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New Concrete Spillway Apron at Mountain Creek Dam

\$78,000 Dam Repairs Sets \$155,000 Debt

Spillway repairs completed late last year at Mountain Creek Dam cost \$78,101.02, according to G. C. Allen of Robert Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Upper Colorado River Authority.

This amount has been paid from UCRA funds and will be added to the figure that the City of Robert Lee will have to pay off during future years. The recent repairs added to the original cost and other repair jobs bring the total amount to \$154,000 that the city is owing to the UCRA.

Breaking down the latest spillway repair cost, Mr. Allen said the sum of \$64,187.24 was paid to Seidel & Sons, who had the main contract. Engineering fees, together with plans, specifications and supervision, cost \$13,097.55. A piece of additional land purchased from D. J. Walker Sr. cost \$500 and labor and material for fencing was \$124.78. Expense of advertising for bids amounted to \$191.45, to bring about the more than \$78,000 total.

Some idea of the huge spillway may be had from the above photo. The spillway is 500 feet in length and has a solid concrete apron which slopes gradually. At present water fills the excavation at the foot of the apron but it is expected this will fill up with silt.

There has been no runoff water since the 8-inch downpour in October, 1957, when one-half the

Commissioners Will Attend District Meet

Coke County officials are making plans to attend a convention of West Texas Judges and Commissioners Ass'n in San Angelo the first of next week.

The convention opens Sunday and continues through Tuesday. A program has been arranged which will prove highly beneficial to all county officials.

Coke County Commissioners Court held a special session Tuesday to transact business which would have come up at next Monday's regular session which has been called off because of the convention.

old spillway was washed out. Original contract between the City of Robert Lee and the Upper Colorado River Authority provided that the UCRA would build the dam and spillway. There was to be no interest charges for the funds used and the city was to pay off the amount \$350 monthly.

The contract set forth that repairs of less than \$1,000 per year were to be paid by the city, and amounts over that would be made by the UCRA. Repairs were made in 1955 with two contracts which amounted to \$23,920.99 and 4,900.

Original cost of the project was \$24,000 and at the rate of \$350 monthly the city had paid off \$36,050 up to Jan. 1, 1960. That leaves \$47,950 still due on the original contract in addition to \$106,922.01 for subsequent repairs.

It totals up to about \$155,000 the City of Robert Lee owes the UCRA and at the present rate of payment of \$350 per month it will require more than 36 years to pay off.

Red Cross Drive Now Under Way

H. A. Springer, Coke County Red Cross Chapter chairman, announced this week that the organization's annual fund drive opened March 1. Springer said that Cecil Kemp has accepted the job of being fund drive chairman, and will be in charge of the campaign.

Quota for the county this year is \$932.00.

Springer said that the job of securing volunteer workers to carry on the campaign remains to be done and that anybody who will help should contact him or Kemp. He said he hopes a full slate of volunteers will be lined up soon.

4-H CLUB PANCAKE SUPPER

Approximately 300 persons were served at the 4-H Club Pancake Supper last Friday night at the Robert Lee school lunch room. The committee extends special thanks for assistance from Hale Kincaid, John Conley and O. B. Jacobs, as well as many others who helped make the affair a success.

Silver Youths Injured In Car Accident

John Walker and Mike Hollis, well known Silver youths, were injured Tuesday afternoon when the former's jeep overturned with them on the Silver Loop.

Both were brought to Coke County Hospital, Robert Lee, in the Clift ambulance.

Hollis, bleeding from internal injuries, was later removed to Shannon hospital in San Angelo.

He underwent surgery early Wednesday and it was disclosed his injuries were not serious.

Walker received a broken collar bone. Both young men were in good condition Wednesday evening.

Walker, a senior at Robert Lee high school, is the son of J. B. Walker Jr. Hollis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hollis, is a Robert Lee high school sophomore.

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

3 Little Girls Given Homes With Friends

The matter of custody of three little girls, from 15 months to 4 years of age, all sisters, was taken up in a District Court hearing in Robert Lee Monday, with Judge Joe L. Mays presiding. The children are daughters of Billy Ray and Marion Petty.

They had been left with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Snowden of Silver, about Dec. 15. They were no kin to the Snowdens, but the mother failed to return for them after stating she would be gone a short time only.

This took place in Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Snowden later brought them to their home at Silver. A few weeks ago friends offered to take the girls and care for them and they are now in the following homes:

Denice Marie, born Mar. 19, 1956, is living with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Lomas in Robert Lee; Nancy May, 26 months old, is with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McDaniel, who reside at Texas Natural Camp near Silver; and the youngest, Glenda Joyce, 15 months of age,

Damage Results From Ice Coating

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

A list of holidays to be observed during the year by Robert Lee business firms was adopted at Tuesday's luncheon meeting of the Board of Community Development. The holidays are Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. When these holidays occur on Sunday the following Monday will be observed by closing. Cumbie Ivey Jr., B-CD president, presided over the meeting which was well attended. Guests included County Commissioners Ed Hickman, Howard Brock and Claude Ditmore and Waymon Robertson, city commissioner.

OES Plans Tea Here Sunday For G. C. Allen

Gerald C. Allen, who has been elevated to a high position in the Order of Eastern Star, will be honored at a Tea next Sunday, Mar. 6, from 2 to 5 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach.

