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## Victorious Silver Pee Wees



**BOTTOM ROW** from left to right: Cliff Cone, Craig Howell, A. J. Roe, III, Joey Green, Jimmy Weatherbee and Steve Green. **Second row:** Scott Jones, Teddy Millican, Larry Sockwell, Lynn Beal, Doug Burns, Robert Fugate, Jay Eubanks, Mike Munford and Mr. Charlie Green. Not pictured are Gary Wilcox, Junior Faught, Nelson Barnes, Terry Hines, Ernest Herford and Jerry Sirus.

## a second glance

By JOHN H. KING II

The last several days have proved to me, once again that when folks in this part of the country reap the harvest that the land produces they are happy to share the abundance with others.

This past week Doodad Davis gave us an ample supply of large, white squash that is growing with great vitality in his garden. Wesley Watson came in Saturday with a large bucket of blackeyed peas and okra from his garden, and Mr. Bob Patterson proudly distributed large peaches that he has raised at his place in town.

Mr. T. W. Farris, the local druggist, brought me a peach limb that had broken off the tree from the weight of 7 large peaches that is growing in his orchard here in town. Mr. Farris remarked "this is what West Texas can grow when it gets enough rain."

I certainly appreciate all this evidence of the growth of fruit and vegetables in our community. Thanks, gentlemen, for your thoughtfulness, and I hope you continue to reap a good harvest from your labor.

The other Sunday I heard a sermon from a minister with the theme that some of us have been preaching for some time. I hope it will have good effects on those who have the ability and facilities to do something about it. Oh, yes, the theme was "Progress, Go Forward, or Ye Shall Fall Into Oblivion."

### TOUR SOUTHERN STATES

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Spencer and children, Sheila, Rex and John have returned from a tour of 3 weeks of West Virginia, Tennessee and Mississippi.

The Spencer family also visited relatives in Ohio and visited the famed "500" Speedway at Indianapolis.

Also they attended the nationally known "Grand Ole Opry" in Nashville, Tennessee.

## Silver Team Wins Tournament

The Silver Pee Wee Baseball team won first place in the 4-County Tournament held in Ira July 17 and 18. The Silver team defeated Hermleigh in the playoff; then in the final game they defeated Ira to win the first place trophy. Ira placed second. Other teams participating in the tournament were Roscoe and Loraine.

Charlie Green coached the Silver Pee Wee team assisted by Bob Howell, Durwood Munford, George Fugate and Jerry Eubanks.

Team members and their families joined together for a swimming party and hamburger supper in the Coke County Park at Robert Lee Thursday evening. Approximately 50 persons attended the affair.

## PERSONALS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman C. Clark Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall of Stanton, Trafton Clark of Levelland and Mrs. Gene DeBaun of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lee Mayfield of San Angelo were weekend visitors in Robert Lee. Mrs. Mayfield was Miss Brenda McDorman until here recent marriage.

Mrs. Roy Wyatt will leave Thursday morning for Wichita, Kansas, where she will care for her sister, Mrs. Dora Springer, who underwent surgery this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zoet and children of Houston are visiting friends and relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hinnard and "Cookie" and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan drove to Ardmore, Oklahoma, the early part of last week where they were guests of the Bryans' son, Maj. Frank Bryan and family. The Bryans, Sr., remained in Ardmore for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. returned Tuesday from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they spent several days visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lomas and Lisa Lyn. Another daughter, Prescilla, returned home with the Wylie's after visiting in Albuquerque for several weeks. Mrs. Wylie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock of Colorado City, accompanied the Wylie's on the trip.

## Otis Wiginton Dies Suddenly

Otis Wiginton, 62, died at his home in Carrizo Springs, Texas, at approximately 8:00 a. m. Wednesday, July 26, after a short illness.

Mr. Wiginton was born in Mason County May 24 in 1899. He was reared in Robert Lee and was a barber here until he left Coke County in 1935.

He had been a resident of Carrizo Springs for the past 10 years. He was semi-retired at his death.

Survivors include his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Also surviving is a brother, Tom Wiginton of Robert Lee, and a sister, Mrs. E. J. Lanson of San Angelo.

Funeral services were pending Wednesday.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

**DEEN:** Vallery Jayne is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Deen of Silver. She was born at 3:55 p. m. July 23 at Coke County Memorial Hospital and weighed 8 lbs and 7 oz. The mother is the former Joydell Kinsey. The father is employed by Union Texas Natural Gas Corp. They have two other children, Sonja Katherine and LaJuana Louise. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kinsey of Robert Lee and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Deen of Gainesville.

**LARA:** Sallie Ann Lara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lara, Jr., local Latin-American couple. She was born at 5:50 a. m. July 16 at Coke County Memorial Hospital and weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. The couple has a son, one year old.

**YOUNG:** The new son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young (Zelma Ruth Wright) of Bronte. He was born at 11 a. m. July 15 in Coke County Memorial hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 7½ oz. The couple has another son, age 5.

