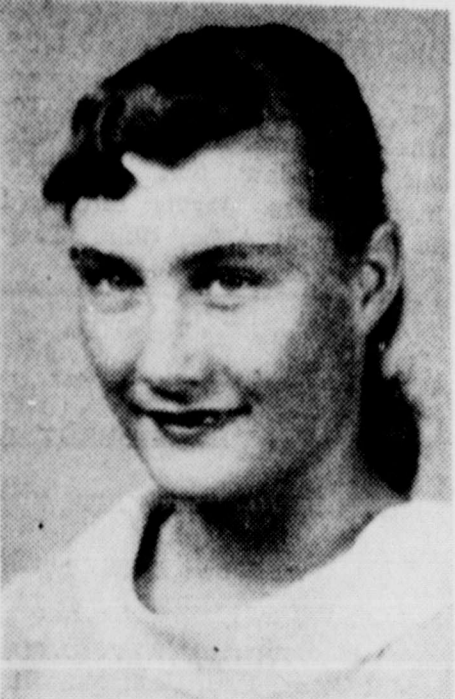


# THE CAMPUS

At Robert Lee High School

By FRANCES WYLIE

Attending the State Future Makers of America meeting in Dallas April 23, 24 and 25 and representing the Robert Lee Chapter will be Ellen Counts, delegate, Marian Mason, alternate delegate. The meeting will be held in the music hall on the State Grounds. "FHA In a Changing World" will be the theme of the program. Miss Theresa Mason will accompany the girls to Dallas.



ELLEN COUNTS

The Junior Class will present a play, "The Little Red Schoolhouse," Tuesday night, April 28, in the school auditorium. Under the direction of Mr. Robert Lewis, junior sponsor, the play cast includes Jo Ann Hood (a teacher), Bernice Seltz and David Waldrop (parents), Lavina McDaniel, John Walker, Ronnie Sims, Marilyn Wood, Patricia Fowler, Douglas Worth, Patty Gray, Sondra Jones, Jerry Blair and Jerry Sparks.



MARIAN MASON

Don't miss this play for a night of entertainment.

Friday and Saturday several students of RLHS will attend the Regional Interscholastic League meet at Stephenville.

Friday Coach C. D. Manire will leave with his track team to arrive early for warm-ups on the contest field. The track events will not take place until Friday.

Also members of the one-act play will leave sometime Friday. Saturday morning literary participating students will arrive for their events.

Congratulations to the Steer track team for their accomplishments in the Interscholastic League track meet last Monday.

Eldorado won the high school division with 56 points. Bronte was second with 32 points, and Robert Lee, third, with 32 points.

High School winners were announced in last week's Observer. Eldorado also won the grade

school division, and Robert Lee won second.

Roger Spriell, eighth grade newcomer, won first in the broad jump, the shot put, and the 75-yard dash. He also won second place in the 100-yard dash.

Robert Lee won third in the 440-yard relay. The team was composed of Roger, Daniel Gloria, Domingo Valenzuela, and Derwood Coalson.

Others participating in the grade school division were Commie Hallmark, Taylor Jones, and Ben Boykin.

The FTA met last week and adopted their club name, Hale-Aikin, for two men who are trying to get bills passed in Texas for the raising of teachers' salaries and extending the school year.

Last week several of the students taught in grade school for teachers.

Through the decision of the student council April 16, Glenda Blair was renamed a cheerleader for the 1959 season.

A committee composed of Jane Austin, Jo Ann Hood, John Walker, and Kenneth Wink was appointed to examine the constitu-

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tion.

Several high school home economics girls have entered the annual Lenox China Contest. The contest consisted of choosing a Lenox pattern, a silver pattern, a crystal pattern, a flower arrangement, and table linens.

April 7, Miss Theresa Mason, home economics teacher, and Miss Carole Hooper, home demonstration agent, accompanied the girls to San Angelo to visit the gift department of Hemphill-Wells and Co. and Holland Jewelry Co.

Senior high school girls have begun track training for the coming Blue Bonnet Relay Track Meet May 1 at Bobcat Stadium in San Angelo. Participating will be Lavina McDaniel, Jerry Sparks, Pat Fowler, Patty Gray, and Barbara Gray.

Pat Fowler, junior was named FHA Rose Queen April 10 by votes of one penny. The money collected by each girl is to be put in the fund for camp at the end of the summer.

