

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Farm Bureau Sending 4 Coke Students To Citizenship Seminar, Sponsor Farm Safety Week; Plan Queen Contest

The Coke County Farm Bureau will send four young people to the Citizenship Seminar at Sam Houston State College, Huntsville, August 22-23 — Jimmy Wells and Ida Lee Parker of Bronte, Bennie Boykin and Sandra Thomas of Robert Lee.

Expenses of two will be paid from county Farm Bureau funds, the other two from money donated individually by Bureau members. The four spoke on citizenship Tuesday night at a meeting of Farm Bureau directors, their wives

and guests in the Robert Lee High School cafeteria building.

Jimmy Wells and Sandra Thomas won first and second, respectively, in the contest. Themes stressed by the speakers were that rights and responsibilities go hand in hand, that freedom is not something that comes and remains automatically; that it must not only be fought for but worked at. It is often easier to fight for principles than it is to live up to them.

In the business meeting, Mrs. C. E. Arrott, secretary treasurer, reported a balance of \$1839.89 in the treasury of the county organization.

It was announced that the State Farm Bureau insurance organization will pay a \$75.00 bonus to any fire department which takes part in fighting fires at the homes or property covered by their insurance. Also the Farm Bureau will pay a fee of \$45 and bear transportation costs for volunteer fire department members chosen from candidates named to attend a fire fighting training institute.

One candidate is to be named from the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department and one from Robert Lee.

The directors voted to sponsor Farm Safety Week to begin July 31. A county-wide Queen's contest is to be held in Bront High School auditorium August 15.

Dinner was served banquet style by the Robert Lee Future Homemakers under direction of Mrs. Fred Cooke, Charlotte Smith, Linda Heuvel, Dawn Boykin, and Farrell Jean Fikes serving.

## Mrs. McDorman Long A Resident of This Community

Mrs. Lucy McDorman, long time resident of Robert Lee, died in St. John's Hospital at San Angelo June 24. Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson's Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Paul Terry, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery. A number of Robert Lee people attended. She had lived in San Angelo since 1944 and was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church.

Mrs. McDorman was born November 24, 1875, in Stephenville and was 87 years of age at her death. She moved to Robert Lee with her family as a young girl. She was Deputy County Clerk of Coke County until her marriage to W. P. McDorman in 1904. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rue McDorman, in 1945.

Survivors include two daughters, Miss Irene McDorman and Mrs. M. H. Fikes, both of San Angelo; one brother, A. W. Mobley of Spearman; one sister, Mrs. J. E. Mobley of Dallas, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends

## JOE RAWLINGS GOT GOOD YIELD FROM HIS SHEEP

Joe Rawlings, who operates almost 5,000 acres in Coke County in partnership with his father, A. N. Rawlings, and who won the Ford Motor Company's national farm award, got a 119 per cent average lamb crop over a period of 9 years.

He got 14.39 pounds of grease clip plus 90½ pounds of lamb and a net return of \$15 per ewe.

The line-up for the game-winning Robert Lee Pony League is Randy Hall, catcher; Glenn Roach, catcher, left field; Bob Lomas, catcher, center field; Gary Parker, pitcher; Gary Sam Williams, pitcher, center field; Donnie Devoll, 1st base; Ronnie Devoll, second base; pitcher; Ronnie Varnadore, second base; Jimmy Varnadore, 3rd base; Linzy Wagley, short stop; Ray Don Roe, third base; Drexel Skipworth, short stop, left field; Tooter Fields, second base, right field; Roy Ivey, right field; Alfred Blair, fielder; Larry Bell, fielder; Buddy Thomas, first base, right field; Jimmy Blair, first base, fielder.

The Court House and downtown businesses will be closed all day today, Thursday, July 4.

## Scoutmaster Reviews Sol Mayer Work For BCD Luncheon Here

Gene Hinnard, Scoutmaster, at the Tuesday meeting of the BCD said that the Robert Lee troop of Scouts at Camp Sol Mayer made 100 per cent every day on inspection of their camp, winning the top award in camp making.