Invitations have been sent to 400 members of the OES and friends to attend the function. Other grand officers and a number of persons from a distance are expected to be present.

Mr. Allen, well known Robert Lee banker and ranchman, was elected Associate Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star in Texas at sessions of the Grand Chapter late last year in San Antonio.

Sponsoring the Tea for Mr. Allen are officers and members of Robert Lee OES Chapter.

Sleet and rain this week is causing hazardous traveling conditions, closed schools and caused considerable livestock losses.

Highways were glazed Monday and Tuesday, with warmer temperatures breaking up most of the ice coating Tuesday afternoon. Travel continued during the period at a low speed and no serious traffic accidents have been reported in Coke County.

Schools were closed at Robert Lee and Bronte on Tuesday and the Robert Lee school remained closed Wednesday. At Silver the school operated as usual.

All outside work has been at a standstill, including the street paving project in Robert Lee and the work of relaying of many city water lines.

City Water Supt. Cecil Mayfield performed the precarious task of climbing the ice-coated ladder to the 125-foot top of the city water supply tank, to release a valve which had been frozen shut.

Mrs. Aminda Runnion, star route mail carrier, found highways were most hazardous Monday morning, but she handled her route on schedule. Only difficulty was experienced Tuesday when she was unable to negotiate the steep hill leading up to the Divide southwest of Robert Lee. Eight patrons on the Divide failed to get their mail Tuesday.

Only extreme caution has kept down traffic mishaps and no injuries have been reported from falls on the ice.

Biggest loss will be from baby lambs which are coming during the stormy period. Many stockmen are lambing now. Everyone is having to feed since weeds and grass have been covered up.

Cold temperatures have also continued since the middle of last week when a low of 10 degrees was registered. Temperatures this week have been several degrees below freezing up to day time highs of 32 degrees.

SCHOOL PROGRAM AT SILVER

Texas Public School Week will be observed at Silver with a program Friday night. Patrons and pupils are invited to be on hand for a band concert at 7:00 followed by open house in each room. Teachers will be present to acquaint patrons with the work that is being carried on. Refreshments will be served by ladies of the PTA.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Feb. 23 — Osa Faries admitted.
Feb. 24 — Mrs. Suddie Clepper admitted.

Feb. 25 — Osa Faries dismissed.
Feb. 26 — Mrs. C. A. Dukes dismissed.

Feb. 27 — Mrs. Harold Akin, Rhea Jean McCutchen admitted.
Mrs. Lee Hallmark, Mrs. B. B. Pierce, Mrs. Bert Duncan dismissed.

Feb. 29 — Mrs. Pete Tijerina, Morgan Russell admitted.
Mrs. Lois Mae Smith, Mrs. Harold Akin, Rhea Jean McCutchen dismissed.
Mar. 1 — Son born to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tijerina.

Funeral Rites Held Here For Arthur Hayley

Death has come to Arthur Hayley, 78, early day Coke County resident, who returned to spend the last few years of his life here. His passing occurred at 5 o'clock the morning of Feb. 27 at his home in the north part of Robert Lee.

He had been in failing health for some time and a few weeks ago underwent major surgery in a San Angelo hospital. Later he was transferred to Coke County Memorial Hospital here and the last 11 days had been cared for by his wife at their home.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Robert Lee Baptist with the pastor, Rev. Robin Guess officiating, assisted by Rev. Travis McNair, Methodist minister. Burial was in Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Cliff Funeral Home.

Arthur E. Hayley was born Aug. 12, 1881, in Coleman County, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hayley. As a boy he lived in Abilene, Hayrick, and Robert Lee. He was engaged in stock farming for a time but his main life's work was carpentry.

He had been living at Sweetwater and Corpus Christi when he came to Bronte in 1954 and then to Robert Lee early in 1955. He was employed by Fred Roe and Palmer Leeper for some time.

He married Mrs. Eva Murtishaw on May 12, 1955. They had known each other from childhood, as

their parents were neighbors in Abilene, Hayrick and in Robert Lee. Their companionship after their marriage was happy for both.

Arthur was a good man, friendly and neighborly. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, T. A. Hayley of Corpus Christi, Vance Hayley of Houston, and Arnold Hayley of Ingleswood, Calif.; also four stepchildren, Mrs. Ardie Gibbins of Clyde, Emory Hughes of East Point, Ga., A. V. Hughes and Mrs. Ell Hatley of Robert Lee.

He is also survived by six sisters, Mrs. Ada Henderson of Snyder, Mrs. Walker Huddleston of a, Mrs. L. Dunlap and Mrs. J. M. Jennings of Sweetwater, Mrs. Carl Mayer of Van Buren, Ark., and Mrs. K. L. Daugherty of Glenside, Pa.; and three brothers, I. E. Hayley of Snyder, E. G. Hayley of Waco and W. C. Hayley of Sweetwater.

A large group of kinfolks and friends came for the funeral rites on Sunday. Present were the sons from Corpus Christi and Houston, his brothers from Snyder and Sweetwater, and three sisters, Mrs. Huddleston, Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Jennings.

FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

Mrs. Linzy McDorman was hostess to the Friendship Home Demonstration Club the afternoon of Feb. 25. Guest speaker was Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, who gave an interesting talk on First Aid. A refreshment plate was served to six members, two children and one guest.

