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Two Elections In Next Week

Coke County qualified voters will make their second trip to the polls in less than a week when they vote next Tuesday on the issuance of \$300,000 in bonds for permanent improvements for the county. The proposed bond money would be used for the construction of a new jail and sheriff's home, in the amount of \$125,000. The remaining \$175,000 would be used to build a new agricultural exhibit building, in Robert Lee, a new community center in Bronte, and for remodeling, enlarging and refurbishing the community center at Robert Lee.

A study of the needs of the county for these facilities has been underway for many months by committees appointed by the commissioners court. The committees were named to study each facet of the proposed building program, after considerable interest in the project was shown to the commissioners.

The court and representatives of the committees worked with architects to determine the cost of facilities which the committees had already determined were needed. The architect's estimates showed that the \$300,000 figure would adequately finance the structures needed.

The committees reported back to the court that the new jail and sheriff's home are badly needed, since the present facilities are antiquated and fail to come up to recognized standards. The committee on the livestock exhibition barn thought they were in dire need of facilities before a storm wrecked the barn now in use. However, the damage done by high winds has added to the need.

Robert Lee's community center, the committee reported, has served the town and community well during the years since it was built. However, they said it is inadequate to fill the needs for a gathering place of the size needed for many family reunions and other civic meetings.

Bronte has no community center, the committee reporter, and the need is evident many times every year when no place of suitable size is available for community, family and other gatherings of large size.

Cost Explained

Backers of the building program have been pushing for the bond vote with extra effort since it became general knowledge after the first of the year that, for all practical purposes, the county is out of debt.

Totals of all outstanding indebtedness of various county and precinct bond issues, a Jan. 1 audit revealed, were lower than the total amount in the bond accounts' sinking funds.

Some of the sinking funds were considerably over the amount owed, while some were slightly under. However, when 1968 taxes are collected all of the accounts will have more than enough money to retire the final bond pay-

and Precinct 1 road bond issues of 1954 and 1959.

Tax Rate Now Maximum

When Coke County commissioners called the bond election, Continued on Page 7

Honor Grads Named

Jackie Counts is the valedictorian of the 1968 graduating class of Robert Lee High School. She had a grade average of 97.24 to achieve the honor of being the high student of her class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Counts.

Not far behind Miss Counts is Marilyn Wallace, the class salutatorian, who has a grade average of 95.43. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr.

Other honor students and their averages are:

Lois Heuvel, 93.95; Thomas McBroom (high boy in the class), 92.85; Linda McDaniel, 92.83; Bobby White, 91.95; Vernay Vaughan, 91.27; Lonnie Bloodworth, 89.89.

Announcement of the honor graduates was made this week by Prin. Garland Davis.

Eight Grade Honors

Linda Atkins is the valedictorian of the eighth grade class of 1968 with an average of 96.88. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkins. Salutatorian of the eighth graders is Mary Donley, who has an average of 93.36. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mert Donley. Mart Matlock is the high boy in the class with a 93.45 grade average. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Matlock.

Coke County Democrats will join their fellow citizens of the other 253 counties of Texas Saturday when they will go to the polls and vote for the party nominees who will then go on to represent the party in the General Election next November.

Nominees will be named for all state offices, for U. S. representatives, for state representatives, for district officials, county officials



ROSS ADKINS

Ross Adkins Listed In HS Who's Who

Ross Adkins recently received word that he has been chosen for recognition in the national publication, "Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1967-68." Ross is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adkins.

During his high school career, Ross has participated in FFA and Student Council. He was a member of the golf B team and is president of this year's senior class.

He received a National Merit Letter of Commendation in recognition of his achievements.

A senior, he plans to enter Schreiner Institute at Kerrville this fall.

and precinct officers.

Five polling places will be set up in Coke County: Robert Lee, Bronte, Silver, Green Mountain and Tennyson.

Absentee voting has been going on at a rather brisk pace. County Clerk Mrs. Winnie Waldrop reported Tuesday that 57 persons had voted absentee.

County Races

The sheriff's position is the only county wide race in which the in-

Third Meeting On Ranch House Set For Friday

A third public meeting to discuss moving the Saul Ranch house from its location in the Robert Lee Reservoir will be held Friday night at the courthouse.

At a meeting April 18, it was decided that \$15,000 would be necessary to move the house, set it on a foundation and make necessary repairs for it to be usable.

Ulmer Bird was selected to head the drive for funds.

The house is now the property of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Officials of the district have indicated an interest in donating the house to some group who would move it, maintain it and supervise its use by the public.

A museum, a library, an information center and a meeting place for Coke County organizations have been suggested as possible uses for the house.

Bird said this week that anyone who wishes to donate to the expense of moving the house is requested to see him before the Friday night meeting if possible. He said that some substantial donations will be required to raise the \$15,000 needed.

It was pointed out at the last meeting that the old house would be an excellent place for a museum to depict ranch life of bygone days in this area of West Texas.

cumbent has an opponent. Albert N. (Bob) Fields is challenging Sheriff Melvin Childress for the job. Other county officers on the ballot who are unopposed include County Attorney Frank C. Dickey Sr. and Tax Assessor-Collector O. B. Jacobs.

Precinct Contests

Precinct 1 has a couple of races which are contested. Commissioner Fern Havins is opposed by Jett Hood for the commissioner job. Constable Ollie Roe has been challenged by William H. (Hershall) Hall. In precinct 2, Justice of the Peace Earl D. Nutter and Constable Hiram Brock are unopposed.

Governor's Race Hot

The race for governor is the statewide race of most interest to most voters of Coke County. A tremendous slate of the candidates gives voters a wide choice of political philosophies and personalities from which to choose. Unofficial polls show the front runners to the Preston Smith, Waggoner Carr, Don Yarbrough and Eugene Locke. However John Hill and Dolph Briscoe are expected to garner a large number of votes in the gubernatorial race.

House speaker Ben Barnes is opposed by two Fort Worth men, Don Gladden and Gene Smith, in his race for lieutenant governor. Barnes is a solid favorite to win. The youthful house speaker from Comanche is seeking his first statewide office.

Other statewide officials have none or weak opposition in their races.

Closer to home, 51st Judicial District Judge Joe L. Mayes and District Attorney Frank C. Dickey Jr. are unopposed.

George Baker of Fort Stockton is the only candidate for state representative from this district.

Some of the appeal court justices are opposed and some are running with no opponents. Frank M. Pool of San Angelo is the lone candidate for State Board of Education member.

Coke County voters will also vote on their Democratic Party officials. D. K. Glenn is running for county chairman, and precinct chairman candidates are as follows: Precinct 1, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr.; Precinct 2, Noah Pruitt; Precinct 4, Sam Gaston; Precinct 8, Horace Bloodworth; Precinct 9, David King.

Referendum Proposals

In addition to the many candidates to vote on, there are three referendum propositions listed on the ballot. The first one provides for sale of liquor by the drink on a local option basis. The second provides for horse racing with pari-mutuel betting on a local option basis. The third provides for the establishment of the Texas Dairy Commission with the power to regulate and fix the price of milk.