Two boys completed first class Scout requirements, and six completed second class. Twenty-five merit badges were earned and are to be awarded next week at a Court of Honor to be held here after the Board of Review has officially passed on the awards.

He said that the camp facilities at Sol Mayer are considerably improved, and more improvement is in prospect.

Thirteen of the local scouts swam the mile.

The Board of Community Development sponsors the local troop.

## Marker Here Honors Gov. Richard Coke

The Texas State Historical Survey Committee this week is having a marker commemorating Richard Coke, Confederate Soldier, Governor of Texas, and United States Senator, placed on the court house grounds at Robert Lee.

Richard Coke was the Democratic nominee for Governor in the election of December 1873, and defeated Davis, Republican, by 85,549 to 42,633, the first Democrat elected as Governor of Texas after the Civil War.

Davis contested the election, the courts held with him, but the Legislature declared Coke elected. It looked like a fight for awhile, with Davis holding forth in one part of

the capitol, Coke in another, but Davis finally gave in, when President Grant refused to back him with troops.

Coke served as Governor three years, was elected to the United States Senate, and resigned as Governor to take office as Senator Dec. 1, 1876, and served in the Senate 18 years, retiring in 1895. He died at Waco in 1896.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College was opened under his administration.

An able and educated man Coke's leadership set the state on its feet after reconstruction days, and his fame was fresh in 1889 when this county was separated from the then huge Tom Green and named after Richard Coke.

Coke came to Texas from Virginia in 1850. He left his practice of law in Waco to join the Confederate Army, where he rose to the rank of Captain. After the war he was elected to the State Supreme Court in 1886, but was removed from office during military reconstruction.

Richard Coke was a huge man physically, and his mental stature matched his physical size. He was serving in the United States Senate at the time this county was named for him.

The Confederate Memorial Markers are erected by the State of Texas. Working to preserve this facet of Texas history is the State Building Commission which erects the markers and the TSHSC which handles the research and inscriptions.

Members of the State Building Commission are Governor John Connally, chairman, with Attorney-General Waggoner Carr and Honorable E. E. McAdams, chairman of the Board of Control.

The marker is of Texas pink granite, stands five feet high, and has the Texas star and wreath incised at the top.

In the three-year program commemorating the Civil War in Texas in stone, the TSHSC is endeavoring to place markers at important Civil War locations in Texas, for distinguished Confederate units and in counties named after men who had Confederate service. The large aluminum Travel Information Markers placed along the highways are also being utilized.

County Historical Survey Committees, cooperating in the program, are engaged in marking the graves of all Civil War veterans.

## "CHARTER" CITIZENS

The Observer would like to get the names of all those now living who were in Coke County when it was organized in 1889, regardless of where you are living now.

In connection with the coming 75th anniversary of the county's founding, we would like to get together those who still live in the county for a visit and some pictures, as well as your story.

Sheriff and Mrs. Melvin Childress recently visited at Spearman over the weekend to see their son-in-law, Jerome Sheppard, who is in the hospital with a back injury.

The grandchildren returned with them to spend awhile with the Childresses and with the other grandparent, Mrs. Norma Sheppard.

## Vladimir Wojtek Children, Families, Friends Meet Here Sunday In Reunion

The V. V. Wojtek family met last Sunday, June 30 at the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee, except for two daughters who could not attend this year.

Following are names of those here for the reunion: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wojtek, Toni, Cynthia, Denise, Sharon, and Galynn from Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek, Kathy, Junette, and Gary from Midland; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wojtek and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Montgomery, Linda and Gene, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wojtek and Kevin, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Wojtek, Donna and Deanna, Eden; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams, Kenny and Billy, Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cobb, Sandra, Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wojtek, Lynette, Barbara and

Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Marlow Wojtek, all of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek David, Vickie, Rex, Mike; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wigginton, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wojtek; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wojtek; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wojtek and family, Robert Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long and family from Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ivey and family, Robert Lee.

Two daughters, Mrs. Goldie Campbell and Mrs. Cleta Norwood did not get to be with the rest of the family.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Wojtek's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Calder of Brownwood; a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kern and Kevin of Alamogordo, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Marlow Dees, Dickie, Junette, and Juanita, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Thomason, Ruthie, Bill and Anzie, San Angelo.