School, City Candidates Squaring Off

Two tickets are expected to be filed for the Robert Lee city election and three candidates are now in the race for two school trustees. Deadline for candidates to file for the city election is Saturday, March 5, while Wednesday, Mar. 2, was the school deadline.

Petitions are being circulated to re-elect the present slate of city officials including Mayor W. D. McAdams and Commissioners Waymond Robertson and Curtis Walker.

Another petition which was to be filed Wednesday included the names of A. R. Bagwell for mayor and Jessie Eads and Royce Smith for commissioners.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

First candidate in the race for school trustee was J. Q. Counts, who was placed in nomination by petition.

Tuesday a petition was filed bearing the names of Finnell Smith and Royce Smith. Mr. Smith's three-year term expires this spring. Fagan Parker, whose term also expires, is not a candidate for re-election.

From the prevailing talk early this week, it is likely other candidates will be in the running for school trustees.

SILVER CANDIDATE

Two more candidates for the Silver school board have been filed by petition. They include J. B. Walker Jr. and Raymond Bloodworth. Walker is a candidate for re-election. Bob Odom, whose term is expiring, is not a candidate to succeed himself.

Other candidates for trustee at Silver include Charlie J. Green, who filed in person, and Ernest Clendennen and Bob Edwards, whose names were filed by petition.

PERSONALS

Mrs. E. C. Davis continues to make improvement at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo where she has been a patient since early last week. Mr. Davis is spending most of the time at her bedside.

Good reports come from W. F. Olsen who underwent major surgery last Wednesday in a San Angelo hospital. Their daughter, Mrs. Raymond McCutchen, and other children have been with him.

Coke Women Attend WHD Dist. Meeting

The Texas Home Demonstration Association Club ladies of District 7 met at Sweetwater on February 8 for their annual training-planning meeting. Mrs. Thomas Egan, district vice-president, called the meeting to order at 10 a. m. There were 75 ladies present, representing 16 counties. Extension personnel present were Mrs. Fanny Brown Eaton, Clothing Specialist and Miss Maureen Hearne, Texas Home Demonstration Agent.

The Rev. Marshall Rhew gave the invocation. Candidates for vice-president, to be elected at the district meeting, were introduced. They are Mrs. Maynard Gaines of Coleman County and Mrs. Gladys Box of Llano County.

A very informative panel discussion on T. H. D. A. rules was conducted by four of the most experienced ladies of the district, Mmes. Edgar Holly, Raymond McElrath, A. Lee Whitt and George Johansen.

The afternoon was begun with a song and dance team composed of Misses Debra Marth and Philis Haynes, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ray Hendricks.

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
A. J. BISHOP JR.
Of Winters, 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

For District Judge, 51st Dist.

WILLIAM C. McDONALD

SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB

The Robert Lee Sunshine 4-H Club met Feb. 22, when the program was featured by a discussion of dairy foods. Tickets were handed out to be sold for the pancake supper. Two new members present were Lois Heuvel and Cindy Mundell. — Patty Hughes, Reporter.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Coke County Board of Education held a session at the County Judge's office in Robert Lee Monday afternoon. W. D. McAdams is chairman of the board and Judge W. W. Thetford serves as secretary. W. W. Fikes, board member from Precinct 1 for the past 20 years, declined to stand for re-election and Dale Brown was placed in nomination for the position. Dave King of Precinct 2 will be a candidate again. Other members of the County Board of Education are Noah Pruitt Sr., Precinct 2, and Clarence Arrott, Precinct 4.

Former County Judge Jeff Dean returned to his home in Robert Lee the latter part of the week from a stay of more than two weeks in the Bronte Hospital. He is considerably improved.

Hayrick Lodge

No. 696 A.F. & AM
Meets second Tuesday
night in each month
visitors welcome.

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

Weekly Meditation

Quite often when a man thinks his mind is getting broader, it's only his conscience stretching.

If we can be of service to you please call upon us.

Minister, Delbert Smith
Phone GL 3-3441

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Assemblies of the Church:
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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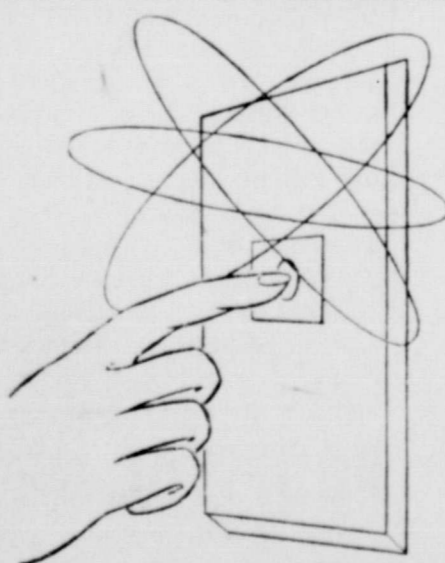
PERSONALS

Capt. and Mrs. Frank D. Bryan left Sunday for Ardmore, Okla., to find living quarters. Capt. Bryan's new army orders will send him to Ardmore March 15 where he will be an advisor to National Guard units in that area.

