

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Gaston Two-Day Annual Reunion Held

The Gaston annual reunion was held July 11 and 12 at the Presbyterian Encampment at Buffalo Gap. Eighty-five relatives and several visitors attended.

Nine sons and daughters of Mrs. Gaston and the late S. W. Gaston met with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to make it a very happy occasion. Those present were Mrs. Gaston and Sam of Tennyson; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dickens, M/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Gaston and son of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gaston of Christoval; Mrs. Frank Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal Cowan and children, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gaston and family, Mr. Bob Odum, Silver; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cotten, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allen and family, Vancourt; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sanders and family, Eldorado; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Allen and family, Mrs. Ethel McCarroll,

Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Archer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and girls, San Angelo; Mrs. Travis Allen and children, El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Allen and family, Winslow, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gaston and family, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stewart and family, Buffalo Gap; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson, Robert Lee; Mrs. Verna Allen, Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell and family, Abilene.

There were visitors from Sweetwater, Abilene and San Angelo.

Church services were held Sunday morning at 10:30 under the tabernacle. At the business meeting, motion was made to retain same officers: H. W. Gaston, president; R. B. Allen, vice president; Mrs. R. B. Allen, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Claud Cotten, historian. This was the ninth annual Gaston reunion at this place.



MRS. CURTIS W. WALKER  
... former Annice Gartman

## Annice Gartman, Curtis Walker Wed Saturday

The marriage of Miss Annice Gartman and Curtis Wayne Walker, well known Robert Lee young couple, took place Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Officiating was the Rev. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman of Sanco and the bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker of Robert Lee.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white street length lace gown and carried an orchid on a white Bible.

Mrs. G. M. Winkler of Abilene attended her sister as matron of honor. Donald Walker served his brother as best man.

Wedding music was played by Miss Brenda McDorman.

Only members of the immediate families and a few friends were present. A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

The couple returned Monday from a brief honeymoon trip to Carlsbad and other points in New Mexico. They are at home in the A. B. Sheppard apartments.

The bride is a recent graduate of Robert Lee high school where she was prominent in many activities. The bridegroom also attended high school here and is employed on Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. pipeline construction work.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker visited in Coleman one day last week with Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. R. R. Ellis and husband. Over the weekend they went to Grand Prairie to visit another sister, Mrs. Thad Walls and family. They also visited their friends, the S. S. Spring family at Collinsville.

J. E. Quisenberry Jr., County ASC secretary, was a hospital patient the forepart of the week. He received treatment of a foot injury received when he stepped on a nail Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman Jr. and children, Carla and Kyle, arrived Saturday from Dallas for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. Mr. Grubenman returned to Dallas Tuesday, while Martha and children remained for an indefinite stay with her parents.

Foy Askins and family returned Monday from a two weeks' vacation visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Askins, at Wellington, Colo.

## Coke Blest With Summer Rainfall

### GREEN MT. MUSICAL

The monthly Green Mountain Musical is scheduled for Saturday night of this week, July 25, starting at 8 o'clock. A big night of free entertainment is in prospect. Ladies are requested to bring cakes and cookies. Everyone invited.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

If your child is a poor reader, here is an opportunity that can help him. A Summer Reading Program will be taught by Mrs. Bill Callaway. Preregistration will be Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 23-24-25, at Mrs. Callaway's home. Time, place and tuition will be discussed at the time of registration. The reading program is for grades 2 to 12.

## Coach Callaway And Family Now In Robert Lee

Bill Callaway, new Robert Lee high school athletic coach, moved his family to Robert Lee last week and is occupying the teacherage vacated by C. D. Manire, former coach.

They spent the first half of the summer at Kingsville where Mr. Callaway studied at Texas A & I, and he will complete work later this summer at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene for a master degree. His major is education with a minor in physical education.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Callaway hold degrees from Southwestern State at San Marcos. Mrs. Callaway taught special reading classes this summer at Kingsville. She will teach in the elementary department here this year. The Callaways have a son, Jack Clayton, 2½ years old.

Mr. Callaway was employed at Raymondville high school as backfield football coach, head coach of basketball and golf coach.

He will have an assistant in carrying on the Robert Lee school athletic program, but this position remains open.