Friends visiting Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. David Montgomery and Miss Bulah Montgomery, San Antonio, and Dewayne Hellwig, San Angelo.

## RLHS Class of 48 Hold Reunion, Name Officers For 1965

On Saturday evening and night of the 29th the Boy Scout Hut was the scene of the Class of '48' Reunion. Fifteen of the twenty nine members were present.

Barb-e-que, beans and all the trimmings were served to the fifty persons present.

For the 1965 planned reunion the President will be Arlyn Simpson of San Angelo, Vice-President, Dale Brown and Secretary, Mrs. Howard Varnadore. The outgoing President was Vaughan Davis, Vice-President was Arlyn Simpson and Secretary Mrs. J. W. Service Jr.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake and Mrs. Wendell Lammers of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker and sons of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cople and children of Post, Mrs. Mac Mathis and children of Sunray

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and daughter of Midkiff, Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Simpson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lassiter and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Vaukhan Davis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown and daughters, Mr. Bobby Hatley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley and children, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Varnadore and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., all of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough and their niece, Wadren Yarbrough, joined the group for the fun.

## Parents Delighted With Work of Boy Scouts At Mayer

A delegation of Scout parents from Robert Lee went to Camp Sol Mayer for visitor's day Thursday, carrying dinner and spreading it for the Robert Lee troop.

Those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Varnadore, Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Devoll, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan Parker, Mrs. Thelma Jo Hinnard and Cookie, Mrs. Willie Bell Skipworth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley, and Linzy Wagley, a Scout.

Scouts at the camp, with Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard, are Mike Denman, Gary Williams, Tooter Fields, Jimmy Varnadore, Ronnie Varnadore, Donny Devoll, Ronnie Devoll, Roy Ivey, Gary Parker, Lynn Shandley, Glenn Roach, Danny Smith, and Drexel Skipworth.

The Robert Lee troop won the camping award and a number of individual merit badges, which are to be awarded when a Court of Review has been held at Robert Lee.

Parents visiting the boys came back with an enthusiastic report on the camp and the work of the local Scouts.

Mrs. Lura Reid recently attended a reunion of the children of Mrs. Lottie Keyzar, her father's sisters children at Richards Park, Brady.

With her were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reid, Lvon, Marylyn, Ronnie, and James.

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James 1: 26-27

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Bob Watkins and Johnny Bale were recent visitors in the J. C. Snead home. Sergeant Watkins is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas.

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The Robert Lee Belles, women's baseball team, have lost their chest protector. If anyone has found it, please return to Sue Wojtek or Inez Gartman, as it is needed badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Calder of Lee Hall, Virginia, are parents of a daughter, Tami Lunn, born June 20, and weighing 6 pounds, ½ ounce.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Calder of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snyder of Dalmita, formerly of Silver

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Brown and Fran have visited relatives and friends in Robert Lee and Bronte and on their return home to Laverne, Oklahoma went through the Six Flags Over Texas near Arlington.

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Water holes were at a premium, and water was hauled from them at times miles around. Women would leave their wash pots near the water holes, and on wash day

## BERNARD PETTYS TOUR ARKANSAS, MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Petty and daughter, Kimberly, returned last week from a trip to Harrison, Arkansas, where Bernard's brother, James lives. After a visit with him, they went on up into Missouri and saw the home of the late Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of children's literature.

The place has been turned into something like a museum connected with her life and work. She wrote the "Little House" books, pioneer stories beamed to children.

The Pettys returned by way of Hugo, Oklahoma, to see her grandmother, Mrs. Joel Johnson.

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**CHRISTINE ROACH, Secretary**

often the family would all load in the wagon, with the old rain barrel, go to the water hole, do the week's wash, and go back home with clean clothes and a barrel full of good water.

The Black Hole on Silver Creek was one of these beloved and long remembered Jacob's wells for the first families at Silver.

The old spring at Sanco, with its basin carved in the red sandstone by the Indians who had used it for centuries, was another.