**ALLEN:** Katherine Denise, still-born daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Allen at 2 a. m. July 19.

### GRAVE SIDE RITES HELD FOR ALLEN INFANT

Graveside services were held for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Allen, Katherine Denise, at 1:30 p.m. July 19.

Burial was at Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Clift Funeral Home with the Rev. Robin Guess officiating.

Survivors other than the parents are two brothers; Tommy and Melvin of the home; one sister, Mrs. Sherman Williams and a grandmother, Mrs. Dove Allen.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to everyone for their kindness and thoughtful deeds shown us following the bereavement of our infant daughter and sister.

The Bruce Allen Family

### CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my appreciation to my friends for the flowers, gifts, and thoughtfulness and to Drs. Kunath and McDaniel and nurses for their devoted care during my illness.

Sam McDonald

## Rains Help Residents; Hurt City's Revenue

The City of Robert Lee's revenue from the sale of water is down \$1,403.25 the first quarter of this fiscal year.

Fiscal year for the City begins April 1. Revenue collected from water sales the first quarter of last year, April 1 through July 25, was \$7,017.77 as compared to

\$5,614.52 for this year, according to City Secretary Jimmy Mathis's figures.

The U. S. Soil Conservation Service office at the courthouse in Robert Lee gives the following rainfall record as compiled at the courthouse.

	1960	1961
January	1.97 in.	2.90 in.
February	.55 in.	1.50 in.
March	.16 in.	.55 in.
April	2.11 in.	trace
May	2.01 in.	2.99 in.
June	1.04 in.	4.99 in.
July (thru 25)	2.86 in.	5.05 in.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.70 in.</b>	<b>17.98 in.</b>

According to Robert Lee water superintendent Cecil Mayfield, the level of the lake is the same as it was this time last year.

Much of the heavy rains that we have received has missed the Mountain Creek Reservoir watershed.

## Silver Lions to Clash with Women

The Silver Lions Club members have been challenged by the Silver Women's Softball team to play a softball contest Tuesday night, August 1, at 8:00 p.m. at Gladney Field.

Purpose of the game is to raise funds for skilled labor to complete the construction of rest rooms at the ball park. Sun Oil Company has furnished funds for the materials of the building. All proceeds of the game will go to this project.

Herschel McDonald, minister of the Church of Christ at Silver, will manage the Lions Baseball Club and Jim Post will manage the Silver Women's team.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs and children, John and Jim, visited O. B.'s brother and family, the J. W. Jacobs in New Buffalo, Michigan, recently. The Robert Lee family were gone 11 days touring Michigan and the Dakota States. They returned Sunday.

## Farm Home Committeeman Named

Finnell E. Smith of the Edith Community is the new member of the Coke County Committee for the Farm Home Administration. He succeeds the late Delmir Sheppard.

Smith's farming operation consists principally of livestock farming. He operates some 2130 acres in cultivation and range land, of which he owns some 630 acres. His livestock operation consists principally of sheep with a few head of beef cattle.

A World War II veteran, Smith served in the Army Infantry and D. M. L. Headquarters with General MacArthur in Australia and New Guinea. He is also a former member of the Robert Lee School board. He is a member and deacon in the First Baptist Church and active in Masonic Lodge work.

Chester L. Sinclair, County Supervisor for both Nolan and Coke Counties, said that Smith's practical experience will enable him to make a real contribution to the County Committee actions when they review loan applications.

Serving with Smith during the coming year will be Vladimir V. Wojtek, senior member and chairman of the committee of Robert Lee, and James P. Arrott, committeeman from Tennyson.

There is a Farmer Home Administration County Committee serving every agriculture county in the country. All loan applications must be approved by the Committee before funds can be advanced. The Committee also helps the County Supervisor adapt the agency's loan policies and service to local conditions.

The Farmer Home Administration makes loans to farmers to buy livestock and machinery, to finance annual operating cost, to improve buildings and fences and to purchase land.

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News Column**

By **STERLING LINDSEY**

Insects in the cotton fields have not built up to "push the panic button" proportions, but certainly close observation of cotton fields for boll weevil and boll worm build ups would be time well spent.

The "scourge of the South," the boll weevil appears to be the insect of the greatest concern at the moment. In six of 12 fields checked last week, boll weevils were found in from light to heavy numbers. Only one field had a heavy infestation—10 of 30 squares checked were punctured. However, build ups could occur in the others in the next two to four weeks.

The boll weevils' cycle is hard to break after the first generation has hatched off. However, if they can be controlled before the second generation begins to lay eggs in the squares and/or bolls, then a build up should be avoided until late in the summer or in the early fall.

The boll weevil may not be a pest of concern, but the way they are started and because our cotton is late, a build up now could be very costly before the season is out.

Several Coke County operators and I attended a meeting in San Angelo Saturday at which the possibilities of a screw worm control program being inaugurated in this area were discussed. Screw worms have been very costly in the County this year as well as elsewhere and a control program could mean a large savings to a State the size of Texas. Such a program would be costly, but in a year like this one, screw worm losses and treatment costs are also costly.