The outcome of these propositions have no effect as law, but are being voted on to determine the opinion of the citizens of Texas.

Vote FOR Next Tuesday

(An Editorial)

Two very important elections are facing citizens of Coke County in the next week, and every qualified voter should make it his business to cast his ballot in both of them.

Perhaps of the two (the Democratic Primary and the bond election) the one which will have the most lasting effect on the lives of Coke Countians is the permanent improvements bond election which will be held Tuesday.

Coke County, and its two towns, have been reasonably successful during the past few years in combatting the trend which is so prevalent in most rural areas—removal of the people into nearby urban areas. It's true, we have

lost some of our population; on the other hand, we have gained some folks who would rather live in a small town which provides modern facilities to go with the peace and quiet away from the city.

Their attraction to Coke County is no accident. Ask some of them if they didn't like our fine parks, our paved streets, our modern sewer systems, our good schools and churches. We have all these fine improvements and it is doubtful if their construction has worked a hardship on a single citizen of this county.

Now, our county is out of debt and there is going to be some money available to spend for something. Passage of this bond

issue might cause a courthouse office to have to use a typewriter an extra year or a commissioner to have to make-do with a piece of road machinery a little longer than he would if the county had this money available for such expendable items; but we feel that the entire citizenry of this county would benefit far more by having this money spent for something permanent for the use of all the people.

The old jail is a disgrace. Of course, it isn't used much, but living in the last half of the 20th century demands something better.

Perhaps a new show barn would encourage a boy in an agri-

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Vote In Saturday & Tuesday Elections



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EDITORIAL

This newspaper heartily endorses the candidacy of Governor John Connally as Texas' "Favorite Son" to represent our State at the Democratic National Convention. We strongly urge our readers to go to their precinct conventions Saturday and select delegates and pass a resolution favoring Governor Connally's role as leader of the Texas delegation.

Governor Connally is a man of great conviction, character and honesty. His recent appearances on television, both statewide and national, have shown him to have the capacity and poise necessary to help guide national decisions. But Governor Connally can be our "Favorite Son" only if we — at Saturday's precinct conventions — express our support of him.

It is only by attending a precinct convention that every individual voter has the opportunity and ability to be heard and to make his views known concern-

ing his particular political philosophy and to give expression to those political concepts in which he believes.

The precinct convention is the very essence of "grass roots" participation of political and governmental affairs. At the precinct conventions, you and your neighbors select your delegates and voice your opinions. It is the ONLY place you can have a say in the presidential nominee of your party.

Precinct conventions are open to all voters who participate Saturday in the Party primary elections. They are the first step in a long journey to the national conventions and the nominations of presidential and vice presidential candidates.

We urge you and your neighbors to attend your precinct convention this Saturday.

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Hospital News

April 23 — Pearl Mayo, Fred Roe, Mrs. Roy Stewart, Gary Jack Thomason admitted.

April 24 — Mrs. Mary Payne admitted. Mrs. Roy Stewart dismissed.

April 25 — Carl Brock, Mrs. Jim Herford admitted. Fred Roe dismissed.

April 26 — Mrs. Bryan Gartman, Ned Thomason admitted. Pearl Mayo, H. M. Stevens dismissed.

April 27 — G. F. Davis, Bobby Palmos admitted. Mrs. Jim Herford, Gary Jack Thomason dismissed.

April 28 — Mrs. B. R. Duncan, Robert Sanchez, Mrs. E. M. Saucedo admitted. Ned Thomason dismissed.

April 29 — Freeman Clark, Mrs. Freeman Clark, Mrs. Alton Adkins, Mrs. G. G. Davis admitted. Bobby Palmos, Mrs. Bryan Gartman dismissed.

Eight patients remained in the Nursing Home and 14 were in the Hospital Tuesday.

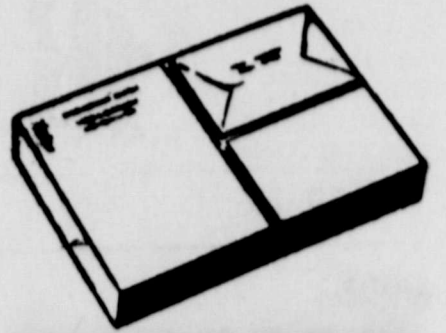
NEW OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED BY '64 CLUB

The '64 Stud Club met for a business session Tuesday night, April 23 in the home of Mrs. Vic Conner. Mrs. Douglas Ditmore was co-hostess.

Members voted to have a covered dish supper with their husbands as guests on May 14 when new officers will be installed. Two new members, Mmes. O. B. Jacobs and Jack Denman, were named.

Refreshments were served to 13 members.

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HEARD AT SANCO

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winkler and family of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker and family of San Angelo were Sunday visitors of the ladies' mother, Mrs. Bryan Gartman, who is in the hospital for treatment of a rattlesnake bite.

Gaylan Pitcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock, and a school friend, Roger McKissick of Dallas were here over the weekend from Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sword, Lvon and Ronni Reid of San Angelo visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid, last Sunday.

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Seldom in recent history have we faced such political uncertainty. Developments just ahead will affect our state for years to come.

If you want Texas to have a strong united voice in the future affairs of our nation, join behind Governor Connally as Favorite Son candidate for the Presidency, and as leader of the delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

As a leader respected throughout the country, he will be an effective, influential voice in shaping the future leadership and policy of the party and the nation.

Be sure to attend your precinct convention, adopt the unit rule, and give your support to Governor John Connally for Favorite Son.

IMPORTANT! YOU MUST VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TO HELP GOVERNOR CONNALLY AT THE PRECINCT CONVENTION!



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Connally Favorite Son Campaign Committee, Robert Strauss, Chairman

Robert Lee School News

Cheerleaders Named

Cheerleaders of 1968-69 were selected Monday in voting by the student body. Donna Mitchell, a sophomore, was named head cheerleader. Others elected were Su Percifull and Robbie Smith, juniors; Becky Percifull and Jackie Conley, freshman. Alternates are Kathy Denman, a junior, and Sharon Hughes, a freshman.

Students Teach

Eighteen RLHS students got a taste of being on the other side of the desk Tuesday when they taught classes in conjunction with requirements for membership in the Future Teachers Association.

Services Held For Herbert B. Owen

Funeral services were held for Herbert B. Owen, 66, on Monday at 4 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church in Odessa. Burial was in the Odessa cemetery directed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Mr. Owen died about noon Friday in an Odessa hospital after a long illness.

He was born Jan. 9, 1902 in Hayes County and moved to Coke County with his parents while a young boy. He married Dora J. Rives Dec. 28, 1924 in Robert Lee. They moved to Odessa in 1938. He was a Baptist and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, W. E. Owen and B. J. Owen of Odessa, L. H. Owen of Frederick, Okla., and G. D. Owen of Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Spears and Mrs. Bobby Welch, both of Odessa; two brothers, Lee Owen and Conley Owen, both of Odessa; three sisters, Mrs. Susie Widenfellow, Mrs. Myrtle Nixon and Mrs. Aggie New.

