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Mrs. D. I. Durham, Pioneer Woman, Dies at Age of 83

Mrs. D. I. Durham, 83, well known former Coke County resident, died at 8 a.m. last Friday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Landon (Katherine) Dorn, in Colorado City. She had been in failing health for some time and had been cared for in the Dorn home since the previous Saturday.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Massie Funeral Chapel in San Angelo, with Rev. Dr. Ennis B. Hill, pastor of First Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Cliff Funeral Home. Rev. Travis McNair, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist Church, officiated at graveside services.

Pallbearers were Tom Hill, B. W. Smith, Bert Morgan, R. Y. Watkins, Herschel Bankston and G. C. Allen.

She was the former Lena Smith and was born April 20, 1876, in Hamilton County. She came to Coke County with her parents who were among the early day residents of this community.

She married D. I. Durham, a lawyer, who served as Coke County Judge. They moved to San Angelo in 1924 where Mr. Durham practiced law and served as district attorney. He was a prominent member of the West Texas bar. Mr. Durham died Jan. 31, 1947.

Mrs. Durham's San Angelo home was at 326 E. Twohig where she resided with her son, J. R. Durham. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

Besides the son and daughter she is survived by two brothers, Frank Smith of Robert Lee and John Smith of San Angelo; one sister, Mrs. Fannie Green of New London, and one grandchild.

DEATH OF MRS. WARNER

Mrs. Marvin Simpson and A. N. Rawlings of Bronte were called to Tempe, Ariz., Tuesday by the death of their sister, Mrs. Lucy Warner. A teacher in the State University for many years, Mrs. Warner was struck by an auto Monday morning and died from her injuries at 6 a. m. Tuesday.



RONNIE SIMS
...plays sweet cornet

Plays This Week With All-State Band In Austin

A signal honor has been achieved by Ronnie Sims, Robert Lee high school senior, who will be a member of the all-state band which assembles at the University of Texas in Austin this week.

The band is made up of outstanding musicians from all sections of the state. They are selected in district and regional contests, Ronnie having been chosen at Abilene a few weeks ago. He plays cornet, and only ten of these instruments were chosen for the big band of 140 pieces.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims, Ronnie is an outstanding student. He is also a fine pianist and a good football player.

He left Wednesday afternoon for Austin, accompanied by Robert Lewis Jay, band director. The grand finale Saturday evening in the University Auditorium will feature concerts by the all-state band, an all-state orchestra and all-state choral group.

Weekend guests in the Jeff Dean home were his sisters, Mrs. Dora May of New York City and Mrs. Cecil Lewis and children of Weatherford. Mrs. May, a supervisor of food service for American Air Lines, had flown to Ft. Worth and also visited her mother, Mrs. Claud Dean at Weatherford.

City Streets Paving Project Ready to Start

Work is to start Thursday on the project of paving 130 blocks of Robert Lee streets. A definite starting time was agreed upon Tuesday at a joint meeting of county and city officials, engineers and the contractor.

On hand to make final plans to begin work were H. B. Reaves of the engineering firm of Smith, Parkhill & Cooper of Lubbock, and Everest Seidel, a member of the Ballinger contracting firm. Bill Bissell will supervise the work for the engineers.

Seidel said he would have equipment in Robert Lee Thursday and start at once on grading the streets preliminary to adding caliche base. Work is to start at the north side of the city and move to the south.

The Observer was advised that a deadline for having curb and gutters included would be advanced to the last of February. However it will be impossible to include this work after a street is graded.

Persons or organizations who are interested in getting extra paving for parking, etc., are requested to contact Mr. Seidel. Extra work may be had by individuals at their own expense.

HOME FROM KOREA

Charles (Chunky) Calder and Dale Dean have returned to the States after 13 months of service with the U. S. Air Force in Korea. They arrived in Robert Lee last week and are visiting among relatives and friends. Dale has spent some time with Silver friends and both he and Charles will go on to Woodville to visit Dale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dean. The boys enlisted immediately after graduating from Robert Lee high school in 1958. They have been together all the time, except their bases were 35 miles apart in Korea. They were near Seoul. They have 30 day leaves and are due to report back to Ft. Lewis, Wash., on Feb. 29th. While overseas the boys received The Observer sent airmail by Dale's mother.

Among relatives who came for the funeral of Mrs. D. I. Durham Saturday were Mrs. Fannie Green and daughter, Mrs. John McCord, of New London, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman and children of Dallas.