### TO MEET PLAYERS

Coach Callaway wishes to meet members of the football squad at the high school building Thursday of this week as soon as possible after 5 p. m. He is in hopes of becoming acquainted with all the boys as soon as possible. Football drill starts Aug. 7. The outlook is for a squad of 30 or more.

### ROACH'S CLEARANCE SALE

Roach's annual clearance sale of summer merchandise opens this week. Read the advertisement in this newspaper and take advantage of the price savings.

A/2C Bob R. Watkins and his wife and son, Johnny Bob, left Saturday for their home at Cabot, Ark., after a vacation visit with kinfolks and friends. Mrs. Watkins is the former Johnnie Beth Snead. Mr. Watkins has re-enlisted in the Air Force and will attend college during his period of enlistment. He is stationed near Little Rock.

Best summer rains in many years, and possibly since this country was settled up, is the situation in Coke and a number of West Texas counties.

From the middle of June to the past week moisture of from 4 to 8 inches has fallen in this area, resulting in the most perfect crop and pasture conditions ever known.

Rain showers have been spotted during the period but all sections have had good moisture. There has been no damage and little runoff, although most surface tanks are full.

The past week heaviest showers descended over the east half of the county, with the Valley View and Lometa sections and Ft. Chadbourne getting 2 inches or more. Previously the Wildcat community, southwest of Robert Lee, the Harris Ranch south of town and the Hayrick section had big rains.

Gauges vary but it is safe to report that most every part of Coke County has had at least 4 inches of rain the past month, and in some spots the amount runs up to 8 inches or more. Official gauges in Robert Lee indicate about 5 inches for June and July.

Old timers say they have never seen as much summer rain. Others recall that it was very wet in the summer of 1919. The San Angelo weather station announces the biggest summer rains since 1882. Tom Green has had heavier rains than Coke.

Rainfall has kept this area green with a heavy growth of crops and vegetation, in contrast to the recent drouth years when hot summer sun seared the farm land and pastures.

Cotton crops are in a wonderful position, and feed crops are also assured. Most every rancher has more grazing than he needs.

Supplemented with an important oil industry, the excellent agricultural outlook boosts Coke County's economic position to a new high.

### CLASS OF '49 REUNION

Robert Lee high school graduating class of 1949 will hold its tenth reunion here this weekend. Several residing away have indicated they will be present. A party is planned for Friday night and an all-day picnic is scheduled for Sunday. The class had 23 members. Bill Blair is the president and Mrs. J. D. Walker Jr. (Cornelia Boykin) is secretary.

Glen Crooks took a vacation last week from his duties as game warden. He and his family visited relatives and friends at Burnet and Dublin.

## BIRTHS

SIMPSON — Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson Jr. (Carolyn McDaniel) are parents of a son born July 17 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 2:50 a. m. William John weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. He has a brother, Marvin Cortez, 2½ years old. The father is engaged in farming and livestock raising with his father and brother. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson Sr.

## MODEL AIRPLANE CONTEST SET

The Spinners, Robert Lee's model airplane club, will have a contest among its members, Sunday, July 26, at the old baseball field on the south part of town. Flying will start at 1:00 P. M.

The club, at present 22 strong, will exhibit combat, speed, stunt and regular flying. Freeflight will be flown if the ordered kits are in time to be assembled. Fifteen Robert Lee merchants have provided shirts for the club members. The club has three new members, who at the present do not have club shirts. The youngest members wear shirts provided by their parents.

Fourteen members of the club attended the contest held at Odes on July 4-5. Although no trophies were brought home, the club has certainly excellent ambassadors for their home town. The boys were recognized for their neatness in appearance, good sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct.

Robert Lee was recognized for its progressiveness and as was announced over the P. A. system.

"A club like this just does not happen, there has to be a good town backing them. This club shows a lot of interest and hard work. While on this trip the club distributed about 200 of the brochures put out by the local BCD advertising Robert Lee.

### FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party for the M. E. Petross family will be held at the County Park community building next Tuesday, July 28, starting at 7:30 p.m. The family has moved to Bangs but will return for the party. This is a community-wide event and everyone is invited.

### QUARTERBACK CLUB

Robert Lee's Quarterback Club held a meeting Tuesday night to discuss plans for the coming year. Everyone is invited to another meeting set for next Monday at 8:00 p. m. in the school lunch room. New officers are to be elected and other matters discussed. A good attendance is requested.