Relatives attending the funeral from Robert Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rives, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trimble.

Students who taught classes were: Marilyn Wallace, Dianne Baker, Alfred Blair, Edward White, Kaye Roberts, Kathy Denman, Christie Roach, Sue Percifull, Caroline Bethel, Peggy Greer, Kay Cole, Vernay Vaughan, Debbie Shoemaker, Keith Waldrop, Jerry McDonald, Bob Thomason, Mike Post, Carolyn Thomason and Connie Blaylock.

To State Meet

Four high school students will be in Austin this weekend when they will participate in the state meet of the University Interscholastic League.

Albert (Tooter) Fields is the school's only entry in the track and field meet. He will represent this region in the 120 yard high hurdles. Fields took second place in the region with a 15 flat, but has a better time than that in previous contests.

Winners of regional literary events who will go to Austin are Kathy Percifull in prose reading; Jackie Counts in persuasive speaking and Vernay Vaughan in poetry interpretation.

Coke County Teachers Association will have a dinner meeting here Monday night.

The Angelo State College choir will perform in the school auditorium Wednesday, May 8, at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend this event.

My Neighbors



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Moody Investors Award RL School Rating Of "A"

Robert Lee School has been given a "A" rating by Moody's Investor Service, a New York firm which evaluated conditions of the school district and its financial ability. The rating was assigned in connection with the recently voted \$700,000 bond issue which was voted here to build new school facilities.

During Easter weekend, Bob Davis, vice president of Columbian Securities Corporation; Supt. Jimmy Bickley; and board members Lewis Heuvel and Truman Hines went to New York City, where they presented statistical data and information on the school district. This information reflected the school's financial ability and was the basis for the rating given.

After receiving word of the rating, Bob Davis said in a letter, in part, "...for such an excellent rating, it certainly reflects the very sound financial condition of the Robert Lee Independent School District, and an area that takes great pride in its school and educational facilities.

"The "A" rating assigned your district places you in the same category as such schools as San Angelo, Ector County (Odessa), Midland, Corpus Christi and Andrews." For comparison he continued "Schools with which you are familiar, who carry a lesser rating (Baa) are Snyder, Pecos, Sweetwater, Rankin, Fort Stockton, Levelland and Brownfield."

Some factors which are considered by analysts of Moody's to determine the ratings are as follows:

1. Type of business or industry on which a community depends. Diverse activities are important.
 2. It is important for analysts to know in what bank or banks you keep your funds and how strong they are. They want to know the manner by which public deposits are secured.
 3. The ratio of outstanding debt to assessed valuation is important.
 4. A short vigorous debt retirement schedule indicates a positive willingness to pay. It is a strong credit factor. The school board of Robert Lee Independent School District set a 15 year maturity schedule.
 5. Sources of money for payment of debt. Even though the bonds proceeds were limited by not having provision of S.B. 116, the district did have incentive aid which can be applied to debt service.
 6. Tax Collection. Our tax collection is from 97 per cent.
 7. Tax assessment value. Robert Lee's assessment is 33 1/2% of actual value which is an exaggerated 33 1/2%.
- Bids were to have been considered by the school board Tuesday night for the sale of the \$700,000 bond issue.

Marriage Licenses

The office of County Clerk Mrs. Winnie Waldrop reported the following marriage licenses were issued during March:

Douglas George Daniels and Margaret Ann Appleton.
 Glenn Pierce Roach and Debbie Jo Glean Clinton.

Waynan Christian and Mrs. Della Lee Ranne.
 Gilberto Martinez and Amerlia Ybarra Jasso.

Calvin Laffayette Sparks Jr. and Sandra Kay Glasscock.
 Marriage licenses issued in April:

Francis Carlton Franks and Lois Luecelle McCarty.
 Elbert Earl Braddock and Jo Ann Hamilton.

David Wayne Hasty and Hetta Katherine Patterson.

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Please accept this as my request for your vote in the Democratic Primary Saturday. I have made an effort to contact all the voters in the precinct, but I know there are many I have missed.

I want to solicit your help in my race for Constable, because I believe I can serve you well. My long experience in working with the young people of the community will be of great help in filling this position, for I firmly believe that looking out for the best interests of our children is one of the main jobs of the Constable.

I will cooperate with all law enforcement agencies, and will work diligently to make you the kind of law enforcement officer Robert Lee and the surrounding community needs.

Thanks for the many courtesies you have shown me during the campaign.

Your Vote Appreciated

(Paid Political Adv.)

State Bank No. 1664

REPORT OF CONDITION OF ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

of Robert Lee in the State of Texas at the close of business on April 18, 1968.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 654,932.63
United States Government obligations	796,587.74
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	210,801.33
Securities of Federal agencies and corporations	99,921.88
Other loans and discounts	1,322,500.58
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	39,176.12
Other assets	75.85
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,125,939.80

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,068,077.46
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,187,301.32
Deposits of United States Government	13,851.60
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	642,928.60
Certified and Officers' Checks, etc.	10,633.38
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,922,792.86
Total demand deposits	\$1,586,138.48
Total time and savings deposits	\$1,336,654.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,922,792.86

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Common stock—total par value	50,000.00
Surplus	125,000.00
Undivided profits	28,146.94
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 203,146.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,125,939.80

MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	2,925,424.98
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	1,340,030.46

I, Willis W. Smith, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Willis W. Smith

Correct—Attest:

Wm. H. Allen
 G. C. Allen
 Vaughan S. Davis } **Directors.**

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss:
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 the day of April, 1968, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

Kenneth Lackey, Notary Public
 My commission expires June 1, 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kenny moved to Robert Lee last week from Carmen, Okla. They are making their home at 124 W. 7th Street. Kenny is employed by Allen Moore. Mrs. Kenny is the former Deane McClure.

OUT OF TOWN RELATIVES
Out of town relatives here for the funeral of Mrs. Ray White and omitted from the list run in last week's paper include:
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Blair, Jim and Jodie of Nolan; Mrs. Clifford Blair, Sweetwater; Mrs. Jean Smith of Carlsbad, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armontrout. Mrs. Armontrout is the former Fay Glasgow.

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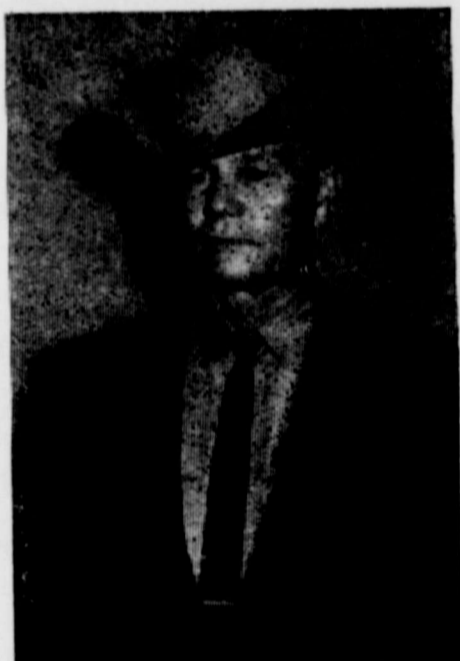
YOUR VOTE MAY 4— BE SURE IT COUNTS !