Pentecost Steers Entered In Big Show at El Paso

James Bird Pentecost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Pentecost, will exhibit two Hereford steers and one registered Hereford heifer in the El Paso Show next week. James Bird has exhibited and sold steers at the El Paso show the past two years, exhibiting a 9th place heavy weight Hereford steer in 1958, and a fifth place heavy weight steer in 1959.

The two steers to be exhibited in this year's event both placed first in their respective places last year. One calf was also the Coke county champion.

The El Paso show sells only a limited number of steers, 40 head, but pays well, causing the show to be very competitive.

The calves will be taken to El Paso on Saturday and will be exhibited next Tuesday afternoon.

New Entries As Filing Date Ends

BRIEF COURT SESSION

No indictments were returned by a District Court Grand Jury which held a one-day session in Robert Lee Monday. District Attorney Justin Kever presented some matters for investigation but no true-bills resulted.

Judge Joe L. Mays opened the new session of 51st District Court. No cases were taken up.

A petit jury scheduled to appear Feb. 15 may not be called on that date, since at least two cases on the docket have been postponed.

1,414 Poll Taxes Is New Record For Coke County

A total of 1,414 poll tax receipts sold before the Jan. 31 deadline is probably a new record for Coke County.

In 1956, also a presidential year, the number was 1,283. However, that figure was exceeded in 1952.

With a few persons just reaching the age of 21 and privileged to vote their first time without a poll tax, and all persons over 60 years of age being exempt, the potential voting strength of the county this year will be close to 1,700.

That many are not expected to vote. But a big field of candidates for local offices attracts much interest, far more than state or even presidential races.

Mrs. Ledbetter Mourns Father's Death at Merkel

Mrs. C. M. Ledbetter of Robert Lee mourns the death of her father, Rev. H. Wren, 79, retired Baptist minister. His passing occurred Tuesday of last week at Starr rest home in Merkel after an illness of six years.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Thursday in Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel, with burial following in Rose Hill cemetery.

The Rev. Wren had been a resident of Merkel 16 years. Born in Mississippi, he moved to Stamford as a boy and married Melvira Covington on July 3, 1901.

Survivors include his wife, who resides in Merkel; also three sons and four other daughters besides Mrs. Ledbetter.

Mr. Ledbetter, who is employed temporarily in southern Louisiana by Texas Natural Gasoline Corp., came for the funeral and spent the remainder of the week in Robert Lee with his family.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

After filing for County Commissioner, J. F. McCabe Jr. resigned as a member of the Robert Lee school board. He has been president the past two years. Will Percifull also resigned as a school trustee after announcing for sheriff. The two vacancies may be filled by appointment when the regular board meeting takes place Thursday night. Raymond McCutchen is the board vice-president.

Only one new candidate for a local office filed before the deadline Monday night. He was J. F. McCabe Jr., who will run for Commissioner in Precinct 1. He is the fourth candidate for this office.

Speculation continued until the very end as to whether or not other hats would be tossed into the political ring. Interest was directed to Paul Good, who had not made a public announcement but indicated to friends that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Other potential candidates were scouting around but none decided to file.

The May 7 Democratic Primary Election will be one of the most interesting in the history of Coke County. Most of the local candidates names appear in the political announcement column of this newspaper.

Hotly contested is the race for Precinct 1 Commissioner with four candidates. Four are also running for tax assessor-collector, two for sheriff and two for Precinct 1 Constable. Three candidates have filed for Precinct 2 constable.

Floyd Harmon is unopposed for Commissioner of Precinct 3 and Frank Dickey has no opponent for County Attorney.

A three-cornered race has developed for District Judge, with Wm. C. McDonald and Wm. E. Davenport opposing Judge Joe L. Mays, incumbent. Justin Kever has no opponent for District Attorney.

J. W. (Bill) Moore, Ballinger mayor and gin operator, will battle A. J. Bishop Jr. of Winters for the Legislative seat from this district. Congressman O. C. Fisher is unopposed and State Senator Dorsey Hardeman holds over two more years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard recently enjoyed a few days trip to the San Antonio locality. They visited his sister, Mrs. B. J. Robbins, at Natalia and with a nephew, Telvey Robbins, vocational ag teacher at Bandera. The Sheppards also spent a few hours with the Bill Craddock family on their ranch near Medina.

4-H Youngsters In Tbilene Show

Dawnie Grace Boykin, Bennie Boykin, Jerry Burson, Darrell Pitcock and Gaylon Pitcock, all members of the Robert Lee 4-H Club, exhibited animals at the Abilene Fat Stock Show last week.

Dawnie and Bennie's 2 light-weight fine wool lambs placed, but not in the top 25 animals. They were 34th and 39th in a class of approximately 130 head of lambs.