## School Man Steps Up; Petross Goes to Bangs

M. E. Petross has resigned as Robert Lee high school principal to accept the position of superintendent of schools at Bangs. He and his family moved this week and he will take up his new duties there.

Mr. Petross has been connected with the Robert Lee schools a number of years, coming here last year as a high school teacher. Last year he returned to college and came back to Robert Lee as principal.

This summer he studied science at TCU in Ft. Worth on a fellowship with all expenses paid.

Another vacancy in the Robert Lee teaching roster has occurred with the resignation of Mrs. Hale, third grade teacher. She has been hired at Silver to replace Miss Violet Brown, who resigned to accept a teaching position in the Dallas school system.

Robert Lee school trustees will hold a special meeting Friday afternoon when teaching prospects will



M. E. PETROSS  
... school man moves up

be considered. Other vacancies to be filled are those of home economics teacher and assistant athletic coach.



## Silver News

### PERKINS-PROTHRO CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe, Jr. and children spent Tuesday night and Wednesday in Mertzon.

The W. R. Whitaker family is leaving Monday for Evergreen, Colo., where they will stay at the Singing River Ranch. Vacationing with them will be the Bob Edwards family.

Peggy McCallie is spending time in Colorado City practicing for Cheer Leading school which is held at SMU in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Duncan are parents of a son, Bobby Ray Jr., born early Sunday morning. They have a three year old daughter, Phyllis.

The Paul Burns family is on vacation.

The Billy Jones family is spending Thursday in Sweetwater.

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Meyer and two daughters of Kansas City, Mo., visited in the Fred Wilcox home the past week.

The Wilcox family left Saturday on a vacation trip to Colorado Springs and Estes Park, Colo., and will visit relatives and friends in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Silver Methodist Church is now having their Christian Adventure Week. Guest speaker for Monday night was Rev. John Yoeman of San Angelo. Tuesday night Mrs. Charles Simpson spoke to the group. Speakers from Colorado City and other towns will be heard the remaining nights.

The group meets at 6 p.m. with supper in the fellowship hall of the church. Following this a singing, led by Mrs. Billy Jones, is held. After the guest speaker, a Quest Period is held so that the young people may ask questions. Topping the evening is refreshments and games. Mrs. Jack McCallie is sponsor of this group.

The Intermediate MYF of the Silver Methodist Church was given a water melon party Friday by their sponsor, Mrs. Billy M. Jones. Games were played and melon served to Sue Ree Kennedy, Judy Kincaid, Karen Fugate, Billy Paul, Keith Jones, Daphne Roe, Mary E. Morgan, Scott Jones, A. J. Roe, Larry Paul, Robert Fugate, Charles Kennedy, Mrs. A. J. Roe, Jr., Mrs. Charles Kennedy and the hostess.

The Senior MYF of the Silver Methodist Church got together Monday morning and chopped cotton to raise money for their organization. Part of the money will be spent to help purchase new song books for the church. The boys and girls with their sponsor, Mrs. Jack McCallie, had fun, but also some sore muscles.

Adults who will help with the Vacation Church School of the Silver Methodist Church met last Friday night to make final plans for the school which will be held August 17 through 21. On the last night a program will be held and a display of the handwork will be given. All children through the sixth grade are invited to attend.

Bro. Delbert Smith is taking a vacation from his duties as minister at the North Side Church of Christ. He and his family were called to Ballinger last week by the death of his infant twin nephews. Later they went to Turkey to attend a reunion of his wife's people, the Mullins family.

## Want Ads

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## HOSPITAL NEWS PERSONALS

July 7 — Mrs. Vaughan Davis, Mrs. Doris Akin admitted. Gordon McCutchen dismissed.

July 8 — Mrs. Dona Roberts admitted.

July 9 — Osa Faries admitted. Mrs. Vaughan Davis, Mrs. Doris Akin dismissed.

July 10 — Mrs. Oscar Collett, Osa Faries dismissed.

July 11 — Osa Faries, Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., Mrs. M. W. Johnson admitted. Mrs. W. O. Skipworth dismissed.

July 12 — Mrs. Cleo Butts admitted. Mrs. Royce Wallace dismissed.

July 13 — Mrs. W. O. Skipworth admitted. Mrs. Cleo Butts dismissed.

July 14 — V. V. Wojtek, Mrs. Vernon Moore admitted. Mrs. Vernon Moore dismissed.