Mrs. Mattie Tinkler returned recently from spending a few weeks at Big Lake with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dumas. Mr. and Mrs. Dumas sold their farm near Brownwood some time ago and purchased an automatic laundry at Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams were in Abilene Friday and Saturday when the former attended the annual convention of West Texas Utilities Co. managers. Mr. McAdams said WTU officials are very optimistic in regard to the economic future of the West Texas area which they serve.

J. C. Cobb is showing improvement in Coke County Memorial Hospital where he has been a patient for ten days. His daughters, Mrs. D. C. Harmon of Farmington, N. Mex., and Mrs. Steve Masey of Grosvenor were called here by his illness.



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"... that by these ye
might be partakers of
the divine nature."
2 Peter 1:4

Attend REVIVAL Services
Robert Lee Baptist Church
LAYMAN'S REVIVAL
March 16 - 20

OLEN MILES, Evangelist
KENNETH SHAW, Singer

FOOD SPECIALS

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

DELICIOUS

Apples lb. 15c

CALIFORNIA
SUNKIST ORANGES - Lb. 15c

FRESH GREEN

Cabbage lb. 5c

AVOCADOS - - Each 5c

KIMBELL'S

Shortening 57c

GLADIOLA

Flour 89c

FRESH

BLACKEYED PEAS - 2 Cans 29c

Oleo 2 lbs. 29c

MIDWEST

Bacon lb. 35c

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Another Letter From Greenland

Editor's Note: Nephew Jack Kirkpatrick a Staff Sergeant with the Air Force at Thule, Greenland, sends another interesting letter. It's principally about the weather. He also sent along a weekly newspaper published at the base and from it we learn that there is a new movie every night and other recreational facilities for the men. Thule rhymes with truly and it certainly is on top of the world.)

Hello again from Greenland:

Another long winter season is coming to an end. To some people in other parts of the world they might not seem so bad, but to us they are quite bad. There are several things, which when added together, make some of the worst weather to be found anywhere in the world.

First and most important is the cold. The temperature will drop down to ten, twenty or thirty degrees below zero and remain there

for days and weeks at a time. The snow is light compared to other places, but with the high winds that blow, it will drift quite badly.

I remember back home in Wyoming we had bad storms with much snow and high winds that we called a blizzard. Here we have nearly the same thing, except that we call it a "Phase."

"What is a phase and how does it come about?" Well, a phase is a weather condition taking into consideration the wind speed, visibility and wind chill index.

Phases are in three classes. Phase I — Twenty to thirty knot winds with 1/2 to 3/4 mile visibility and a chill index of V. Phase II, thirty to fifty knot winds with 1/2 to 3/4 mile visibility and a chill index of V. Phase three, fifty knots or more winds with 1/4 mile visibility and a chill index of IV or more.

Now that we have covered the wind and visibility we still have the third part of the phase which is the wind chill index.

The "wind chill" factor is an index that indicates the rate at which the naked flesh loses heat when exposed to various temperature and wind velocities.

The chill index is rated from I to V. I — Comfortable with normal precautions. II — Very cold. Travel becomes uncomfortable on overcast days. III — Bitter cold. Travel becomes uncomfortable even on clear sunny days. IV — Freezing of human flesh begins. Travel and life in temporary shelter becomes disagreeable V — Survival effects are required. Exposed flesh will freeze in less than one minute.

Just as an example I will quote from one of the temperature charts. "With a wind velocity of thirty MPH, your face will begin to freeze in one-half minute at minus thirty-two degrees Faren-

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height.

During a Phase III on January 7, 1960 winds were recorded up to eighty-one knots on base before the power went out and an estimated one hundred-thirty knots on "P" mountain.

During a Phase I work goes on as usual. In a Phase II only necessary travel is made, and then at least two persons must be together. In a Phase II, the personnel must remain where they are for the duration of the phase.

All the buildings have a supply of emergency rations and water for use during a Phase Three, because at this time the mess halls do not operate.

A phase can last from hours to days, and during them, water must be conserved because all the water is delivered to the buildings by truck because the water pipe lines are not yet fully completed. In the very near future there will be