Water holes along Pecan Creek served that part of the country, and there was Dripping Springs on Paint Creek. And up Grubb's Canyon there was a spring where families of the Cedar Hill settlement could go, as well as the Colorado River, which, when the flow was enough to keep the water fresh, was a favorite source of supply.

But in dry seasons when the river became a mere trickle, the water got too salty for such use, and settlers had to take their barrels up some fresh water creek.

In the course of time some shallow wells were dug, and some ranch tanks built, and with a little more prosperity, cisterns were dug and plastered, and the wash pot then during anything but the driest times could stay in the back yard.

Women driving to Coke homecomings and family reunions this summer from air-conditioned homes in air-conditioned cars, their washing done by electric machinery, can still recall the wash pot simmering over a fire of dead wood gathered near the old water hole when the ashes still remained on Indian camp stones all around.

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## ROBERT LEE GIRL ATTENDS BAND SCHOOL AT McMURRY

Vernay Vaughan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Vaughan of Robert Lee, has enrolled in the annual McMurry College summer band and twirling school to be held July 14 through July 27.

The school will be devoted to instruction in instruments, drum majoring and twirling. Top-flight instructors from West and Central Texas have been engaged—many for the fourth and fifth consecutive years.

## THIRTY-NINE IS RIGHT; IF THE CREEK DON'T RISE

Miss Juanita Barger, in Robert Lee Monday, said she got her college degree in 1939, has been teaching school 39 years and from now on is 39 years old. She is looking forward to the Edith Homecoming. Boone Raney writes he's going to be there with his banjo, the Lord willing and if the creek don't rise.

## YOUR OLD YARNS WANTED

For the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Coke County, the Observer will collect old stories, long or short, of frontier times. Any that you remember personally or have heard father or grandfather tell, write it out, if it'll do to print. If not, we might trim it. We will save these for future use.

We would like to preserve the humor as well as sentiment and pathos of the pioneer days.—Editor.

## Observations

(A Personal Word  
By The Editor)

Mrs. Naomi Lee Powell, who has been seriously ill since the time of the passing of her husband, Sam Powell, is reported improved, and hopes to be able to resume her work as teacher in the Robert Lee schools with the opening of the fall term.

Mrs. Powell has been too ill since Sam's funeral to attend to all the usual details, and has not been at her home in Robert Lee except for brief visits.

She would like for us to extend her thanks and appreciation to the many friends who had any part in the acts of kindness during Sam's illness and at his passing, and during her own extended illness since.

We know that her pupils of last year and former years, as well as lifelong friends and parents of children whom she has taught will be praying and pulling for her to recover her health and continue her work.

Her address just now is in care of Mrs. J. N. Adams, 111 Penrose, San Angelo.