Jerry Burson's two heavy weight fine wool lambs placed 12th and 30th in a class of excellent heavy weight lambs.

Darrell and Gaylon exhibited their two Hereford steers, placing 17th and 12th respectively with their animals. Gaylon's heavy weight steer made the auction sale and brought 33c per pound.

Quality of the animals in all classes at the Abilene Show was good, making the competition very keen.

\$568 For Polio Fund

Robert Lee and other areas in the west side of the county have contributed \$568.54 to the March of Dimes, according to a report issued Tuesday by Mrs. R. C. Patterson, committee treasurer.

Funds came from the following sources: Mother's march, \$219.58; Robert Lee business firms, \$132.75; Ross service station dime cards, \$9.60; road block Saturday by Boy Scouts, \$83.46; coffee day at Froggy's, \$11.50; Water Valley canvass by Frank Demere Jr., \$90.30; Saco canvass by Mrs. Teddy Pitcock \$21.35.

Reports were not in from the school and benefit basketball games, Edith, Wildcat and Divide and Silver. Last year the west half of the county contributed a total of \$1,225.32. Judge W. W. Thetford, chairman, says he believes this year's efforts will exceed the 1959 amount.

SILVER BENEFIT

Silver folks are expected to turn out for the benefit basketball games there Thursday night, starting at 7:30. The double header will see the Sun Oilers playing the

Robert Lee Independents, and a contest between older players of the Silver and Robert Lee areas.

Robert Lee nosed out the Sun quintet in Robert Lee last week. Silver players included Steele McKinney, Montie Wilkes (Wilk the Still), Jack Gossett, Tyrus Davis, Bob Edwards and Dean Flowers. Representing Robert Lee were Add Davis, Garland Davis, Ronnie Baker, Don Blair, Howard Varnadore, Dale Wojtek, Bill Callaway and Chester Dowell.

In Silver's lineup for the older fellows were Oscar Higginbotham, Hale Kincaid, Guy Wheeler, Charles Simpson, Roy Walker and Earl Lindsey. Robert Lee's team included J. F. McCabe Jr., Lewis Heuvel, Edgar Bagwell, Bud Thetford, Ed Trimble, Finis Harmon, J. L. Carwile and Victor Wojtek.

Outcome of the games last week has been challenged by both sides. In the Silver meeting Thursday night no holds have been barred. The players are going all out for blood and honor. A March of Dimes refreshment stand will be in operation by ladies of the P-TA.

FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB
The Friendship WHD Club met Jan. 28 with Mrs. Wilson Bryan. There were seven members present. Roll call was answered with where I was born and how long I have lived in Coke County.

The program on Citizenship, was given by Mrs. Pat Rives. A presidential candidate quiz was given also. The Texas poll tax issue was discussed. All members present had paid their poll tax.

Mrs. Curtis Walker was elected delegate and Mrs. Pat Rives alternate delegate to be voted on in February Council for the District meeting April 12 in Llano.

Next meeting to be Feb. 11 with Mrs. A. D. Fields at 2 p.m.

D. W. McDonald of Gatesville visited over night Monday with his sister, Mrs. Thelma Mauldin, and her family.

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JACK R. DENMAN, W. M.
W. B. CLIFT, Secretary

Notice Taxpayers

Beginning Jan. 4, I will be in my office in Robert Lee on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and at Bronte Feed & Supply on Friday and Saturday to assist you with your 1959 Income Tax Returns.

O. T. COLVIN
Blackwell, Tex. Ph. 172



"Fine—now wrap it and send it to the Bureau of Internal Revenue!"

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Floyd Harmon has been in Pampa the past ten days helping care for a new grandchild. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harmon.

Arthur Hayley, 79 year old Robert Lee resident, remains in a serious condition in a San Angelo hospital where he underwent surgery a week ago. Mrs. Hayley has been with him much of the time and has been a guest in the home of Mrs. E. B. Creech. A son, Ted Hayley of Corpus Christi, was at his father's bedside the last of the week.

Dan Wallet of Big Spring has been a recent guest in the home of his niece, Mrs. Geo. Lomas, and family.

Mrs. J. O. Rudd is a substitute for Mrs. Bobby Walker in the county agents' office while Mrs. Walker is hospitalized.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Em Forman came from Kerrville to visit her sister, Mrs. Aminda Runnion, and attended the Eastern Star meeting Tuesday night. Mrs. Runnion is worthy matron of the Robert Lee chapter and her sister is a past matron and at present is grand representative in Texas from the District of Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson and children of Lubbock and the Dan Hall family of Ballinger came Sunday to visit the ladies' sister, Mrs. Bobby Walker, who was a surgical patient in Coke Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Page of Odessa also visited Mrs. Walker on Sunday. She is their niece.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Jan. 27—Roy Blair admitted. Mrs. Lillian Caraway, Mrs. Richard Dumas and infant son dismissed.