April 17 the members of the high school band had their annual band banquet. Following the banquet a party was held at the skating rink.

Band concert and sight-reading contest will be held April 30 and May 1 at San Angelo Central High School.

Drum major and twirler try-outs will be held the latter part of April.

Coming Events:  
Bronte baseball team here, 2:00 April 24.

Regional Interscholastic League One-Act play contest, April 24, at Stephenville. The track, field and literary events will take place the following day on the Tarlton campus.

April 28 is the date of the Junior Play. Also in the afternoon a Steer baseball game is to be played at Miles at 2:00 p. m.

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## GETS ROTC AWARD

Dennis George Pennington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pennington of Midland, was among seventeen ROTC students of Oklahoma A & C College at Stillwater, chosen because of grade merit to fly to Orlando, Florida on a pleasure trip. The group left Stillwater at 10 p. m. Thursday and returned Sunday. The Penningtons are former Robert Lee residents and Dennis is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers of Silver.

## BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Zelda Caraway was honored with a bridal shower Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Vaughan Davis. Other hostesses were Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Eddie Good, Miss Gladys Waldrop, Miss Mildred Wallace and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith. Cake squares, nuts, mints and punch were served to more than thirty guests. Miss Caraway received many beautiful gifts.

## PARKS FAMILY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks enjoyed having all their children and their families home over Easter for the first time all had been together in seven years. Their son-in-law, Edwin Ray Evans, didn't arrive until the day after Easter on his leave from the Navy. Lloyd and his wife left a few days later for California. Edwin Evans returned Monday of last week to his naval base at Norfolk, Va. He was accompanied by his wife, the former Peggy Sparks, and their son, Dale Paul. Others present for the homecoming were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Sparks and sons of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Thomas of Midland. Sparks children at home are Louise, Elwanda, Pauline, Tnn, Ray, Don and Terry.

## LOST TO SKYHAWKS

Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters were defeated by the Skyhawks of Goodfellow AFB here Sunday by a score of 9 to 4. Both clubs are members of the Concho Baseball League which starts play late in May. Richard Dumas hurled four frames for the Twisters, being relieved by Ronnie Baker. Neither was too effective, but John Conley took the mound during the last two innings and set the Hawks down in order. Robert Lee made five hits, including a triple by Conley, a double and single by Ed Poehls and a two-bagger by Royce Smith. Jerry Linkler singled to send in two runs. Other exhibition games will be scheduled later.

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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

We have supported previous bond issues for a new court house, hospital, recreation park, new school, city water works and precinct road paving. There has been criticism from a few, but we don't mind it particularly. Some of the worst kickers are those who are most able to pay a little extra tax.

Take a look at the many fine improvements we have achieved without a dollar of tax increase. Only case where a new tax levy was added was for the precinct bonds voted in 1954 for paving at Silver and out in that area.

Taxes are pretty reasonable in Coke County. Farm and ranch land is assessed at an average of less than \$5 per acre. It has not been raised for many years, but taxing valuations have gone away up, six times as much as they were ten years ago, because of oil development.

We are guilty of again supporting a bond issue. It's the Precinct 1 election Saturday which would issue \$150,000 bonds mainly to fix the streets of Robert Lee.

Our town has grown and made outstanding progress in recent years. Are we all through? Shall we sit back and deteriorate?

The people will make that decision next Saturday at the polls. We hope voters out in the precinct are friendly enough to their home town to carry the bonds and give Robert Lee its fair share of county road improvements.

I have in mind a man living out about a dozen miles, who is sure against the bonds. He is well to do, has five or six sections and several new oil wells. He says Robert Lee won't ever amount to much anyway so let her slide. He is doing little to make our town better and spends most of his money away. Fortunately his kind have not been in the majority or we wouldn't have any of our recent improvements.

The BCD has backed the bond issue and earnestly solicits your support. This is an honorable organization which at all times has worked for the betterment of the community. This is their slogan: GOOD Today, BETTER Tomorrow; ROBERT LEE!