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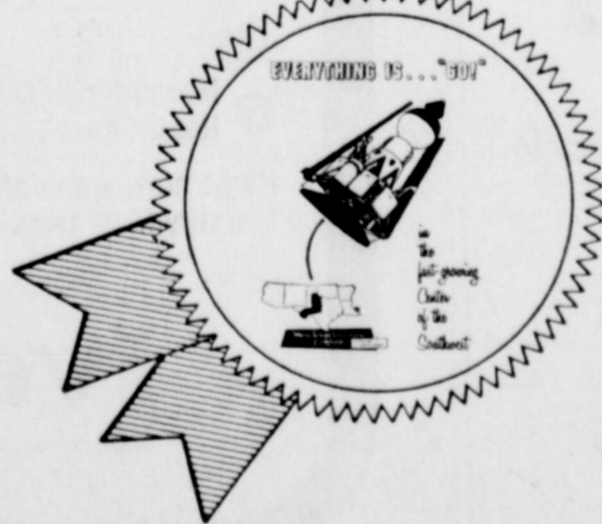
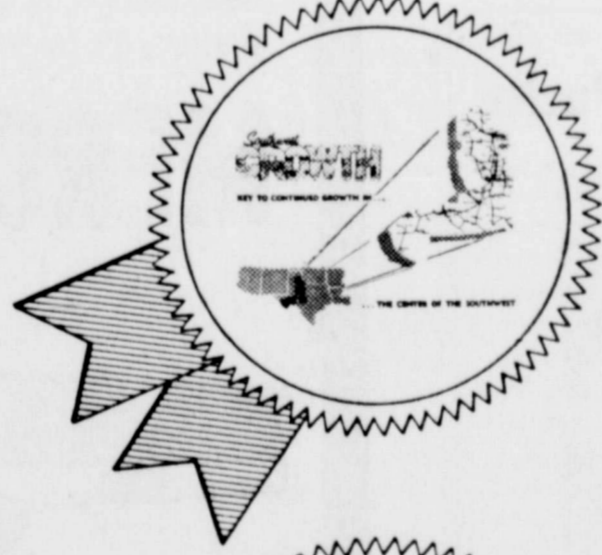
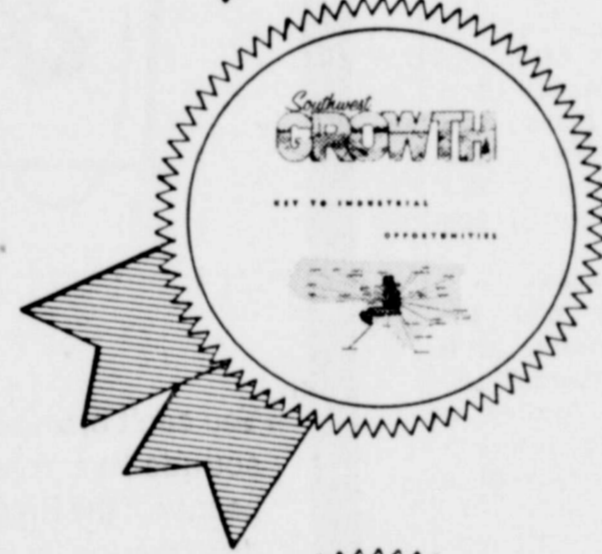
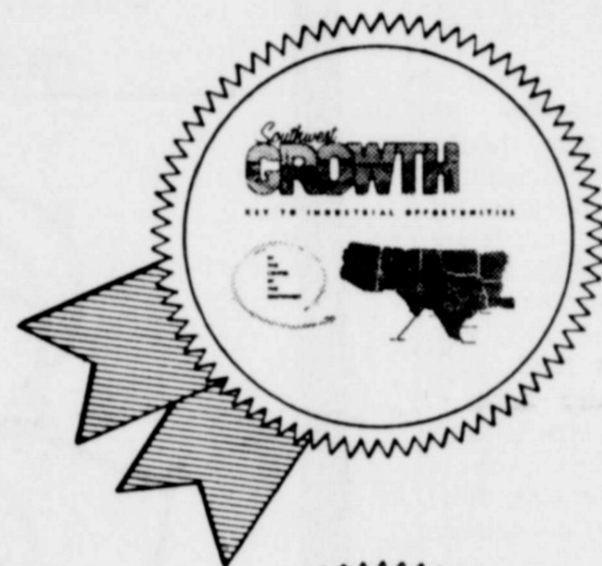
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Children present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conner of Sanderson; Mr. and Mrs. Harney Conner of Glenrock, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gray (Evah), San Angelo; Mrs. A. L. Wilkerson (Pauline) Carlsbad, New Mexico; Ethel Green, Robert Lee; and Russ Mathers, San Angelo.

Grandchildren present were Letha Mathers, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mathers and Robert, Silver; Mr. and Mrs. John Conner, Johnnie Sue and Cindy, Glenrock,

### SILAS CONNER TO SILVER CREEK FOR BUFFALO MEAT IN 1876, CAME BACK TO STAY

The late Silas Conner was one of the first comers to the Silver country. His first trip was down Silver Creek in 1876 for a load of buffalo meat, when buffalo were being killed wholesale for their hides, and to clear the ranges for ranching and discourage the Indians from coming down here from the reservations.

Mr. Conner liked the country so well he came back in 1882. By that time there were few buffalo left. He went to work for the Snyders, later establishing his own ranch near Silver.