Under the new election code, you must place an X or check mark in the ballot square by each name. You must mark the square even in unopposed races for your vote to count—and I do hope to get your vote counted on May 4.

I wish to thank all the voters of the 66th District for their consideration and for confidence expressed in allowing me to run unopposed in the Democratic Primary. I hope to meet many more of you before the general election in November.

GEORGE BAKER
Of Fort Stockton, Pecos County
For State Representative, 66th Dist.

(Political Advertising paid by George Baker)



OLLIE ROE

To The Voters Of Precinct 1:

If you see fit to re-elect me to the office of Constable of Precinct 1, it is my intention to continue to do my job to the very best of my ability. I will continue to cooperate with county and city officials and with business firms of Robert Lee.

I have been handling the combined positions of Constable and Nightwatchman, and have been on call day and night.

I know our community ranks high when it comes to law and order, and I want to do my very best to keep it that way. We have a good class of citizens and a fine group of young folks.

It has been a privilege to work with you and I trust that my services have been worthy of your continued confidence and re-election on May 4.

I have tried to contact every voter and regret that it has not been possible to visit a few of you who were away when I called at your homes.

Thanks for your friendship and the many favors you have shown me over the years.

Yours sincerely,

OLLIE ROE
Candidate For Constable, Precinct 1

(Paid Political Adv.)

Schedule Given For Colo. River Little League

Two Little League teams from Robert Lee, two from Sterling City and one each from Bronte and Norton will comprise the Colorado River Association for this spring. W. T. Roach of Robert Lee is president; Durwood Mumford, Robert Lee, is vice president and Winnie Waldrop, Robert Lee, is secretary.

Team Managers include Dale Wojtek, Cardinals, Robert Lee; Allen Rowoldt, Indians, Robert Lee; J. B. Arrott, Yankees, Bronte; Vonlee Poehls, Dodgers, Norton; Kenneth L. Peel, Sterling City team; and the Giants, Sterling City, with manager yet to be named.

League play begins May 7. The schedule is as follows, with the home team listed first:

May 7: Giants — Cardinals; Indians — Yankees; Dodgers — Sterling City.

May 10: Indians — Giants; Dodgers — Cardinals; Yankees — Sterling City.

May 14: Giants — Dodgers; Sterling City — Indians; Cardinals — Yankees.

May 17: Sterling City — Giants; Yankees — Dodgers; Indians — Cardinals.

May 21: Giants — Yankees; Cardinals — Sterling City; Dodgers — Indians.

May 24: Cardinals — Giants; Yankees — Indians; Sterling City — Dodgers.

May 28: Giants — Indians; Cardinals — Dodgers; Sterling City — Yankees.

May 31: Dodgers — Giants; Indians — Sterling City; Yankees — Cardinals.

June 4: Giants — Sterling City; Dodgers — Yankees; Cardinals — Indians.

June 7: Yankees — Giants; Sterling City — Cardinals; Indians — Dodgers.

June 11: Giants — Cardinals; Indians — Yankees; Dodgers — Sterling City.

June 14: Indians — Giants; Dodgers — Cardinals; Yankees — Sterling City.

June 18: Giants — Dodgers; Sterling City — Indians; Cardinals — Yankees.

June 21: Sterling City — Giants; Yankees — Dodgers; Indians — Cardinals.

June 25: Giants — Yankees; Cardinals — Sterling City; Dodgers — Indians.

Persons interested in the Little League program are asked to clip this schedule for use all season.

ABILENE RITES FOR MRS. T. J. MIDDLETON

Funeral services for Mrs. T. J. Middleton, 75, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in North Funeral Chapel in Abilene. Burial was in Bradshaw cemetery near Winters.

She was the mother of Mrs. Barney Smith of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Middleton died Monday in an Abilene Nursing Home after a long illness.

Mrs. Middleton was born Jan. 21, 1893 in Athens and was raised near Bradshaw. She was married there Dec. 23, 1909. Her husband is a retired Abilene police officer.

Survivors include her husband; eight sons, three daughters; 34 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

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night in each month
Visitors welcome.

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Jett Hood

For



Commissioner

Precinct 1, Coke County

—Experienced —Honest
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I have lived in Robert Lee since 1929, and feel that I am thoroughly familiar with the problems and needs of Coke County and Precinct 1. I worked many years under our present commissioner and the one before him. I believe this experience qualifies me to handle all the road building needs of the precinct.

Another reason I feel I can do a good job for you in this position is that I need the job, and I am willing to devote my full time and energy to working for the people of Precinct 1 and Coke County. I sincerely have the interest of our town, precinct and county at heart and, if you elect me to the job of commissioner, I will give my very best effort to seeing that your money is spent wisely to get the very most for every dollar spent.

I have tried to visit with every voter in the precinct and will continue to get around to see you all next week. However, if I miss you, it is certainly unintentional, for I need every vote I can get.

I will greatly appreciate your vote and support in the Democratic Primary election on May 4.

VOTE FOR HOOD MAY 4

(Paid Political Adv.)

Nine Girl Tracksters Win At Region, Qualify For Entry In State Track Meet

Robert Lee High School's girls track team has been going great guns during the last week, having won the regional meet which was held last Thursday at Colorado City. They accumulated a total of 82 points and qualified nine girls to participate in six individual events and two relays at the state meet which will be held May 11.

Eldorado and Borden County were the only other schools participating which came anywhere close to the Robert Lee girls. They both had 86 points. Fourth place Mertzon had 42 and the other eight teams were under that figure.

First place winners included Lois Heuvel who set a new regional record in the triple jump, and Jackie Conley who tied the regional record in the 60 yard dash.

Others placing second and winning a berth at the state meet were: Kathy Denman, discus; the 440 relay team made up of Laveta Todd, Linda Blair, Sheri Pitcock and Conley; Heuvel, 440 dash; Conley, 100 yard dash; the mile relay team composed of Elaine Fikes, Linda Blair, Jackie Counts and Heuvel.

In addition, Heuvel added some points to Robert Lee's total with a third place in the broad jump.

Bluebonnet Belle Relays

Five freshmen members of the RLHS track team competed in the Blue Bonnet Belle Relays last Saturday at San Angelo, and placed second in the 41-team meet.

Borden County won the meet with 72 points and Robert Lee was second with 49. Eldorado had 43 and Nueces Canyon, 39. Robert Lee would have won the meet had its shuttle relay team not been disqualified after it broke the meet record.

Girls placing in the meet were: Conley, 1st in the 50 yard dash; Todd, Blair, Pitcock and Conley,

1st in the 240 relay; Todd, Blair, Pitcock and Thomason, 4th in the 300 yard relay; Thomason, Blair, Pitcock and Conley, 1st in the 440 relay.

Fifteen junior high girls also participated in the meet. Best placings were by Ann Sanders with a 4'4" in high jump; and Debbie Hendry, Kathy Prince, Patti Ivey and Saunders, fifth in the 240 relays.