Jan. 28—Mrs. Sam Fowler dismissed.

Jan. 29—Mrs. Loyd Phelan, J. L. Roe admitted. Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry Jr. and J. L. Roe dismissed.

Jan. 30—Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith, Mrs. Bobby Walker admitted. Roy Blair, Wanda Yarbrough dismissed.

Feb. 1—Mrs. Thelma Mauldin, Mrs. Jack Cowley, Alton Roberts admitted. Mrs. Loyd Phelan dismissed.

Feb. 2—Mrs. J. W. Service Jr. admitted.

Sen. Yarborough Leads Dimes Drive



Sen. Ralph Yarborough, of Texas, leads off the 1960 New March of Dimes with his contribution to Pat Lombardo, six-year-old polio victim in Washington, D. C. New March of Dimes funds are being used to combat three crippling: birth defects, arthritis and polio.

Mrs. O. B. Jacobs underwent major surgery Tuesday morning at a San Angelo hospital. Her condition yesterday was reported as good.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard have received word that their son, Floyd, has returned to his home in Austin after taking special training at Huntsville, Ala. He has a civil service position with the Air Force.

Mrs. M. W. (Buster) Farris has been dismissed from a Brownwood hospital where she underwent surgery and is now convalescing in the home of a sister in Brownwood.

Mrs. Gretchen Gardie left Monday for her home in St. Louis, Mo., after a two weeks' visit here with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Butcher and family.

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- CANE SUGAR - 10 Lbs. 99c
- PEANUT BUTTER - 1 Lb. Jar 37c
- COFFEE, All Brands - Lb. 69c

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Silver News

Earl Cook, a teacher and basketball coach, and 15 pupils were absent from the Silver school Monday because of illness. Influenza seems to have become more prevalent here the past week.

Frank Mullican returned last Wednesday after three weeks of medical treatment in Veterans Hospital at Big Spring. He is much improved. Mr. Mullican wishes to thank the many friends for their visits, cards and words of cheer during his stay in the hospital.

A. D. Leonard and family have moved to the V. T. McCabe ranch house northwest of Silver, after residing for some time in the W. L. Carr house west of here. Mr. Leonard is an employee at Jameson plant.

Allen Jameson went back to Big Lake the last of the week and brought his wife home after she spent a week with their son, G. A. Jameson and family.

Mike and Bobby, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mumford, submitted to tonsilectomies in a San Angelo hospital Saturday. They returned Monday to their home in Silver.

Alvin (Sonny) Palmer has gone to Beaumont where he has a position with Pitts, Mebane & Phelps, large architect firm. After graduating from Texas A & M early last summer, Alvin spent six months of active duty as a second lieutenant in the army. He spent the past few weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Palmer.

Miss Frances Kesner, senior at H-SU in Abilene, came to Silver for a weekend visit with her aunt.

A. B. Sheppard
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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Mrs. Fred Theis, and family. The group motored to Snyder on Sunday afternoon where they visited Jerry Kesner, a brother of Frances.

Mrs. Fred Wilcox and Mrs. Bob Odom were in San Angelo last Thursday night when they attended a meeting of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Ted Sorrells and son, Gerald, attended the stock show in Ft. Worth the last of the week. Mrs. Sorrells received word Saturday night of the death of a sister, Mrs. I. B. Berryhill, at Levelland. The family went to Levelland Sunday and remained for the funeral on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edwards left Sunday for their home at Seminole, Okla., after a week's visit with their son, Bob Edwards and family.

Mrs. Jim Herford returned Saturday from a week's stay in Dallas where she underwent medical treatment. She was brought home by an aunt.

Kay and Mit Rogers of Robert Lee were weekend guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gann. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Rogers.

Curtis Parish and family spent the weekend with relatives in Odessa.

Employees of Jameson gasoline plant reported on the sick list Monday were Jim Post, A. D. Leonard and Eddie Byrd.

Larry Cheatham, freshman at Texas Tech, spent a vacation between semesters here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Cheatham. Larry also went to Strawn where he visited the R. D. Arthur family.

Tommy Stewart has re-entered Texas Tech for the second semester, and Tommy Wilkes has returned to studies at Sul Ross in Alpine.

Lee Mullican, a junior at Tech, was also home for a few days.