July 15 — Osa Faries, Mrs. M. W. Johnson, V. V. Wojtek dismissed.

July 16 — Mrs. Marvin Simpson Jr. admitted.

July 17 — Mrs. J. S. Gardner admitted. Son born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson Jr. Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., Mrs. W. O. Skipworth dismissed.

July 18 — Melvin Duncan admitted. Mrs. J. S. Gardner dismissed.

July 19 — Johnny Elkins, Mrs. Alton Roberts, L. H. Blankenship admitted.

July 20 — Osa Faries, J. E. Quisenberry Jr., Mrs. Frank Smith admitted.

Weekend guests in the Curtis Walker home included Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kennedy and son, Jan, of Plains and A. R. Palmer and family of Brownwood. Mr. Kennedy is superintendent of schools at Plains and was down this way looking for teachers. Mr. Palmer is a brother of Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Kennedy.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. H. L. Springer and family returned Sunday to their home near Wichita, Kans., after a week's visit with relatives and friends in Robert Lee and San Angelo. Sgt. Springer is an Air Force career man and has made application for a transfer to Dyess AFB at Abilene. Mrs. Springer is the former Dora Richardson.

Mrs. Alton Roberts underwent surgery last Thursday at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. She is making a good recovery and was moved to Coke County Memorial Hospital here Monday.

J. F. McCabe, Jr. and Bob Fields and their families returned Monday from a vacation trip to New Mexico and Colorado. They visited in Taos and Raton, Pueblo and into Kansas and Oklahoma.

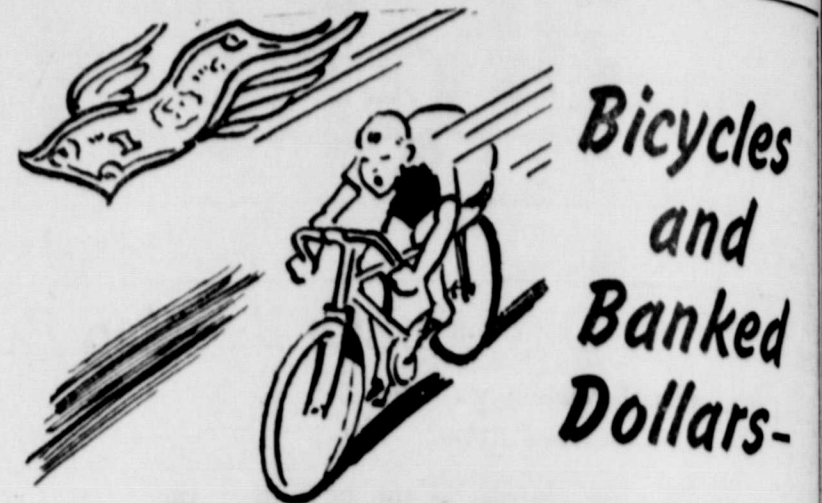
Wilfred Gardner and family came from Midland for a weekend visit with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Gardner, and his brother, Woodrow Gardner and wife.



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## Silver News

K. Sanders and family have moved from Colorado City and are residing in the residence they purchased from Mrs. M. W. Brown. Mr. Sanders succeeded the late Pop Brown as a pumper for the Miami Oil Co. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have four children at home and three married.

G. A. Jameson and family have returned to their home at Big Lake after a two weeks' vacation visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson.

Ernest Clendennen is confined to his home with the mumps. He became ill Sunday. The family is forced to cut short a vacation trip three weeks ago when the oldest son, Allan, took the mumps in New Mexico.

Dalton Millican and family came from Midland for a weekend visit with relatives and friends. They are over night guests of his brother, Buryan, and also visited his father, D. M. Millican, in Robert Lee.

Sun Oil Co. employees formerly stationed at Silver visited old friends in this area recently. They included Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Marshall and three children of Brookhaven, Miss., Mrs. E. R. Pace and her sons of Dallas and Elmo R. Argis and family of Sun Field.