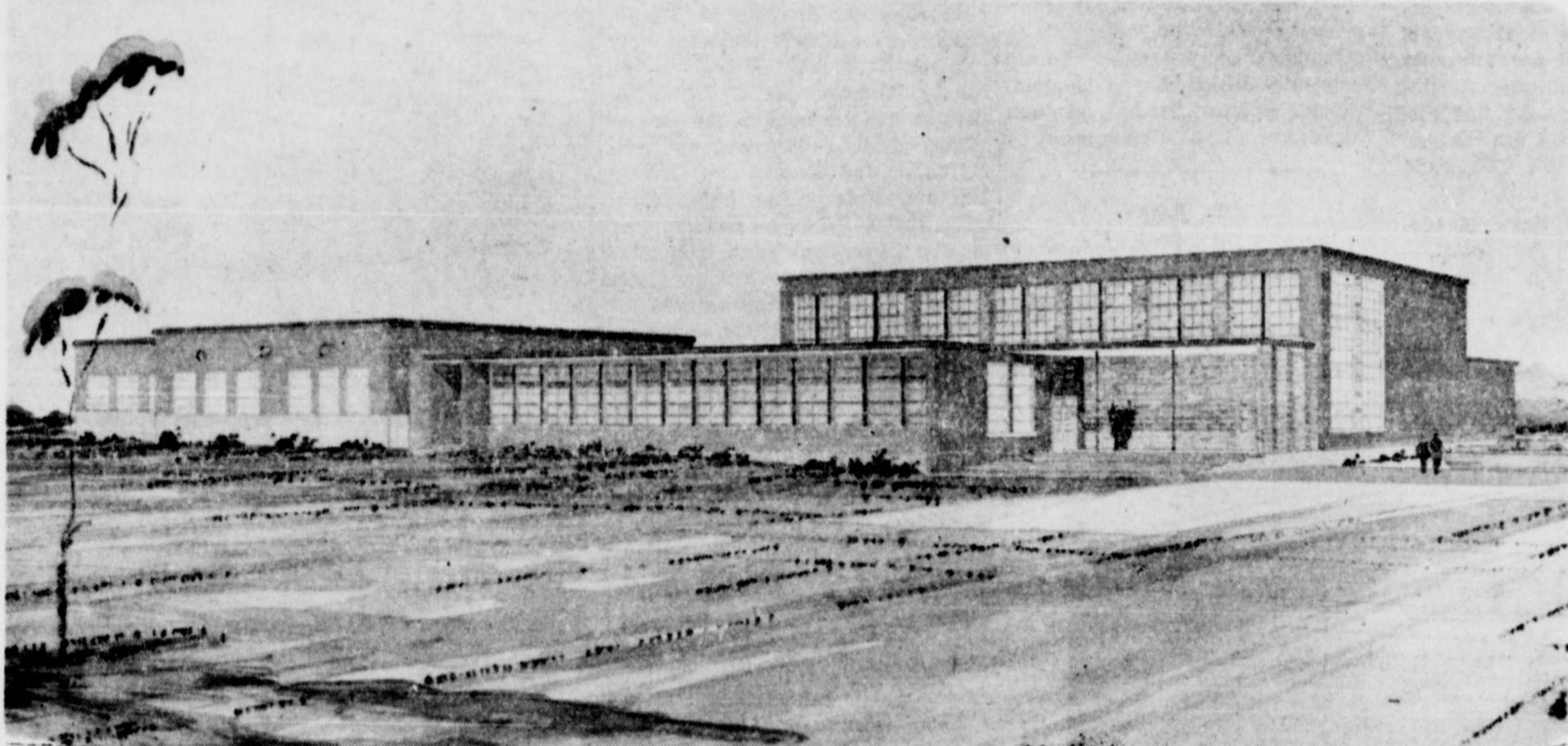
water piped directly to the buildings on Thule.

As I said at the beginning, there might be worse weather in other parts of the world but to the personnel here at Thule, our winter is bad enough, and to make it even worse, there is darkness twenty-four hours a day.

Someone once wrote a song called "Waiting for a Sunrise." We are waiting too, but our night and theirs differ in so much as theirs was a matter of hours, and ours is several months.

February 10th was supposed to be the first day of sunshine. We can see the sun on the hills around the base but as yet we cannot see the sun itself.

My tour is nearly finished and I shall be going back to the states before long, but I shall never forget the time that I have spent here at the top of the world. — S/Sgt. John A. Kirkpatrick.



MODERN SCHOOL FACILITIES, SILVER, TEXAS

TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

FEBRUARY 28 THRU MARCH 4

AN INVITATION

Dear Patron:

Do you know the most important week in the year? Do you know the reason for its importance? Your are correct. It is Texas Public School Week. If you have been living in Texas very long, no doubt you have engaged in the many activities of this week.

Texas Public School Week this year begins Monday, February 29, and runs through Friday, March 4. Your Board of Education, Administrators and Faculty hope that you will prove your interest in the Education of your child by visiting his school during this week.

The teachers of every school district in Texas are proud of the increasing number of parents visiting their schools during this week. We are sure that you will help our school district to be among the leaders in attendance this year.

It will be an honor to us, encouraging to your child, to have you visit us and get better acquainted with your

child's teacher and see the school plant and facilities where we all work together. You can be of a greater help to your child by knowing more about the school which he attends. We will be looking forward to your visit.

Sincerely yours,
PAUL ASHBY, Superintendent

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

You are cordially invited to attend open house at Silver Peak School in observance of Public School Week on Thursday, March 3rd, from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. The school band will play from 7:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. Classroom visitation from 7:30 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. Refreshments will be served in the lunchroom from 7:30 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.

Sincerely yours,
GUY WHEELER, Principal

SPECIAL PROGRAM FRIDAY, 7:00 P. M.

Band Concert, Classroom Visitation, Refreshments

We are Proud of the Silver Public School
And Consider It a Privilege to Endorse

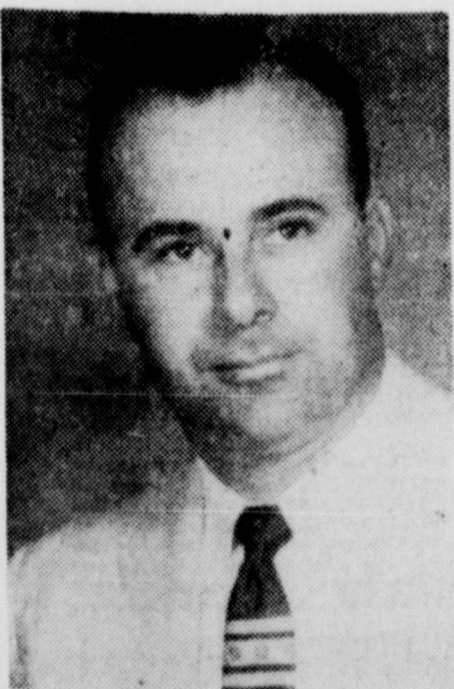
TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK

Silver Humble Station
R. S. Anderson

Jameson Roustabout Service
J. P. Jameson

Sun Grocery Store
Vaughan S. Davis

Ernest Clendennen
Portable Welding Service



PAUL ASHBY
Silver School Supt.