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

Coahoma, Miles Champions Of Silver Tourney

Coahoma girls and Miles boys walked off with championships at Silver's annual junior high basketball tournament last week. Lo-raine girls were defeated by Coahoma 34-10 in the final, while Silver Indians were downed by Miles in the boys championship battle.

The meet which got underway on Wednesday was well attended and some excellent games were witnessed. In the girls consolation final Sterling City nosed out Silver 33-32.

Lunches and refreshments were served throughout the tourney by the P-TA ladies, with total receipts of \$386.95. Net proceeds will go to the school athletic fund. Door receipts amounted to \$147.10.

In charge of the tournament were Supt. Paul Ashby, Prin. Guy Wheeler and Earl Cook, basketball coach. Other teachers helped with ticket selling, etc. Everyone connected with the event is entitled to much praise.

Supt. Ashby was responsible for providing a fine array of trophies and acknowledges contributions from the following:

Sun Grocery, Clendennen Portable Welding Service, Jameson Roustabout Service, and R. S. Anderson, Silver.

Robert Lee State Bank, Vaughan Chevrolet Co., Ivey Motor Co., Farris Drug, Froggy's Cafe, Fern Havins, Brown Lumber & Supply, Roach's Dry Goods and Robert Lee Observer, all of Robert Lee.

Also Armstrong Lumber Co., of San Angelo and Burton-Lingo Lumber Co., Leonard Henderson Service Station, Texaco Station, Adams Chevrolet, Landers Cafe and Craddock-Whitten Auto Co., all of Colorado City.

If you don't get The Observer, you don't get the NEWS.

Honor Roll

Silver Public School
Third Six Weeks

"A" HONOR ROLL

- 9th grade — John Paul Ashby, Dwain Walker, Allen Clendennen, Twila Edwards.
- 8th grade — Mary Beth Walker, Jackson McCallie.
- 7th grade — Judy Bloodworth.
- 6th grade — Karen Fugate, Brenda Jameson.
- 5th grade — Carl Bloodworth, Sherry Beggs, Steven Kohutek, Robert Moathers, Susan Newell, Jim Clendennen.
- 4th grade — Rose Ann White.
- 3rd grade — Sandra Cone, Kathy Denman, Betty Post, Lynn

Beal.

- 2nd grade — Donna Ramsey, Nona Ramsey, Carol Edwards.

"B" HONOR ROLL

- 9th grade — Stanley Post, Norman Butcher, Pat Wilkes.
- 8th grade — Rosalind Bradham, Ramon Kincaid, Mike Simpson.
- 7th grade — Jann Mills, Keith Jones, Allana Cartrite.
- 6th — Aletris Ackerman, Gayle Conley, Robert Jameson, Curry Mayo, Sandra Welch, Rhonda Gartman, Fredda McCabe.
- 5th grade — Jeannie Sirus, Gene Sorrells, Connie Dukes, Gil Gilbert, Donnie Higginbotham, Debbie Hines, Larry Paul, Jimmy Millican, Cynthia Davis.

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Mr. A. J. Kirkpatrick
Publisher, Robert Lee Observer
Dear Sir:

I was born and reared in Coke County and your paper is a welcome visitor in our home as news from our friends and relatives there.

I am enclosing a descriptive narrative of some of the reasons why our state is called THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT. If you have room in your paper to print this, I would be grateful, as I consider this a letter to my friends.

If you do not have space, then would you give it to Mrs. Pauline Coalson.

Very respectfully,
H. C. Vest (Claude)
Box 963
Lordsburg, N. M.

OUR ENCHANTED WASTELAND

In my wandering through the greasewood hills, I am inspired by its intrinsic beauty, its stillness, the quietness with its voidness of movement of life; now and then a bare formation of jutting rock standing as sentinels guarding that great silence as though jealous of man's intrusion of its expansive sanctuary. In the moonlight these sentinels take on a silvery glow, and the night with its velvety touch silently moves down like dew falling on the petal of the rose.

Here, like the deep forest, there seems to be whispering, haunting evidence of a mysterious something that must be looked for, discovered, that its appreciation may find in the consciousness of intellect, a prospective value of its own.

Wherein it seems we might find a new field of exploration, and as limitless space brings a feeling of insecurity, this too may be judged by some as a place of nothingness. Yet to the ears that are tuned to the higher sounds of music, there is harmony and melody in the silent breezes that move like gossamer across what at first may appear a vast wasteland.

Here one can find solitude, the weighing of oneself in the balances, searching our soul or mind for those discrepant ideas that have deceived us so long, by hiding away in the noise, bustle and blunders in our present age.