### TEXAS NATURAL CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Mert Conley and daughter, Mary Alice, returned Saturday from a vacation trip to the Pacific northwest. Mr. Conley is superintendent of Perkins gasoline plant. He left by plane two weeks ago to join his wife and daughter, who had gone to Cottage Grove, Oregon, in company with Mrs. Conley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Burwell of Pennington, who have kinfolks at Cottage Grove. It is located on the Willamette River about 70 miles from the Pacific coast. During their stay Mr. Conley went fishing in the bay at Florence and caught some nice salmon which averaged about nine pounds. The Conleys motored back to Texas with Mr. and Mrs. Burwell, coming through Idaho, Salt Lake City and Colorado.

Glenn Parker and family have gone on a two weeks vacation. They will visit in Houston and other points.

Frank Hearne is taking a two weeks' vacation and Truman Hines the week. The two families spent last week in the Austin and San Antonio areas, and later the Hearnes went to Ruidoso, N. Mex. Jack Geist and family have returned from Michigan where they were called by the recent death of Mrs. Geist's mother.

Griff Powell has returned from a vacation period. He and his family spent most of the time in Louisiana.

### JAMESON GAS PLANT

Lee Lisby, chief clerk, and his family are enjoying a week's vacation with friends in South Texas. Charles Green has been transferred from Delhi, La., to operator of the gas conservation plant at Millican field. He succeeds Cyrus Davis who moved to Silver. Mr. and Mrs. Green and their three children will reside in a company owned house in the Millican camp west of Edith.

Ronald Faust has been transferred by Sun production department at Gainesville to Jameson

gasoline plant as a roustabout. Also Curtis Sockwell has been assigned to Jameson plant after transfer from Sun production office at Premont. Mr. Sockwell and his family are living in Robert Lee.

George Conner and family have returned from a vacation trip to the Colorado mountains. A. D. Leonard has resumed his work at Jameson plant after being off with a fractured leg.

Johnny Hollis has been promoted to engine operator 1st class. Wayne Reed and family have gone to Louisiana for a two weeks' vacation.

John Hollingsworth, plant chemist, and his family are spending a two weeks' vacation in Beaumont.

### SUN PIPELINE CO.

C. A. Dukes and family are on a four weeks vacation trip, visiting kinfolks and friends in South Texas.

Curtis Parish, chief clerk, and his family have gone to East Texas for a weeks vacation period.

E. W. Moore is concluding a vacation of three weeks and with his wife has been visiting in Oklahoma and East Texas.

Sabrina, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jett, was honored with a party Saturday in

honor of her fourth birthday. A number of little guests were present to enjoy games and refreshments. Sabrina received many nice gifts.

Bob Coffman is the owner of a new Studebaker station wagon.

### SUN PRODUCTION DEPT.

Employees on vacation include Oscar Higginbotham, 2 weeks, C. G. Walker, 4 weeks, J. D. Smith Jr., 4 weeks. Clifford Ramsey and family have returned from a two weeks vacation. Lindy Moore is taking three weeks off and with his family has gone to Michigan.

Mack Tunnell and his family are spending the week in East Texas.

Paul Gilbert, Chief clerk, returned to work Monday after a vacation period of two weeks.

### VISITORS FROM CALIFORNIA

Miss Minnie Weathers enjoyed a recent visit from her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ray Anderson and son, Ronald Weathers, of Whittier, Calif. Mrs. Anderson re-married some time after the death of her first husband, W. D. Weathers, who died suddenly of a heart attack a number of years ago. Mrs. Anderson and son spent several days in Robert Lee before continuing to Colorado and other points on their return trip to the west coast.

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## Local Girl Winner in National Contest

Betty Hood, Sanco Route of Robert Lee, Texas, has been selected as a winner in the Fifth Annual Creative Table Setting Contest sponsored by Lenox, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey, producers of fine china dinnerware and gift items.

She was awarded a cup and saucer in "Charmaine", the pattern used in her contest entry. Lenox is the company famous for making the official china for the White House since the first set was ordered by President Woodrow Wilson in 1917.

Home Economics authorities consider winning a prize in this contest as an outstanding achievement because of the thousands of high school and college girls throughout the country who competed.

Miss Theresa Mason of Robert Lee, instructor of Home Economics, submitted the student entry in the contest and was awarded a prize of Lenox china.

Student entrants, high school and college girls, registered in Home Economics courses, were asked to create an original table setting on contest forms provided by Lenox. Each girl selected



MISS BETTY HOOD

a theme, chose the occasion for which to create her setting and by coordinating china, silver, glass and accessories, produced an original table setting.