GUY WHEELER
Principal and Coach



JACK LARRY RABB

Larry Jack Rabb Recommended For West Point

The Naval Academy will get the lion's share of academy talent from the 21st district this year, with three principal appointments to be made. The Military Academy has one vacancy for this district, and there is one for the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Nominees for the Naval Academy are as follows: Principals — Richard Edwin Goolsby of Brown-

wood, Wm. A. Griffis, III of San Angelo, and Robert D. Jones of Lampasas. Alternates include Louis C. Lee of Maverick, Robert V. Branson of San Angelo, Bill Donowho of Mullin, Joe Terrell of Brownwood, Charles R. Carter and Charles R. Bryan of San Angelo; Richard Curtis Gleaton of Brady and Jacob William Mohr, Jr. of Rochelle.

Jack Larry Rabb of Robert Lee got the nomination for the one vacancy at West Point, with John Simpson of San Angelo, Richard Gleaton of Brady, and John H. Trolinger of San Angelo as alternates.

For the coveted Air Force vacancy, Jim Richmond of Blanket, Brown County, has been nominated, and the 10 alternates who go into a competing pool under the Air Force Academy method, are as follows:

Jay Michael Brown of Mason, William Irvin Chambers of Del Rio, Larry Bill Cummins of Uvalde, Gary Yates Dickinson of Del Rio, Waymon Glenn Garner of Brownwood, Charles Wagner Hummel Jr. of Kerrville, Gordon Lee McCullough of Coleman, Gerald Henry McDonald of San Angelo, Charles Newlin of Brady, and John William Tompkins of Lampasas.

GOOD Today,
BETTER Tomorrow;
ROBERT LEE!

On The Campus

Robert Lee Public Schools

By JO ANN HOOD

HONOR STUDENT

Word has been received in Mr. Latham's office that Jerry Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Dean, has completed the first semester of his freshman year with a grade point average of 3.00 (an "A" average). Out of a freshman class of 247, Jerry ranked first. The school and community have every reason to be proud of this enviable record set by a graduate of our school.

GIFT RECEIVED

Mrs. E. R. Kreyer of San Angelo, who teaches piano and voice in Robert Lee one day a week, has given the school a large concert grand piano to be used in our auditorium. The only stipulation is that the school keep the piano in tune. We are very proud of such a nice gift, and the piano will add greatly to our music program in the school.

U. I. L. PLAY CONTEST

At a recent meeting in Bronte, date for the district One-Act Play contest was set for Saturday, March 19, beginning at 7:00. The contest will be held in the Bronte High School Auditorium, and will be under the direction of Hervey Latham, Robert Lee high school principal. Schools participating will be Talpa-Centennial, Jim Ned, Eola, Bronte and Robert Lee. Robert Lee was represented at the meeting by Latham and Garland Davis.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK

The need for the public school never changes, but times and conditions may change or require to be changed methods and practices of public education. This is inherent with anything that grows, for growth is the result of change.

Our Texas public schools were created 106 years ago. In 1854 the first law was passed establishing the public school.

It is a healthy thing in our democratic way of life to have intelligent understanding of the important functions of our basic institutions. This is especially true of the schools. The initiative and resourcefulness and the wisdom and leadership that our schools are inculcating in the youth of today are the answer of the problems of citizenship in the years ahead.

Yes, "bring me men to match my mountains." That is the need of our times and must come from the public schools—schools that are strong in virtues required for building strong men and women.

We can be assured of this and do our part in understanding and helping the public schools to fulfill their great obligation to our times by being a participant in the annual Public Schools Week, February 28 through March 4. Schools will hold open house; accept their hospitality, and you will enjoy the experience of going back to school—if but for a day.

POLIO OUTBREAKS SEEN

State Health Department predicts a rise in the number of polio cases in the spring months ahead.

Most of the victims, said the Department, will be among those who have not taken advantage of polio shots.

Last year's record shows that three out of four had not had any vaccine and 9 out of 10 had not had all the recommended series.

Texas had 526 cases of polio last year, approximately 13 per cent of the 3,984 cases recorded in 1952 before Salk vaccine.

A Health Department official deplored parents who, "in the face of almost daily urgings, ignore the chance of giving their youngsters an infinitely better chance to escape polio."

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen returned Sunday from a trip to Houston where they attended an Eastern Star district school of instruction.

Steers Expect To Make Good Record in Track

Seven boys have reported for track at Robert Lee high school, according to Coach Bill Callaway. They include Ronnie and Richard Sims, John Kinsey, John Walker, Mike Hollis, Royce McInturf and Joe Roe.