My mind goes back to the Indian as pictured by the Artist, standing on a barren peak with arms uplifted toward space, silently reaching into the unknown. There must be something in this limitless, this silentness that is trying to make itself known, to convey an understanding of mutual benefits to those who enter its sphere. Yes, there is that something akin to restfulness, a lifting up that is attuned to lofty heights, rising above that small selfishness that seems to smother by its provocative separation or unpenetrative shield. Herein we might find or discover for ourselves health and wealth for the soul.

Out there I find the Musician, the Physician, and the Master of my soul.

My land of Enchantment of thee I sing

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Caution! my Tourist, it will put you to sleep.

(This last line was prompted by the loss of our beloved Joe Thetford on Hi-way 80 about 4:30 a.m. March 4, 1954, near Lordsburg in Steins Pass.)

W. P. Holleyman Retires After 29 Years With Sun

W. P. Holleyman has begun a 4-weeks' vacation prior to his retirement March 1 as a Sun Oil Company pumper. After 29 years with Sun he will reach the compulsory retirement age of 65 on Feb. 10. The company's retirement plan provides for one-half regular pay.

Mr. and Mrs. Holleyman have been residents of Silver for a number of years and have been active members of the Baptist Church. A farewell party for them was held at the church last Friday night. They have lived in one of the company houses on the C. E. Mathers lease.

Their son, Max W. Holleyman, is a Baptist minister in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Holleyman own a home in Fort Worth at 1332 West Spurgeon street. They mov-

ed their household articles over the weekend.

The Holleymans take with them best wishes of many Coke County friends. They have subscribed to The Observer to keep in touch with happenings at Silver.

SILVER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Girls Division

Coahoma 43, Sterling C. 14.
Miles 23, Westbrook 11.
Lorraine 28, Silver 27.
Highland 47, Ira 21.
Coahoma 41, Miles 25.
Lorraine 23, Highland 22.
Coahoma 34, Lorraine 10.

CONSOLATION

Sterling 32, Westbrook 24.
Silver 34, Ira 24.
Sterling 33, Silver 32.

Boys Division

Sterling 38, Coahoma 35.
Miles 47, Westbrook 17.
Silver 32, Lorraine 24.
Highland 30, Robert Lee 21.
Miles 42, Sterling 41.
Highland 27, Silver 24. (Game forfeited to Silver after Highland reported an ineligible player).
Miles 32, Silver 23.

CONSOLATION

Coahoma 36, Westbrook 17.
Lorraine 37, Robert Lee 27.
Coahoma 58, Lorraine 28.
Sportsmanship award, girls, Miles, Boys, Highland.

Most outstanding players — Girl, Porter of Coahoma; boy, Knappl of Miles.

Girls All Tournament Team—Wright, Miles; Turnlow, Lorraine; Bennett, Coahoma; Davis, Sterling City; Van Zant, Highland, and Beverly Higginbotham, Silver.

Boys All Tournament Team — Cunningham, Coahoma; McCown, Miles; Wright, Highland; Mar-

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

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cum, Lorraine; Bautista, Sterling City, Ashby, Silver.

Officials — Steele McKinney, Charles Simpson, Bob Edwards.

Raymond Shandley, deputy postmaster, was confined to his home this week with influenza. Mrs. A. J. Bilbo worked in the post office as substitute clerk.

J. O. Rudd and Alton Roberts spent a few days last week helping Lea Aldwell move livestock on his ranch in the El Paso locality. Mr. Aldwell has sold the property.

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Deadline Near For GI Loans

Arthur Sitas of San Angelo, veterans service officer for Tom Green, Coke and Irion counties, has received information of interest concerning direct GI loans to veterans of World War II and the Korean conflict.

Word from the Veterans Administration regional office at Lubbock states that Direct Loan Funds may not be committed after July 24, 1960. Funds now on hand and those to be received early this year must be committed, disbursed and the loans closed prior to June 30, 1960.

All applications, credit reports, appraisals, construction inspections, certificates of approval by state agencies and individuals, and loan closings must be affected timely and in good order if the time limits above are to be met.

Mr. Sitas said this applies to veterans who reside outside the metropolitan areas where guaranteed GI loans are not available, such as Coke County.

CARD OF THANKS

We are most grateful for the many kindnesses and the expressions of sympathy shown us in the illness and death of our loved one.—The Entire Family of H. T. Barger.

Alvin Butcher returned to his home in Robert Lee Tuesday after two weeks in a San Angelo hospital. He was hit in the eye with a BB bullet two weeks ago. The injury appears to be responding to treatment in a satisfactory manner. Alvin is the 10-year-old son of Mrs. C. E. Butcher. He is happy to be back home but will not be permitted to return to school for at least another week.