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Others attending were Silas Batton, Willie I. Tubb, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. Flora Wimberly, Mrs. Jake Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen, William Gaston, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and Jayhew Jameson, Silver.

Two children unable to attend were Latham Conner and Mrs. C. C. Davis (Verna), of Bakersfield, California.

### Latin American Bible School Well Attended

The Bethel Baptist Mission concluded a successful Vacation Bible School last Friday night. There were thirty-seven enrolled with an average attendance of 32 for the five day school.

The following were workers in the school: Principal—Rev. Bill Beaty, pianist — Miss Marion Fikes, refreshment chairman — Mrs. Jim Ybarra, Beginner-Primary workers: Mrs. Bill Beaty, Mrs. Jesse Gloria, Miss Marion Fikes, Junior-Intermediate workers: Miss Mary Wojtek, Miss Farrell Jean Fikes, Miss Linda Heuvel and Miss Charlotte Smith.

Bethel Mission has been without a pastor for sometime, and is seeking a pastor at present. Rev. Theodore Virgin from Brownwood is the supply pastor.

### SIMPSON BROTHERS BUY REGISTERED ANGUS BULLS

Simpson Brothers, Robert Lee, recently purchased three Aberdeen-Angus bulls from J. T. Hoselton and Sons, Browning, Missouri.

The Texas Reading Club has grown to 22,000 members. It is an organization to encourage and stimulate interest in reading among school age children, connected with the Texas State Library in Austin.

### BELLES RETURN WINTERS VISIT TO WIN BY 19-4, MEET JUNCTION TODAY

Aiming at first place in the Ballinger tournament today, the Robert Lee Belles, women's baseball team, are playing Junction at 11:30.

The Belles, Thursday of last week, reversed Monday's loss, 10-18, against Winters to come through with a 19-4 win at Winters. Sue Wojtek hitting a home run in Thursday's game.

### FAMILY REUNION HERE

The children and relatives of the late John Young, father of S. R. Young of Robert Lee, and of R. W. Perry, father of Mrs. Young, met in a family reunion at the Recreation Hall at the County Park Friday, June 28, with 27 present, from Lubbock, Haskell, Seymour, Del Rio, San Angelo, Miles, and Robert Lee.

Capt. and Mrs. Jack C. Snead and children, David and Angelo, have returned to their home in Dayton, Ohio, after visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr., and Mrs. Dan Middleton.

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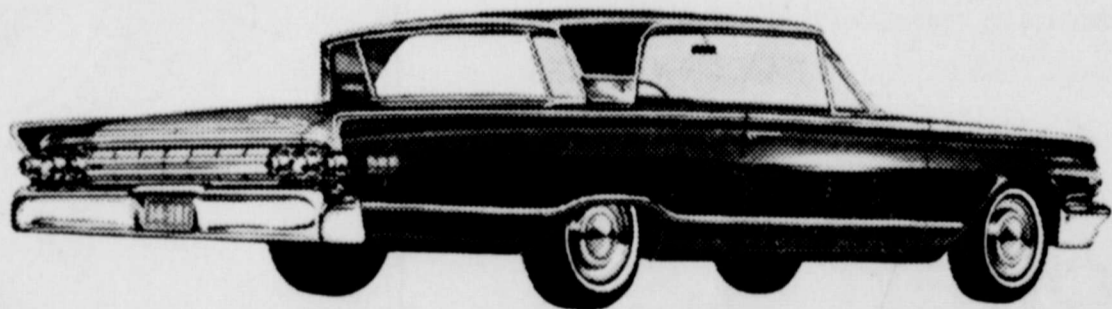
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## Survey of the Civil Rights Question

### Congressman Fisher Tells How Stage Was Set for Civil Rights Legislation, Demo-Republican Play For Negro Vote

(OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER)

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S civil rights message last week, calling for unprecedented extension of federal power and control, shocked Capitol Hill and set the stage for months of wrangling and debate.

Under the President's plan if, for example, a small innkeeper should choose not to give a night's lodging to a Negro, the proprietor could be sent to jail or forced to close his business.