Board Gets Low Bid On \$700,000 School Bond Sale

Robert Lee Independent School District's board of trustees, in a meeting Tuesday night, accepted a bid of 4.3885 per cent on the \$700,000 school bond issue which was recently voted by citizens of the district. An order to have the bonds printed was okayed by the board.

The low bid on interest rate for the bonds was submitted by Eastman, Dillon Securities Co. of Dallas. Two other firms are also

participating in the purchase of the school bonds. They are Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith and Texas Bank & Trust Co., also with offices in Dallas.

Nine bids were received with the rate ranging from the low of 4.3885 per cent to the high of 4.5394 per cent.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley said that school officials were well pleased with the offer of the successful bidder, as they consider the in-rate to be very favorable, in view of the current money market.

Bickley said a lot of credit for the low rate must go to the excellent rating given to the school district recently by Moody In-

vestor Service. The rating was given after Bickley, Bob Davis of Columbian Securities Corp., and board members Truman Hines and Lewis Heuvel made a trip to New York City to present information on the school's finances to the Moody firm.

The superintendent said the rating and resulting bid on the bonds have saved the school several thousand dollars in interest.

Jan, Judy and Randy Carwile, children of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glen Carwile of San Angelo, spent the weekend in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile.

No. 0000

SAMPLE BALLOT

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square by the candidate's name.

No. 0000

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Coke County, Texas

May 4, 1968

I am a Democrat and pledge myself to support the nominee of this Primary.

For Congressman, 17th District:

OMAR BURLESON
of Jones County

For Governor:

- EUGENE LOCKE
of Dallas County
- PRESTON SMITH
of Lubbock County
- ALFONSO "AL" VELOZ
of Harris County
- DON YARBOROUGH
of Harris County
- WAGGONER CARR
of Travis County
- JOHNNIE MAE
HACKWORTHE
of Washington County
- JOHN HILL
of Travis County
- PAT O'DANIEL
of Dallas County
- EDWARD L.
WHITTENBURG
of Harris County
- DOLPH BRISCOE
of Uvalde County

For Lieutenant Governor:

- DON GLADDEN
of Tarrant County
- BEN BARNES
of Comanche County
- GENE SMITH
of Tarrant County

For Attorney General:

CRAWFORD MARTIN
of Hill County

For Comptroller of Public Accounts:

- ROBERT S. CALVERT
of Travis County
- DALLAS BLANKENSHIP
of Lamar County

For State Treasurer:

JESSE JAMES
of Travis County

For Commissioner of General Land Office:

JERRY SADLER
of Anderson County

For Commissioner of Agriculture:

JOHN C. WHITE
of Travis County

For Railroad Commissioner:

JIM C. LANGDON
of El Paso County

For Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1:

- SEARS McGEE
of Harris County
- MATT DAVIS
of Upshur County

For Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2:

- TOM REAVLEY
of Travis County
- JAMES G. DENTON
of Lubbock County

For Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3:

ZOLLIE STEAKLEY
of Travis County

For Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1:

W. A. MORRISON
of Milam County

For Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2:

LEON DOUGLAS
of Wilbarger County

For State Representative, 60th District:

GEORGE BAKER

For State Board of Education:

FRANK M. POOL
of Tom Green County

For Associate Justice, Court of Civil Appeals, Third Supreme Judicial District:

TRUEMAN O'QUINN
of Travis County

For District Judge, 51st Judicial District:

JOE L. MAYS
of Tom Green County

For District Attorney, 51st Judicial District:

FRANK DICKEY, JR.
of Tom Green County

For County Attorney:

FRANK C. DICKEY, SR.

For Sheriff:

- ALBERT N. (BOB) FIELDS
- MELVIN CHILDRESS

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O. B. JACOBS

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- FERN HAVINS
- JETT HOOD

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:

FLOYD HARMON

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2:

EARL D. NUTTER

For Constable, Precinct 1:

- WILLIAM H. (HERSHALL) HALL
- OLLIE ROE

For Constable, Precinct 2:

HIRAM BROCK

For County Democratic Chairman:

D. K. GLENN

For Chairman Precinct 1:

MRS. CUMBIE IVEY, JR.

For Chairman, Precinct 2:

NOAH PRUITT

For Chairman, Precinct 4:

SAM GASTON

For Chairman, Precinct 8:

HORACE BLOODWORTH

For Chairman, Precinct 9:

DAVID KING

REFERENDUM PROPOSITIONS

THIS PROPOSITION IS ONLY AN EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC OPINION AND HAS NO FORCE OR EFFECT AS LAW.

- FOR Enactment by the Texas Legislature of a law permitting the legal sale of liquor by the drink in wet areas only after approval by local option elections, and which sale would be subject to strict regulation, effective controls
- AGAINST and taxation thereof.

THIS PROPOSITION IS ONLY AN EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC OPINION AND HAS NO FORCE OR EFFECT AS LAW.

- FOR Enactment by the Texas Legislature of a law permitting horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering on a local option basis; creating a Texas Horse Racing Board with the power to regulate pari-mutuel wagering on horse races; granting two percent of the total pari-mutuel pool each day to each county where there is a licensed race track; and apportioning among all other counties one-half of the total state net revenue from that source.
- AGAINST

THIS PROPOSITION IS ONLY AN EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC OPINION AND HAS NO FORCE OR EFFECT AS LAW.

- FOR Enactment by the Texas Legislature of a law creating the Texas Dairy Commission with the power to regulate and fix the retail and wholesale price of milk.
- AGAINST

WANT ADS

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FOR SALE — 1959 Ford tractor, new overhaul, new tires, new heavy duty 8-ft. blade. See at 2743 Notre Dame, San Angelo, Ivan Havins, phone 949-4325. 1.3tp

FOR SALE — Evaporative coolers, 4,000, one speed, \$84.50; 4000 2 speed, \$99.95; 4200 2 speed, \$119.95; 4700, 2 speed, \$129.95; Duct type 5500 1 speed \$144.50; 14 cu. ft. Whirlpool frostless refrigerator, \$219.95. Call 453-2721, Maurice Yarbrough. 2t

FOR SALE — New 3 bedroom house on 804 Alice St. 3% down, FHA terms. Contact Builders Service, San Angelo.

FOR SALE — Laying hens. Call 453.2481. 2t

HOUSE FOR SALE — 213 W. 12th street near school. Call or see Joe Slaton. 3tp

FOR SALE — Marketeer Electric cart and charger, \$250.00, good batteries; 1966 Jay Herbert Irons, 2 thru 9, 4 wood & bag, \$85.00; Glen Aaron, Adams Abstract Co., Robert Lee.

cultural career and keep him on the farm or ranch, a need that is urgent for both our county and our nation.

A new community center for Bronte and an enlarged one for Robert Lee are sorely needed. Both communities miss out on a good many meetings and gatherings because of the lack of suitable facilities in which to hold them. The centers would have some added financial impact on businesses of both towns.