Want Ads

FOR SALE—7-ft. Frigidaire, \$30. Come and see it. Ellis Eubanks, GL 3-3611. 34ff

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STRAYED — One light colored Brahman heifer, 2 years old, from the Baze pasture north of town. Finder please notify A. V. Hughes, phone GL 3-2671. S. E. Adams, owner.

FOR SALE—F12 tractor made over into a 14, good shape, fair tires, lots of work left in it; equipped with cultivator and planter, complete for \$150, sale or trade. Ellis Eubanks, Ph. GL 3-3611. 31ff

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PERSONALS The Sermonette

Jerald Ivey of Odessa was a Robert Lee visitor Monday when he received a service checkup on a new Ford recently purchased from Ivey Motor Co. Jerald is deputy sheriff in Ector County, a position he has held the past three years. He likes law enforcement work and is proving himself a good officer. Jerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Buck) Ivey, who now reside in Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham Conner recently visited here with her sister, Mrs. Ethel Green. They have just returned from Brazil where Mr. Conner spent 2½ years in oil field work. The Connors are residents of Bakersfield, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Caulder and daughter, Debbie, returned Tuesday to their home in Midland after a visit with Mrs. Caulder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker.

Mrs. Ernest Varnadore, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Lonnie Thompson and children, came in last Wednesday night from Artesia, N. Mex. Both Mrs. Varnadore and her daughter were victims of flu after reaching Robert Lee but were improved early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kerley came from Hermleigh last Wednesday to look after business matters and visit friends. Mr. Kerley stopped by to renew their Observer subscription.

4-H Electricity Study Group Tours Plant

Eleven 4-H club members, their leader and the Coke County Extension Agents toured the Texas Electric Service Company's Morgan Creek generating plant near Colorado City on Saturday, January 16. Mr. Roy Bates, plant superintendent, and Mr. Jack Baker, assistant plant engineer, outlined the tour for the group and showed them the various sections of the multimillion dollar plant.

The group, under the leadership of T. M. Wylie, Jr., toured the plant to secure a better understanding of the production and transmission of electricity. They were shown the plant from the top to the bottom, from the control rooms to the transmission gear.

The 4-H club members making the tour were part of a special interest group that meets monthly to study electricity, its use on the farm and in the home, electrical safety, and the use of electrical appliances and equipment. Members of the group making the tour were Ann Moore, Bill Roach, Roy Gene Ivey, Selso Abalos, Prescilla Wylie, James Calder, Dickie Calder, Luther Lara, James Bird Pentecost, Leta Fay Robertson and Linda Thetford.

By REV. ROBIN GUESS Baptist Minister

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote: "A man's mind stretched by a new ideas can never go back to its original dimensions."

A child who suddenly realizes that the letters in the simple alphabet are not just isolated sounds and shapes, but meaningful symbols that form words, has grasped an idea that will lead to a constant expansion of his mind.

How long has it been since your mind was stretched by a new idea?

Too often, our minds become occupied only with knowledge we have already learned. We are no longer opened to new ideas and facts. When that happens, our minds cease to grow. Our spiritual growth is likewise affected.

According to Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins: "Unhappily, the more successful a person is in his daily work the more likelihood there is that this unfortunate condition will result. As we become more and more absorbed with our specialty—whether it is law, medicine, engineering, science business or any one of the hundreds of other engrossing occupations—we cease to absorb the new knowledge that leads to new concepts." With the years, the mind often

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narrows rather than broadens because we cease to stretch it by exploring the great subjects of philosophy, government, and religion.

That Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah was not the generally accepted fact to the Jew of the first century nor to the Gentile. But to those who did accept Him as such were never to be the same! They would learn the truth and this Truth would set them free.

Although history reveals a furious wave of persecution was waged against the early Christians, they would not falter. For it was not only their personal well being at stake, it was the life of the Church itself.

Their minds had been stretched by the fact that this truly was the promised Messiah. Their hearts had been moved. And although hell itself were turned loose against them, their minds and hearts would never return again to its original dimensions.

If and when your mind and heart are stirred by Christ to definite commitment, YOU will not be the same. And the world will see; even though they cannot understand. And Christ will be magnified to the honor and glory of the Father.

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BIRTHS

SERVICE — Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr. (Ida Belle Eaton) are parents of a daughter born at 8:34 a. m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 8¼ ounces and has been given the name of Kaylan Sue. She has two sisters, Kathy, and Konnie, and two brothers, John and Jay Lynn. The father is employed in the production department of Sun Oil Co. at Silver. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick.

Weekly Meditation

Cling to the whole Bible, not a part of it. A man is not going to do much with a broken sword.