The contest was judged by a group of prominent personalities who are recognized as outstanding in their respective fields.

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MISS JANE AUSTIN  
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### Jane Austin Will Marry Young Doctor

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Austin of Robert Lee announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jane, to Dr. Howard C. Bruckner.

Miss Austin, graduate of Robert Lee High School is a music major at San Angelo College.

Dr. Bruckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bruckner of 3409 19th St., Lubbock, Texas, is a graduate of Tom S. Lubbock High School, completed pre-medical work at Texas Tech and is a graduate of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

He is currently serving internship at Robert B. Green Hospital in San Antonio.

An August wedding is planned.

#### McKINNEY FAMILY REUNION

The annual McKinney family reunion and Bar-B-Que was held Sunday, July 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. McKinney Jr. in Christoval, Texas. Those attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. McKinney, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall and Lu Rea, Mrs. Jeane McDowell, Richard, Beverly and Raymond of Rogers, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kirchman, Edna, Tommy, Jr., and George and Roger McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Timms and Lee of Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McKinney and Lanny of Colorado City, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. McKinney Jr. and Doyle, Eugene, Clifford and Jerry Gibson and Margaret Rouse of Christoval, Texas, Mrs. Bill Taylor and Don, Dale Ellis of Rankin, Texas.

Ronal Carey of Blue Eye, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poston, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Poston and Jr. of Lexington, Texas.

Next year's reunion will be held at the Christoval Park on the second Sunday of July.

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#### COKE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

##### Present Supervisors —

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

Recent rains have been doing great things for grasses that were seeded this spring. The 106 acres that Cumbie Ivey pitted and seeded earlier this spring has a good stand of Green sprangletop with a scattering of Sideoats grama and Blue panicum. D. K. Glenn of Bronte pitted approximately 40 acres this spring and Green sprangletop is showing up as the strong grass with a scattered stand of Sideoats and Blue Panicum.

Chemical prickly pear control using a sprayed mixture of deisel oil and 245-T is being carried out on some rough stony hills on Foster S. Price's lower ranch west of Robert Lee. It is too early to

tell the final results but it looks good as a method of pear control.

The President has proclaimed July 19-25, 1959 as National Farm Safety Week with the purpose in mind of preventing accidents among farm families. National Farm Safety Week is sponsored jointly by the National Safety Council and the United States Department of Agriculture and is endorsed by all leading farm organizations.

A 1957 survey shows that 4,806 man years were lost on Texas farms due to accidents that year. These accidents cost farm families \$6,471,108.00 in doctor bills, repairs and lost time. In order to reduce accidents we must first know the major causes of farm mishaps. A national survey shows that 34% of all fatal farm accidents is caused by machinery of some sort. Drownings in farm ponds account for 15% of all farm fatalities; firearms 12%; falls 9%; blows and burns 11% and animals 5%. It is interesting to note that animals caused 12% of the non-fatal disabling accidents in Texas in 1957.

Two thirds of all farm accidents involve youths under 20 years of age and ages 15 through 19 were

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involved in 43% of all farm accidents in Texas in 1957.

Most farm accidents occur during the busy months of June, July and August so now is the time to think, "Safety Makes Sense."

##### Courthouse Rainfall Record

This Month .....	2.22
This year .....	11.49
This time last year .....	12.71

##### HURT ON DRILLING RIG

Melvin Duncan, 18 year old Robert Lee youth and recent high school graduate, sustained a serious hand injury in a drilling rig accident early Saturday. Two fingers of his left hand were cut off when he accidentally caught the hand in the drilling cable block. He was brought to Coke County Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery. The injury seems to be responding to treatment. Melvin was a roughneck on a Rhea-Reynolds rig drilling on the Knight lease on the Divide near the Sterling-Coke county line. The accident occurred at 4 a. m. Mrs. Ocie Duncan came from Ft. Stockton Saturday evening to be with her son and is a guest in the home of her brother, Roy Hood.

**VARNADORES VISIT HERE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore of Mena, Ark., spent a week here earlier this month visiting kinfolk and their many friends. They made their headquarters with daughter, Mrs. Royce Smith, and family. Joining them for a family reunion at Water Valley were the children, the W. J. Scott Kempner, W. K. Varnadore of Spring, Morris Varnadore of Mena and J. Que Varnadore of Sweetwater and their families. Precinct 1 Mr. Varnadore moved to Arkansas a few years ago when he purchased a farm and is raising cattle.