### ATTEND OES SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen were in Lubbock Saturday when they attended a grand officers school of instruction of District 2 Order of Eastern Star. They stopped in Brownfield Friday evening and were present at a tea given for OES officers. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will be in Dallas this weekend for another similar meeting. Mr. Allen is chairman of the grand chapter credentials committee, and Mrs. Allen is a former grand Ada and previously served twice as a district deputy. Before returning home Sunday they will attend a homecoming at the Eastern Star home in Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sheppard returned Monday to their home at Spearman after a few days visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress.



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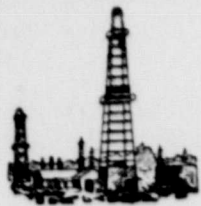
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## Notes From The Oil Field

### New Producers On I. A. Bird and Blanks Estate

New oil wells finaled recently in Coke County include Humble's No. 6 Ira A Bird and Perkins-Prothro No. 12 "C" W. C. Blanks Estate.

Two rigs are drilling in the I. A. B. Field and wildcats are testing on Fred Roe, Raymond Schooler and the Harris Ranch south of Robert Lee. Two holes were plugged and abandoned.

#### BLANKS PRODUCER

Perkins-Prothro 12 "C" Blanks, 18 miles northwest of Robert Lee, flowed 141.22 barrels of 46 gravity oil during its official 24-hour potential test. There was no water and the completion was natural.

Gauge was through a 12-64th inch tubing choke from 80 perforations between 6,417 and 6,550 feet. Pressures were 1,075 pounds on the casing and 500 pounds on the tubing. Gas-oil ratio 800-1.

Location is 540 feet from the west and 660 feet from the south lines of Section 2, block 2, H&TC. It was in a producing field.

#### BIRD NO. 6

Humble No. 6 I. A. Bird was finaled April 14 for a daily potential flow of 90.17 barrels of 42.4 gravity oil. Flow was through a quarter inch choke from 28 perforations in sand from 5,672-79 and 5,697-711 feet. The section was treated with 16,800 gallons.

Casing pressure was 600 pounds, with 300 pounds on tubing. Gas-oil ratio 344-1.

Location is 1,740 feet from the south and 2,600 feet from the east lines of Section 473, block 1-A, H&TC. It is in the I.A.B. (5070 Ft. Penn) field, 12 miles northwest of Robert Lee.

#### SCHOOLER WILDCAT

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co., operating from Midland, will drill a wildcat on Raymond Schooler in the Edith area.

Slated for 7,200 feet it is located 1,980 feet from the north and east lines of Section 280, block 2, H&TC. It is 2 3-8 miles south and 3-8 mile west of Green Mountain school house.

#### DRILLING ON JOHNSON

Greathouse, Pierce & Davis of Midland have staked two locations on the Lou E. Johnson ranch on farmouts from Humble. They are near production in the west side of the Jameson (Strawn) field, less than two miles from the Sterling County line.

Their No. 1-3-A Johnson is 467 feet from the west and 1,717 feet from the south lines of Section 3, block 2, H&TC. No. 2-3-A will be 467 feet from the west and 2,235 feet from the north lines of the same section.

Dual Drilling Co. has the contract and moved in its rotary rig No. 2 which had been stacked several weeks on the Wardlaw lease west of Edith. R. W. (Mule) Payne is the tool pusher.

#### SHOWS ON FRED ROE

Petroleum Drilling Co. No. 3 Fred Roe, five miles northwest of Robert Lee, drilling early this week below 6,700 feet. Some good shows were reported going down. It will explore the Ellenburger.

Tucker & Scherck No. 1 Helen Harris Weaver, nine miles south of Robert Lee, drilling Monday at 3,953 feet in lime and shale.

#### DRY HOLES

Sun Oil Co. plugged at 6,670 feet its No. 1-C Foster Sims Price, wildcat 5 miles southeast of Silver in Section 477, block 1-A, H&TC.

The TXL Oil Co. of Midland No. 1 J. W. Labenske, wildcat, 330 feet from the south and west lines of Section 387-1A-H&TC, 11 miles northeast of Robert Lee in the Hayrick community, plugged and abandoned at 4,200 feet.

Verna Lee Powers visited here last week with her relatives, the Keith Hoods and Fred Ashworths. She is the 21-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Powers of Winters, former Robert Lee residents. Verna is a member of the Waves and is being transferred from New Orleans to Corpus Christi.

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were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McGuire of Lubbock. They report northeast Oklahoma has had lots of rain and the country was looking fine.

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