As was stated in this newspaper a few weeks ago, the whole matter boils down to two questions: Do we need the new buildings? and can we afford them?

The need is obvious and the county's finances have never been in better shape, so the answer to both questions must be "Yes."

Consequently, we believe that both propositions listed on the ballot should be voted FOR.

ments.

Bonds which county officials plan to retire this year include the courthouse bond issue of 1954, the park improvement bond of 1956, they issued a brochure which tells the facts about the financial condition of the county. First, they pointed out that the county's tax rate cannot be raised again to pay off these bonds. It now stands at the maximum allowed by the constitution of 80 cents per \$100 valuation. If these bonds are approved, they will have to be retired on money out of this 80 cent levy.

Coke County, the commissioners pointed out, has been using part of the 80 cent tax levy for years to retire courthouse and park bonds. Since these bonds will be retired this year and the portion set aside for this purpose will no longer be needed, this money could now be used to make payments on the proposed bonds.

Fiscal agents of the county have determined that 16 cents of the 80 cent tax bill be needed to retire the proposed \$300,000 in 15 years. This 16 cents is below the amount which has been used for bond retirement practically all of the time since the new court house was built.

Only 12 cents was needed in 1967 to make bond payments, 17 cents was necessary in 1966, and during the preceding 10 years 19 cents was required. Only during the past year has the levy for permanent improvements been under the amount which will be necessary to retire the bonds which will be voted on next Tuesday.

Gordon Charlton, vice president of Columbian Securities Corp., the county's fiscal representative, gave the results of his study of the county's finances in relation to the proposed bond issue as follows:

Study By Charlton

"Should the above bonds be approved at the election their is-

suance will not result in any increase in taxes for the taxpayer for the following reasons:

"Under the constitution all counties are authorized to levy a tax of 80 cents upon each \$100 of taxable values out of which all administrative and operating costs of the county as well as juries and a part of the road and bridge costs must be paid.

"In addition, any bonds such as those to be voted upon must be paid out of this tax. No other legal tax can be levied to pay them.

"At present Coke County still owes \$20,000 of the Courthouse bond issue of 1954 for which the County already has the money to pay this balance when it becomes due next November.

"There is also an unpaid balance of \$40,000 on the 1956 Park Improvement bond issue which, with the cash now on hand and the tax to be levied this year, the

County can pay in full and it is the intention of the Commissioners Court to do this.

"This tax of 16c, based upon the present tax rolls, will be sufficient to pay the proposed bonds within fifteen years.

"The engineers who direct the oil tax rolls have estimated that under present conditions oil production should not decline materially for the next fifteen years. Hence, the county tax rolls, which are among the lowest in the State, should remain stable with the possibility due to normal growth plus any increase resulting from the completion of the new lake and the development of its surrounding area."

Polls will be set up and elections held in all five of Coke County's five voting boxes. Only resident qualified who own taxable property and have rendered it for taxation may vote.



HOUSE SPEAKER

Ben Barnes

IN SEEKING THE OFFICE OF
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, STANDS FOR

* A responsible new approach to spending state money, based on annual legislative budgeting, that will put the government on a current, businesslike basis.

* Excellence in education, by upgrading public schools, colleges and universities, and developing a strong vocational training program to give all young Texans the opportunity to get and hold good jobs.

* Stopping the rising crime rate by using a positive, 12-point program that includes a Police Academy for training all Texas peace officers, stronger criminal prosecution forces, better court facilities, and greater rehabilitation for both juvenile and adult offenders.

* Workable state liquor laws with strong, uniform enforcement.

* Developing a strong and effective state-controlled air and water pollution program in cooperation with local governments.

* A workable statewide water plan to develop existing and future water resources.

* Increasing the State's tourism program. * Aggressively seeking new industry to keep Texas the fastest growing industrial state in the Nation.

* Greater emphasis on the state meeting its problems in growing urban areas.

* Improving the state's agricultural program to increase efficiency and productivity.

* Expansion of mental health program.

* A statewide program for the treatment of specific learning disabilities in our pre-school and school age children.

* A state old age assistance program that assures adequate living conditions and medical care for elder Texans.

* Revision of the State Constitution to simplify and modernize outdated language.

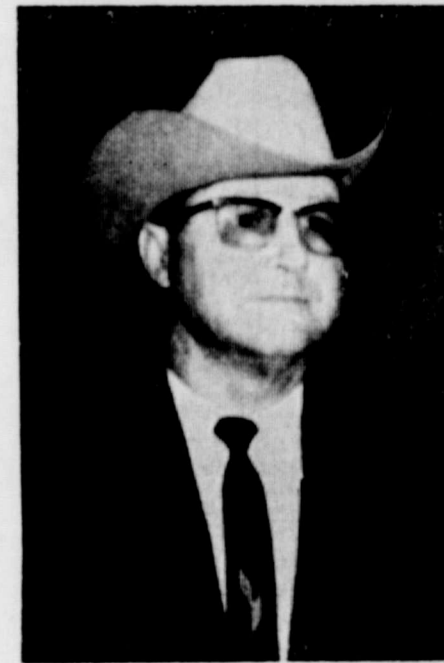
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Pol. Adv.—Paid for by Coke County supporters of Ben Barnes, Royce Lee, Chairman

Vote For



ALBERT N. (BOB)

FIELDS

FOR

Sheriff

OF COKE COUNTY

I will greatly appreciate your vote and support in the Democratic election Saturday, May 4. I have greatly enjoyed visiting and talking with so many Coke County citizens during the campaign. It has been a real pleasure for me. I am truly sorry that I missed some of you and hope you will consider this my personal request for your vote.

If you see fit to elect me your sheriff, I will do my very best to fulfill the duties of the office and make you the kind of sheriff this county needs.

I realize this is an important job and, if elected, I will devote my full time to looking after the business of the office. I will be most grateful for your vote next Saturday.

(Paid Political Adv.)



Notes From The Oil Field

Tucker Drilling Co., Inc., and Peter Henderson of San Angelo No. 1-C Florine Price recovered 20.35 barrels of new oil on a recent test. Located in 309-1A-H&TC, the test is 5½ miles east of Silver and 1¼ miles northeast of the one-well Panther Gap field.

Recovery was through perforations at 5,407.5, 423½ feet.

The same operators will drill the No. 8-C Foster S. Price at a site located 2,178.9 feet from the north and 1,649.7 feet from the west lines of 234-1A-H&TC. It is contracted to go to 6,000 feet.

Another recently announced test is G. W. Strake, Midland No. 2-C Sadie Harris, et al, as a 5/8 mile northwest outpost to the Bloodworth, South (5600S) field, six miles northwest of Robert Lee and ¼ mile north of Strake's No. 1-C Harris which was being completed.

Location is 1,980 feet from the south and 660 feet from the east lines of D. H. and J. W. Snyder & William Vonrosenberg No. 4. Contract depth is 5,900 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. and children visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Williams at Eden. Other visitors in the Williams home were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilks and children of Midland. The Wallaces also visited Sunday evening in the Donny Bradford home at Menard.