Of doubtful constitutionality, this is but one of the many radical recommendations in the Kennedy civil rights package. One editorial described the move as "political panic."

Because of the extremity of the proposals, observers have tried to figure out why the Kennedy brothers decided to "go for broke" in a bold bid to hold the Negro vote in the next elections. It became a matter of weighing the value of the Negro vote in certain pivotal states against losses they might expect elsewhere. There was some soul searching and agonizing decision-making as top Frontier strategists met night after night to whip a program into shape and take advantage of the psychological timing brought by recent demonstrations and riots.

IT WILL BE RECALLED that last January the President asked Congress to outlaw literacy tests for voting in the several states, along with a few other enactments to bolster the Attorney General's hand in filing suits in behalf of Negroes. New Frontier strategists believed then that would placate the NAACP and would not endanger the President's legislative program by stirring up inter-party strife and a possible filibuster.

Then the unexpected happened. On January 31 Republicans in Congress sponsored an unusually radical civil rights program, and shamed the President for his timidity. It was an attempt to put the Administration on the defensive, in the perennial battle for the Negro vote.

It worked. The move knocked the Kennedy's off balance. On March 30 Roy Wilkins, NAACP's top spokesman, blamed the Kennedy's for offering too little, too late, and threatened to pull loose.

Next came the strife in Alabama, stirred up by Martin Luther King who went to Birmingham from Washington for that avowed purpose. The tension he whipped up there overflowed into Mississippi, and resulted in a Negro leader being assassinated in Jackson.

That tragic event, along with other well-timed racial demonstrations over the country, served to set the stage for the President's civil rights package.

(End of Fisher letter.)

### LETTER TO SENATOR TOWER

Hon. John Tower of Texas  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Tower:

This is an open letter. It is being published. Your reply will also be published.

Its purpose is to inquire if you had any part in, or if you repudiate, the action taken by Republicans in Congress some time ago proposing a radical slate of "civil rights" legislation and criticizing the Administration for not having already submitted it.

Sincerely yours,  
ULMER S. BIRD  
Editor Robert Lee Observer

### BLIGHT IN AFRICA, TWO BILLION AID PRICE TAG TO CINCH CONTROL IN UNITED STATES

(The following is from the Chicago Tribune, March 5, 1963, reprinted in the Publisher's Auxiliary, June 15, 1963, quoting Arthur Veysey, journalist, who was one of 200 newspaper men to make a news writing tour of Africa.)

Mr. Veysey found decay all around him. Telephones fall silent, the mail limps, roads fall apart, weeds take over fields, buildings yield to dirt and rot . . . morals and religion are impaired, and public graft is commonplace.

American aid of 2 billion dollars has gained only hostility and abuse. Mr. Veysey reports that it is hopeless to expect that it will accomplish social or economic improvement. An American African "expert" from Washington told Veysey:

"We back the new black governments for a simple reason—to try to win the American Negro vote. The Democratic Party has, since Franklin Roosevelt days, been strong with the northern Negro. If the Kennedy regime can strengthen that and get the Southern Negroes, the Democrats should be able to win elections for as long as anyone can see, no matter what else happens.

(End of quotation from Tribune.)

### ALASKA PAPER FOR LESS FEDERAL, MORE LOCAL RULE; SAYS SENTIMENT WIDESPREAD

Alaska had very little development as long as it was a territory governed from Washington and its legislature had to have Washington O.K. on its laws.

Since it became a state with more self-government, development has picked up speed fast.

It is not surprising therefore that a newspaper in one of the growing towns of Alaska would take a dim view of the kind of Federal legislation that would reduce EVERY STATE IN THE UNION to the status of a territory governed from Washington.

We are indebted to the publisher of "The Frontiersman," weekly newspaper at Palmer, Alaska, for a copy of his paper, and we take the liberty to republish here his editorial from that issue. The title below, also, is his.