Callaway says the Steers have an excellent chance of cracking some of the district records since they have some good middle distance men in Kinsey, Ronnie Sims and Walker.

The team will rely on Richard Sims in the high and low hurdles. His best time on the high hurdles last year was 16.3 seconds. It was a rather slow time but good enough to win the district meet. He has picked up speed since last

year. Richard also won the high jump in 1959.

Ronnie Sims was second in the 100-yard dash and Kinsey is expected to run a strong half mile. Hollis will aid the mile relay team and McInturf will be a contender in the high jump and discus. Joe Roe will also run the mile relay. Ronnie Sims will also compete in the 440 and the broad jump.

Robert Lee's first competition will be at the Ozona Relays on March 12, with Sonora and El Paso following. The district meet will be April 9 in San Angelo and the regional at Brownwood April 23. All boys qualifying out of the regional will be invited to the Red Raider relays at Texas Tech in Lubbock prior to the state meet in Austin.

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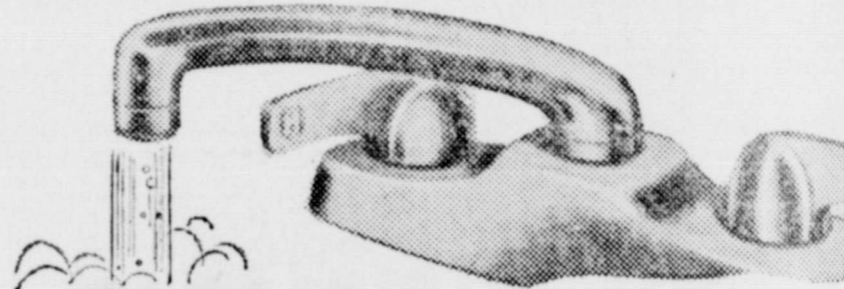
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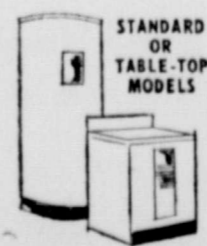
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Masonic Lodge To Honor Its Grand Master

A gala event is in store for members of the Masonic fraternity when Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A. F. & A. M. will be host to Grand Master John T. Bean on Saturday, March 12.

The event has been planned as an official dedication of the new lodge hall which was completely overhauled and provided with new furniture and equipment during the past year.

Special invitations have been sent to all lodges in the 77th District which includes Bronte, Sterling City, Christoval, Mertzon and two in San Angelo. All other Master Masons in the area are also invited.

Supper will be served without charge to all visiting Masons at the Robert Lee school lunch room at 6 p. m.

Past Masters Night will be observed at the lodge session which may be held in the school auditorium if the attendance is too large for the lodge hall.

Arrangements for entertaining the Grand Master are in charge of Jack Denman, Worshipful Master of Hayrick Lodge, and other officers and committees. Supper will be prepared and served by members of the Order of Eastern Star.

Grand Master Bean was raised in the Masonic Home near Dallas and has been active in Masonic circles since he became a member in 1935. He is a former vocational teacher and has ranching interests in El Paso, Hudspeth and Culberson Counties.

FROM TEE GREEN

In remitting for a two-year renewal of The Observer a short time ago, Tee Green wrote from Tempe, Ariz., "I am sorry to be so late, but better late than never they say. I am glad that the people of Coke County are doing so good. It hasn't always been so. Will try and see you next spring."

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Higgins spent Saturday night at Stanton with their daughter, Mrs. John L. Bruton, and family. They went on to Midland Sunday and visited their son, Floyd Higgins, and family. Floyd is improving slowly from a serious leg an hip accident which he sustained a few weeks ago while working on a Markham oil field truck.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Martin and son, Jimmy, returned Sunday to their home in Santa Anna after a few days' visit with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan. Mrs. Martin is the former Cynthia Bryan.

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Austin Layman To Speak At Revival Here

Mr. Olen Miles, director of Highland Lakes Baptist Encampment in Austin, Texas, will be the lay evangelist at the Robert Lee Baptist Church March 16-20.

Mr. Miles was Superintendent of South Texas Children's Home in Beeville, Texas, before assuming this position. Before that he was Superintendent of Buckner Boys Ranch, Burnet, Texas, for four years. During this time he supervised the building of several major construction jobs on the campus.

Mr. Miles has been in full time Christian work as a layman since 1943. He is used frequently as a lay revival speaker, in pulpit supply work and as a Brotherhood speaker.

The Brotherhood of the church is sponsoring a Layman's Revival meeting with key laymen preaching and singing. Kenneth Shaw from San Angelo will lead the congregational singing.

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Allen Named Savings Bonds Coke Chairman

Mr. G. C. Allen, president of the Robert Lee State Bank, has been named U. S. Savings Bonds Chairman for Coke County by Nathan Adams, Chairman of the Texas Savings Bonds Committee.

Allen will direct all phases of promotion and the sale of Savings Bonds in Coke County. He becomes a member of the statewide volunteer organization whose efforts are contributed to public service.

"An important part in assuring our Nation's safety and economic stability and growth is played by purchasers of United States Savings Bonds," Allen said in accepting this appointment. "Every buyer of a Savings Bond helps provide the strengthened resources on which so much depends, not only for us but for future generations of Americans", the new chairman said.