Take a Look at the Ads.

Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Observer to announce their candidacy for nomination to the office shown below, and on the indicated party ticket. (Charges are as follows: state, district, county and commissioner races, \$25; other precinct offices, \$20).

DEMOCRAT

For Congressman:

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Of Jones County

For State Representative:

GEORGE BAKER
Of Pecos County

For Sheriff:

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FERN HAVINS
JETT HOOD

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:

FLOYD HARMON

For Constable, Precinct 1:

OLLIE ROE
WILLIAM H. (HERSHALL)
HALL

REPUBLICAN

For State Representative:

JIM KENT
Of Ward County

Notice Taxpayers

Starting Jan. 2, I will be in my office at Robert Lee Mon., Tues. & Wed. of each week and at my Bronte office Fri. & Sat. to assist you with your Income Tax Returns. Over 20 years experience in all types of Tax Accounting.

REASONABLE RATES

O. T. Colvin

Ph. 282-2291 Blackwell, Tex.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, May 6

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, buttered corn, potato chips, milk, vanilla pudding.

Tuesday, May 7

Fish sticks with tartar sauce, creamed potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, gingerbread.

Wednesday, May 8

Pinto beans with pork, potato salad, spinach, cornbread and butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Thursday, May 9

Italian spaghetti with cheese, cole slaw, English peas, hot rolls and butter, milk, peanut butter cookies.

Friday, May 10

Barbecue chicken, buttered potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, milk, grape Jello.

THERE'S HOME TOWN NEWS
IN THE HOME TOWN ADS.

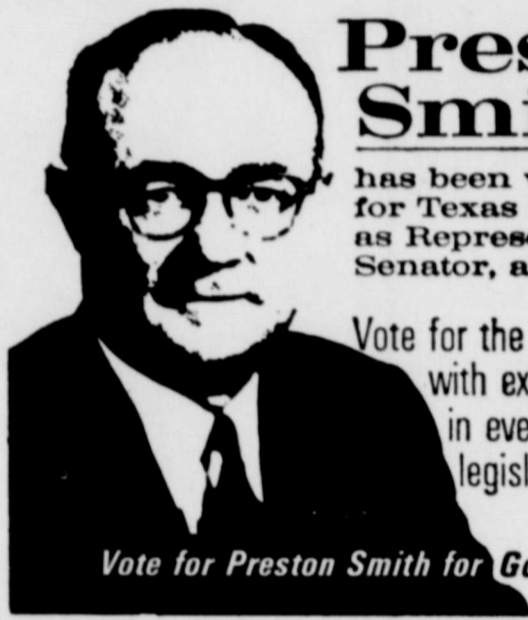
Angelo State College honored 144 of its outstanding students at an Academic Excellence and Leadership Honors Program Wednesday night.

The event was held in the college auditorium and a reception honoring the award winners followed in the ASC Student Center. Students, parents and guests were invited to the ceremonies.

Presentation of the President's Award to the ASC students with the best academic record was the highlight of the program. Recipient of that award had not been identified at press time Wednesday.

In addition, 21 other students were cited for academic excellence, 100 were recognized for scholarship, and another 23 received awards for leadership and achievement.

Robert Chism McBroom of Robert Lee was a recipient of one of the academic excellence awards, and his sister, Linda Carol McBroom, received a scholarship award. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBroom of Robert Lee.



Preston Smith

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for Texas since 1944
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Pd. Pol. Adv.—Harold Dudley, Campaign Mgr.

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Anyone can offer you just about anything with a fancy paint job, special trim, a few gadgets, and call it a "sale." But see what your Chevrolet dealer is coming up with during his '68 Savings Explo! Check these Bonus Savings Plans.

1. Any Chevrolet or Chevelle with 200-hp Turbo-Fire V8, Powerglide and whitewalls.
2. Any Chevrolet or Chevelle with 250-hp Turbo-Fire V8, Powerglide and whitewalls.
3. Any regular Chevrolet with 250-hp Turbo-Fire V8, Turbo Hydraulic and whitewalls.

4. Now, for the first time ever, big savings on power disc brakes and power steering when you buy any Chevrolet or Chevelle V8.
5. Buy any Chevrolet or Chevelle V8 2- or 4-door hardtop—save on vinyl top, electric clock, wheel covers and appearance guard items.





Austin, Tex. — Hard-driving candidates for governor are coming down the stretch after a long campaign which has failed to fire up the voters.

Probably about 50 per cent of the total eligible electorate of just over four million will decide the outcome Saturday (May 4).

Strong Democratic runners include Lt. Gov. Preston Smith, John Hill, Waggoner Carr, Eugene Locke, Don Yarborough, Dolph Briscoe and Edward L. Whittenburg. Pat O'Daniel has campaigned extensively in recent weeks.

Other candidates, Johnnie Mae Hackworthe and Alfonso Veloz, have done little campaigning.

In the Republican primary, a warm gubernatorial contest features Paul Eggers, John R. Trice and Wallace Sisk.

Another hard-fought contest on the Democratic ballot pits House Speaker Ben Barnes against Don Gladden and Gene Smith for lieutenant governor.

There are two State Supreme Court races in the Democratic primary:

Place 1 — Matt Davis vs. Sears McGee

Place 2 — Tom Reavley vs. James G. Denton.

There is just one other statewide contest on either ballot:

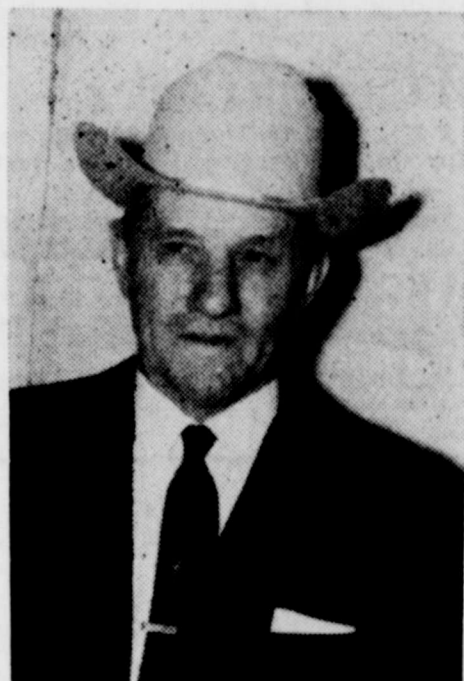
Comptroller Robert S. Calvert is opposed by Dallas Blankenship.

Democratic, Republican and American parties have scheduled referendums on legalizing sale of mixed alcoholic beverages on local option, pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing, also on local option, and establishment of a state milk-price-fixing commission.

WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church
West 11th and Chadbourne
Bill Beaty, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.



FERN HAVINS

**TO THE VOTERS OF
PRECINCT NO. 1,
COKE COUNTY, TEXAS**

Dear Friends:

I have tried as in the past to see every voter in Precinct No. 1. If I have missed seeing you, I would like to take this means to sincerely solicit your support and your vote as Commissioner, Precinct No. 1.