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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Happy to be home again after 16 days of traveling and visiting. First time we have returned from a similar summer trip to find Coke County green and cool just like it is up north.

Some of my stories have been boring no doubt, since they were devoted largely to family visits and personalities. But one thing important to me is that they save writing a lot of letters to various kinfolks.

Not to leave you dangling we resume the travelogue where we left off last week in Iowa. It's the greatest corn state and crop conditions are excellent as usual. However, they have increased the corn acreage and now are worrying about a bigger surplus than ever.

Mr. Benson's program guarantees \$1.45 a bushel for corn if a farmer cuts his acreage allotment. But he can get \$1.00 a bushel guarantee if he don't go in on the program. Consequently Iowa farmers planted nearly two million more acres of corn this year and the entire midwest corn-belt acreage increase was 19 per cent. The indicated record corn crop poses a tremendous surplus problem.

Taxes are a big problem, too, as they are in Texas. But all the state legislatures up north have raised more money and gone home. They have a big tax on property for state and school purposes, but in addition Iowa has a 2% general sales tax and an income tax which runs about one-half of the federal income tax. Compared to many other states Texas has no bellyache over high taxes.

We enjoyed visits with our lovable aunt, Mrs. Jennie Shafer, who is doing remarkably well under the circumstances. She and her husband, both 90 years old, had to sell their farm and move to town this year because of failing health. A few weeks later Uncle Tom passed away. Within two weeks Aunt Jennie fell and fractured a hip and is hospitalized of course. She has a wonderful spirit and will make it fine.

We left Mother Owen well and happy, none the worse after her month's trip to Pittsburgh where she visited her grandchildren. Our cousin, Mrs. Bernice Miller, took Violet and I to Iowa Falls where we boarded the Rock Island Rocket for Kansas City. Sister Florence met us at the station at 10

p. m. Tuesday and the following day Brother Virgil came from St. Joe and the four of us had a wonderful visit. Drove to the parks, saw a new movie, etc., and they put us back on the Rocket Wednesday night. Arrived in Ft. Worth next morning, met by Mrs. J. H. Fultz (Tommy's mother-in-law) and went home to Denton with her. After lunch with the Fultz family, we hit for home, arriving at 6:30 p. m.

While Ike Millican and Pete Davis allowed the weeds to grow up down in the Third Ward, it looked mighty good to Violet and I. — A. J. K.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Lossie Leineweber of Weber Falls, Okla., is here this week for a visit with her sisters, Mrs. Arthur Hayley in Robert Lee and Mrs. Vic Haselden at Bronte. She made the trip with a son who went on to Houston.

Ellis Eubanks has returned from Cherokee, Ark., where he was called by the illness of his father, C. A. Eubanks. The latter suffered a stroke and was critical for a time, but is now recovering. A former well known Coke County resident, Mr. Eubanks is 78 years of age. He married an Arkansas woman a few years ago and the couple have a farm near Cherokee and a residence in Mena.

Mrs. Ed S. Roberts is in San Angelo this week helping care for her granddaughter, Marla Jean Roberts, who underwent a tonsilectomy Saturday. She is the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Roberts and is making a good recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Higgins motored to Stanton for a Sunday visit with their daughter, Mrs. John L. Bruton and family.



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## SAN SABA PLAYS SUNDAY

Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters entertain San Saba in Concho Basin League game at the County Park diamond here Sunday at 3 p. m. Last Sunday's game with Kirby at San Angelo was rained out. The contest is tentatively set as part of a double header in Robert Lee on August 9. Brownwood and Kirby also tangle next Sunday. Kirby leads the league with Brownwood and the Twisters tied for second. San Saba has failed to win a loop game.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vowell spent the weekend at Jal. N. M., with their niece, Mrs. Wayne Roberts and husband. Mrs. Roberts is the former Nettie Bob Bell of Robert Lee.

Kenneth Davis of Amarillo is spending a two weeks' vacation period with Robert Lee relatives. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob L. Davis, Kenneth has been making his headquarters with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vowell.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith returned last Wednesday from attending the Hatley family reunion held at the O'Neal Lodge in the Mangano Mountains near Ta-

jique, N. Mex. Twenty-six were present from Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The group included five sisters and one brother.

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