### DIM VIEW OF WELFARE STATE

(Guest editorial from The Frontiersman, Palmer, Alaska, Issue of June 20, 1963)

Congressman Walter Norblad of Oregon's First District periodically polls his constituents on current legislative controversies. Tabulation of his latest poll provides some interesting food for thought. Among the findings:

Opinion as to the wisdom of federal income tax reduction is nip and tuck, with 51.8 per cent saying Yes, and 48.2 per cent saying No.

Sentiment in favor of bringing labor unions under the antitrust laws is overwhelming, with 90.5 per cent in favor of it.

The proposal that large cities be given federal aid for development of their local transportation systems has even less support—93.5 per cent of the respondents answered No.

Federal aid for school construction and teachers' salaries received a No vote. At the same time, a majority approved the proposal that parents of college students be permitted to claim their tuition, books, and other educational costs as an income tax deduction.

One Swallow doesn't make a summer, and a poll of one Congressional district doesn't prove a national trend. But Mr. Norblad's findings are in consonance with others emanating from widespread areas of this nation. To put it simply, the American public at large is taking a dimmer and dimmer view of the Welfare State—with all its costs and bureaucracies and, more important, its relentless aggression against the liberties and responsibilities of the individual citizen and local government.

(Next week we intend to continue this survey, and to propose something constructive. To condemn is not enough.)



MISS LEXIE SYLVIA LEWIS

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis of Robert Lee have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lexie Sylvia, to Robert Lowell Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Holloway, 2608 Jann Drive, San Angelo.

Miss Lewis is a graduate of Robert Lee High School, Class of 1963. She was a member of the

band, Future Homemakers of America, Future Teachers, and of the Library Club, and active in high school athletics.

Mr. Holloway is a graduate of North Texas University, and is in business with his father in Holloway Furniture and Superior Rug Company, in San Angelo.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the County Judge of Coke County, Texas, in the Courthouse in the City of Robert Lee, Texas, until 10:00 A.M. on the 8th day of July, 1963, on the following road material and application in place, to-wit:

- Double Penetration according to State Highway Specifications, In approximate amounts.
- MCI - 11,733 Gallons
- O A 230 Asphalt - 29,334 gallons.
- Grade No. 4 Rock - 590 CY.
- Grade No. 6 Rock - 300 CY.

All interested Contractors may inspect location and receive information by contacting County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1, Robert Lee, Texas.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject all bids and waiver any technicality.

By order of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, Weldon Fikes, County Auditor Coke County, Texas.

**Among the Men**

Woodrow Gardner has just made a trip by air up to New York and back. He wouldn't sit in seat 13. Woody isn't superstitious. But 13 could be unlucky whether you're superstitious or not.

Steve Casey gets up in the early hours and limbers up for the days work in his garden - a lot of groceries growing on a small plot.

A lot of lambs have been delivered to buyers during the last two weeks in June. Weights, most ranchers report, are better than common at this time of year.

For a year with as much May and June rain, screw worm cases have been very, very light.

Jay Evans reported one case. In a few days a plane was over dropping the infertile flies, and he found several containers on the place.

**REED CEMETERY WORKING**

An all-day cemetery working is announced for Reed Cemetery on Tuesday, July 9, with basket lunch and barbecue at noon. J. Turney Sparks will barbecue a goat for the lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rives and son of Corpus Christi, Texas, are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives. They motored from here to Odessa for a few days there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Denman and daughter from Quitman, Texas, visited in Robert Lee last week with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman.

Abilene Christian College is sponsoring a workshop for high school and college year book staffs July 22-August 2.

The ninth annual Bible Teachers Workshop, with instructors from many Texas cities, will be held at ACC July 22-25.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 5 & 6  
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**FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 300 Can - 4 for \$1.00**

**JELLO, Assorted Flavors - - 3 Boxes 29c**

**BRUCE FLOOR WAX - - - Pint 39c**

AIR FRESHENER  
**AIR WICK SPRAY, 79c Size - - - 49c**

LIGHT CRUST  
**FLOUR 5 Lbs. 49c**

**CRACKERS, Supreme Salad Wafers - 1 Lb. 29c**

**CRISCO**

3 LB. CAN

**69c**

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**SUGAR**

10 LBS.

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**COFFEE**

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