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Political Announcements

The Robert Lee Observer is authorized to announce the following candidates for public office, subject to action of the Democratic Primary Election to be held May 7, 1960:

For State Representative, 77th Dis.
J. W. MOORE
Of Ballinger, Runnels County

For Sheriff
MELVIN CHILDRESS
WILL PERCIFULL

For Tax Assessor-Collector:
O. B. JACOBS
MRS. JUANITA TRIMBLE
WILLIAM J. GREEN
AUBREY Z. DENMAN

For Commissioner, Prec. 1
ALTON ROBERTS
FERN HAVINS
C. L. (BUCKLES) SPARKS
J. F. McCABE JR.

For Commissioner, Prec. 3
FLOYD HARMON

For County Attorney:
FRANK C. DICKEY

For Constable, Precinct 1
LOYD PHELAN
OLLIE ROE

Death Claims Homer Barger In San Angelo

Services for Homer Thomas Barger, 60, former Coke County resident, were held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Pecan Baptist Church west of Edith, with burial in Terry Memorial Cemetery. Clift Funeral home was in charge.

Mr. Barger died Thursday in Shannon hospital after a long illness.

He was born Oct. 20, 1899, at Pleasant Point in Johnson County, the son of Charles M. and Anna Sparks Barger. When a child he moved with his parents to Coke County.

For many years they resided on a ranch west of Edith. Later they moved to Robert Lee and the elder Mr. Barger ran a grocery store. After Mr. Barger's death the family moved to San Angelo.

Homer was married in 1928 to Miss Lela Hogan of Seymour. He



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was a member of Pecan Baptist Church. In recent years he had been employed on the Coty Ranch near San Angelo.

Survivors include his wife of San Angelo; two sons, Jerrold Don and Ray Bruce Barger, both of Dallas; two sisters, Miss Juanita Barger of Dallas and Mrs. S. J. Lovell of Kermit, and one brother, Claud E. Barger of Alpine.

DEATH OF L. WOODS

LaFayette Woods, 64 year old San Angelo cafe owner, collapsed and died at his place of business, 1420 S. Chadbourne, about 4:30 p.m. last Friday. He was a brother of Will Woods of Robert Lee. A native of San Saba County, Mr. Woods had lived in San Angelo 28 years. He was also a brother of Fred Woods, owner of a sea food restaurant. He has two other brothers, three sisters and three sons. Mr. and Mrs. Will Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Artelle Roberts attended the funeral service in San Angelo Monday at 10 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JENNIE SCOTT ALLEN, A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND, and, TO THE ESTATE OF JENNIE SCOTT ALLEN, DECEASED:

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court of Coke County, Texas to be held in the County Court-room in the Courthouse of said County in the City of Robert Lee, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which day of appearance will be the 15th day of February, 1960, and contest, by filing written answer of contest, if they or any of them see proper so to do, a verified account, the nature of which is an Account for Final Settlement of such Estate, which has been filed by Eva Ashworth, the Guardian of the Estate of Jennie Scott Allen, a person of unsound mind, and is now pending there, in a probate proceeding on the Probate Docket of said Court styled ESTATE OF JENNIE SCOTT ALLEN, A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND, the file number of which account and the docket number of which proceedings is No. 747, which account will be at such ten o'clock hour, on such day, and at such place be considered by such Court.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days from date of its issuance it shall be returned, unserved.

WITNESS J. L. TINKER, Clerk of the County Court of Coke County, Texas. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in the City of Robert Lee, this 2nd day of February A. D. 1960.

J. L. Tinkler
Clerk of the County Court of Coke County, Texas.

(Seal)

PERSONALS

Mrs. Bobby Walker underwent an emergency appendectomy Saturday night in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She was making a good recovery yesterday. Mrs. Walker, the former Joyce King, was in San Angelo to spend the weekend with the Billy Vick family when she became ill. Her husband is on duty with the U. S. Army in Hawaii.

Robbie Don Godwin arrived Sunday for a vacation between semesters from his studies at Texas A & M College. He is a junior and is majoring in journalism. Robbie Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Godwin of Sun's Millican camp west of Edith.

Mrs. Carl Brock and Miss Madine Burgess went to Midland Saturday when they visited their sister, Mrs. J. G. Snow. Mrs. Snow had made a brief trip to Odessa to visit her son, James Snow. The Snows reside at Benson, Ariz.

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Mrs. Mark Mahan and daughter, Cathy, of Cincinnati, Ohio, are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hollis, and family at Silver and with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Austin in Colorado City. The visitors will be here a month and are in hopes the West Texas climate may benefit Mrs. Mahan's health.

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