"Mr. Allen has an outstanding record as a banker and civic worker, and I know our program will benefit greatly from his leadership and direction," State Chairman Adams said.

NEILL ADKINS INJURED

Neill "Traveler" Adkins, former Robert Lee resident, received serious injury last Friday while working on a Markham Drilling

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Co. oil field truck. He was preparing to change a big truck tire when it blew up and the rim hit him. Leg fractures above and below the knee resulted. The accident occurred near Andrews. Traveler recently succeeded Floyd Higgins as driver of the truck, after the latter was injured a few weeks ago.

BIRTHS

TIJERINA—Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Pete) Tijerina (Helen Valenzuela), Robert Lee Latin-American couple, are parents of a son born at 12:50 a. m. March 1 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and has been named Richard Jr. He has a sister, 2 years old. The father is employed on highway construction work.

ASHWORTH — Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ashworth of Abilene are parents of their first child, a daughter born Feb. 25 in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. The infant weighed 6 pounds, 11½ ounces and has been named Niesje Sue. The father is employed as a mechanic by Oil Transport Co. in Abilene. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCartney of Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashworth of Robert Lee.

Read the classified ads.

FROM M. D. MILLER

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Please renew my subscription to the home town paper for another year, enclosed is \$3.00 for same. We like to keep in touch with former neighbors and old friends in Robert Lee and Silver. Hope all is well with you and yours. We are enjoying very good health and our winter has been rather cold. As this is written Feb. 16 we have a covering of snow on the ground. Best regards to you and yours. — M. D. Miller, 1404 West Walnut St., Rogers, Ark.

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SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

The difference between me and him is that he don't know what he's talking about. I'm referring to the party who in a group meeting this week criticized last week's remarks in this column concerning school matters.

I invite him to go back and read those remarks again. There was nothing libelous, no criticism of any teacher. But we were critical of the way some school affairs are being handled.

Teachers are trained for certain departments and if you don't employ a mathematics instructor, algebra and geometry classes will have to be taught by persons less qualified for those subjects. Surely there is no argument there. I might be interested in running for county attorney, but I'm not qualified so there is a law that keeps me from holding that desirable position.

One high school teacher was cut out this year to save money. That's my biggest complaint. Everything is costing more these days, including operation of a school, but no move has been made to get more funds to meet the rising costs.

I think it is highly important to call attention of the public to the school situation. The Bronte district began running behind a few years ago and finally it came out the district was \$40,000 in the red. Some of their state aid had been taken away and they weren't getting in enough revenue to offset this loss.

The facts became known, the public was called in to hear the true report of the school situa-

tion and an expert from Austin came up to straighten them out. Result was that the superintendent was fired, and they had to raise taxes to pay off the deficit and provide more funds for increased operating expenses.

That's why I'm concerned and everyone else should be. I repeat that I want to see the best school in Robert Lee that we can afford. We've lost some state aid, too, and we have run behind. If the board trims enough to offset this loss they are sure to hurt the school.

Then the matter of paying off the bonded debt bothers me. We supported the school bond issue of \$295,000 a few years ago, and have a right to demand that bonds be retired with reasonable promptness. Paying off \$10,000 on the principal this year and a similar amount in interest is not making much of a showing.

The new oil field has increased the school's taxing valuation more than we ever dreamed of. The valuation now is \$6,300,000, putting the district in the best position it has ever achieved. Why isn't it the right time to add a little more tax and make a better showing on bond payments while we have this big property valuation?

My critic called attention to this being Texas Public School Week. The greatest service he could have done was to have used his influence in having a public meeting during the period in which the people could have had an opportunity to discuss school matters with the board of trustees and the administrators.

Most schools are having something special for School Week,

with programs and invitations to patrons to visit the class rooms, meet the teachers and see the work that is being done. But not in Robert Lee. The public has been invited to visit school this week, the same as any other time when "visitors are always welcome."

VISITED IN NEW MEXICO

Mrs. Hattie Day has returned from a three weeks' visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Burpo, and family at White Sands, N. Mex. The Burpos have bought a home in San Angelo where the family will reside when Capt. Burpo departs May 1 for service in Korea.

Mrs. Day advises that her son, M/Sgt. Merce C. Day, who is stationed at Lake Charles, La., is scheduled to leave in May for a year of duty in China. The younger son, T/Sgt. L. C. Day is at present serving two years in Guam with the Air Force Weather Service.



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Will Pay Snake Bounty Only To Coke Residents

Coke County will continue to pay a 50-cent bounty on rattlesnakes this year, but only residents of the county are eligible to collect the bounty money.

County Commissioners in session Tuesday amended their previous resolution to limit the payment to persons living in the county County Clerk J. I. Tinkler, whose office pays off the bounty claims, advised the Commissioners Court that outsiders had requested snake payments, but had been turned down.

Hence, the bounty will be paid only for rattlers killed within Coke County and to persons who are also county residents.

Snake killing has been brisk this winter, 954 rattler bounties having been paid in January and 980 during February.

C. E. Calder is accounting for about one-half the snakes killed, and continues his practice of driving them out of their dens by use of gasoline. He collected the bounty on 592 snakes during January and 431 in February.

Others who brought in quite a number of rattles were Mack Egan, banks of Bronte with 98, Monte Wilkes, Silver, 128 and Buryan Millican, Silver, 146.

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