Such a program is no longer a research man's dream. A program is expected to be launched in the near future to control screw worms in Texas.

The plan presented in the meeting Saturday would be a stock owner supported and operated program. The leaders of the movement hope to secure enough support to seed sterile blow flies in a 100 mile wide area along the Texas border next to Mexico and New Mexico. Research studies made in the last several years have shown that winter kills blow flies in an ordinary winter north of that point. By seeding the northern edge of the overwintering area, northward movements can be prevented.

You probably will be hearing more about the program in the next few months. It looks promising.

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current Texas tax issue.

Those attending the morning session were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brock and children, Jacki, Darrell and Jay, and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard, mother of Mrs. Brock.

The Robert Lee group drove from Austin to San Antonio where they visited the Alamo and Brackenridge Park and Zoo. They returned to Robert Lee Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker and Sandra have been on a trip to Michigan City, Indiana, where they were to visit Mrs. Baker's sister.

### Youths Navigate Swollen River

Two 18 year old boys of Silver launched their raft, constructed of six 55 gallon oil drums bolted together with angle iron, on the Colorado River Sunday near Silver for a ride estimated at nearly 50 miles in 6 and one half hours.

The youths are Larry Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lindsey, and Bill Newell, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Newell. Both young men are 1961 graduates of Colorado City High School.

They left Silver at 1:00 p.m. Sunday and they arrived at the Colorado River bridge at the Sterling City Highway at 7:30 p.m.

The only mishap that occurred was when the raft hit the top strand of a water gap fence. The wire nearly pulled the youngsters off the barge and during their fight to stay on the craft they lost a 4-10 shotgun.

When asked if they had control of the craft going down stream with the current, they replied they never had control of the raft when in or out of the main current.

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The wedding is being planned for August 27th in St. John's Methodist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

Miss Schooler is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and will receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in mathematics from Texas Tech in August. Cherry is a grad-

uate of Kirwin High School in Galveston and is a psychology and pre-med student at Texas Tech.

**Mrs. Clement Dies in Calif.**

Nancy Ellen Clement, 88, a long time resident of Visalia, died Monday, July 17, in a Tulare, California, hospital following a long illness.

A native of Robert Lee, Texas, Mrs. Clement was educated in Texas and was married here to her late husband, Walter.

The couple went to Visalia in 1919. Following Mr. Clement's death in 1948, Mrs. Clement moved to Wasco where she lived for awhile and then moved to Brooks. She returned to Visalia in 1955 and continued to live there.

Mrs. Clement is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Vera Billing, Mrs. Ella Lackey, both of Visalia, and Mrs. Gladys Tipton of Tehachapi; three sons, Lyman and Braxton, both of Wasco, and John of Modesto; one sister, Mrs. Ida Thomas of Dallas, Tex.; 28 grandchildren which includes Kenneth Lackey of Robert Lee; 32 great grandchildren, and seven great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 20, at 11 a.m. in Brooks Funeral Home in Visalia. The Rev. Donald E. Charles of the First Christian Church of Visalia officiated. Burial was alongside her husband in the Visalia Cemetery.

The Lynn Hammack family spent the weekend in Arlington, Texas, where they were guests of Mr. Hammack's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rhodes.

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### Silver News

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cabinets. Doughnuts and coffee were served to 18 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stewart and daughter, Vicki, are vacationing at Granite Shoals near Austin. They will be joined there by their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Biggs and Shari Lynn of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Visitors in the George Connor home recently were Mrs. D. E. Connor, Abilene, mother of Mr. Connor; Mr. and Mrs. Bob McKelvey, Abilene, daughter and son-in-law of the Connors, and Mike McKelvey of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wheeler will be visiting at Vernon for the next 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swinney and children have returned from a two weeks vacation in California. They were accompanied by his parents, the A. J. Swinneys. Don has enrolled in the second semester summer school at A.C.C. to further his graduate work.

Glenda Sue and Darlene McDonald, Kountze, are visiting for 2 weeks with their aunt and uncle, the Herschel McDonalds.

Mandy Harmon, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harmon, underwent a tonsillectomy Monday morning in a San Angelo hospital. She has returned home and is recovering nicely.

### Miss Thompson Honored July 18

Miss Melba Thompson, bride-elect of Monte Wilkes, was honored July 18 at the Sun Recreation Hall with a bridal shower.

The table was laid with a pink cloth with a small bride and umbrella with coral wreaths surrounding her on the center piece. Punch, cake, nuts and mints were served the many guests.

Hostesses of the shower gave her a gift of stainless cookware. Those who served as hostesses were: Mmes: R. S. Anderson, Bob Odom, Frank Mullican, Earl Lindsey, Hal Anderson, Ollie Newell, Jahew Jameson, Allen Jameson, Arch Mathers, Walter Paul, Fred Wilcox and Charles Kenney.

Out of town guests attended from San Angelo, Maryneal, Colorado City and Loraine.

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Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Young People's Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Ladies Bible Class ..... 9:30 a.m.  
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Bronte Phone GR 3-4421

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