In the years I have served as your commissioner, I have tried to do my best to serve all the people; spending your tax dollars as you would have me do.

I feel that the county is in good financial shape. All outstanding bonds will be retired in 1968. I have tried, and have received in turn wonderful cooperation from you and officials of school, city, county, hospital and park boards, in accomplishing what I considered to be in your best interest.

If elected to a fourth term, I will continue to work of the best interests of all concerned. Again, I would appreciate your support and your vote on May 4th.

Fern Havins

**Candidate for 4th Term As
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1,
Coke County**

(Paid Political Adv.)

Democrats expect sharp fighting in their precinct conventions Saturday which decide makeup of the national presidential nominating convention delegation and the shape of the state party organization. Gov. John Connally is campaigning for favorite son presidential designation, leadership of the national convention delegation and binding of delegates under the unit rule. Republican conventions Saturday will see strong efforts to name Sen. John Tower as their favorite son candidate.

Voters have been warned they cannot participate in affairs of the new American Party supporting George Wallace for president if they vote in either the GOP or Demo primaries Saturday or go to major party conventions. American Party needs 14,000 members to get Wallace on the November ballot.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES

Atty. Gen. Chawford C. Martin has held that the "open meetings" law of 1967 is valid and constitutional. Opinion cleared the way for the first court action (at Brownsville) under the new act. Cameron County Criminal Dist. Atty. F. T. Graham requested the opinion after the Brownsville Herald complained its reporter was barred for an hour from a meeting of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board last January 25.

**Baker Warns On
Marking Ballots**

George Baker, unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the Texas Legislature, 66th District, this week issued a warning to voters on the need for complete marking of the primary ballot.

Changes in the election code effective this year provide for use of the ballot square to be marked, rather than the old system of scratching out the unwanted candidates.

"This means," said the Fort Stockton newspaper man seeking his first political office, "that unless you check the square opposite the name of any uncontested candidate, he will not receive your vote. You must mark the ballot square opposite the names of your choices in all races, even those without opposition, in order to vote in those races."

Another change creating confusion in some instances is the new order of offices on the ballot, which provides that federal offices are followed by state offices, putting the congressional district candidates ahead of statewide candidates. They run ahead of "governor" rather than with the other district offices as in the past.

Careful study of the ballot form and the instructions is recommended before voting, and if there are any questions election officials probably can clear them up on request.

"I appreciate very much the confidence that voters of the district have indicated by allowing me to run unopposed in the Democratic primary. I plan an active campaign before the general election, and hope to meet many more voters and discuss local problems and state issues with them," said Baker.

Coke County is one of the 13 which make the 66th the largest district in Texas in land area and number of counties.

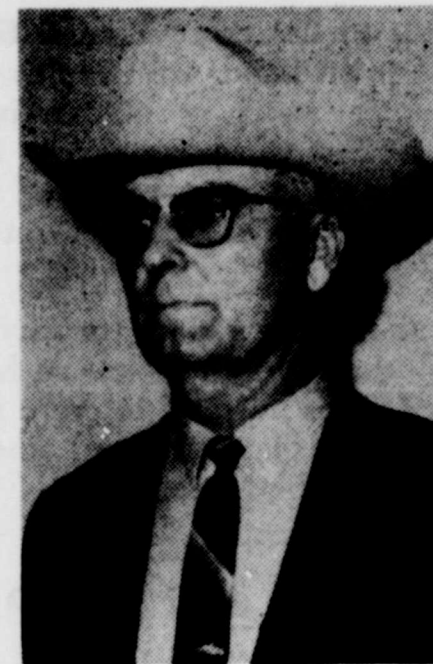
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith of San Angelo are here spending a week in the homes of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane.

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MELVIN CHILDRESS

To The People Of Coke County:

I can truly say that serving as your Sheriff has been the highlight and most interesting time of my entire life. The work of our office in trying to keep Coke County the kind of place all of us want to live in is most interesting, and is a full time job for all of us.

Along with fulfilling the duties of the office, I have tried to make an active campaign for reelection as your Sheriff. I know there are voters in the county whom I have missed, and for that I am sorry.

If, for any reason, I have failed to contact anyone who would be interested in discussing the work of the Sheriff's office, I would like to know it. I can be contacted either by telephone, through the mail or through a personal visit to the office.

Having served as your Sheriff for the past eight years, I fully realize the importance of this office to the citizens of Coke County. During my term as your Sheriff I have devoted full time to the duties of the office and, if you see fit to re-elect me, I shall continue to give it my full attention.

My sincere thanks to each of you for the many courtesies shown me. I will appreciate your continued support and your vote on May 4.

Melvin Childress

**Candidate For Re-Election
Sheriff Of Coke County**

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STUDENTS TO VILLA ACUNA

Fifty-four Spanish students of Robert Lee High School will go to Villa Acuna Sunday when they will take part in the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration in the Mexican city across the border from Del Rio. Mrs. Frank Coalson, Spanish teacher, will be in charge of the expedition.

Perhaps the highlight of the outing will occur at 4:30 p.m. when the group will witness a

bullfight. Fighters on the Sunday program are Tito Palacios and Antonio Canales.

A caravan of private cars, chaperoned by parent and teacher escorts, will leave Robert Lee at 7 a.m. Those who wish will be free to attend church services in Del Rio, and the visitors will have lunch at the famous Mrs. Crosby's restaurant in Villa Acuna.

Plans call for arrival back in Robert Lee about 10:30 p.m.

220 Customers Now On Sewer

Mayor Wilson Bryan reported this week that, as of Monday, a total of 220 connections had been made with the city's new sewer system. The mayor said residents are tying on to the sewer system at a satisfactory rate and city officials are well pleased with the response they have received.

The mayor added that a number of additional residents are in the process of connecting to the sewer system, and he expects the number to increase steadily until all residences and business houses are on the sewer.

The sewer system was completed in the latter part of January and a set of rules concerning tying on and use of the system was released last November. An ordinance requires that all structures located on property which lies within 100 feet of a sewer line must tie on.

Two 4-Hers Win Trip To State Meet

Two Coke County senior 4-H'ers won the right to attend the State 4-H Round-Up to represent District VII in the State 4-H Foods Show.

Sheri Pitcock and Connie Blaylock, both of Robert Lee, each won first place in her respective group. Sheri entered the vegetable group and Connie the bread and cereal group.

Over 50 girls from 22 counties participated in the District Field Show held Saturday in the Angelo State College gymnasium.

The State Round-Up will be held on the A&M University campus June 4-5. There will be 48 participants.

Others participating in the District Food Show were Jeania Tink-

ler, Robert Lee, and Martha Gonzales of Bronte.

A number of Coke County residents attended the show.

Don't forget to vote Saturday in the Democratic Primary, and Tuesday in the county-wide bond election.



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VANILLA WAFERS - 14 Oz. Bag 23c

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LIPTON TEA - 1/2 Lb. Box 75c

JELLO - - - - 3 for 29c

ENGLISH PEAS - - - 2 for 45c
303 CAN

FISH STICKS, 8 Oz. - 2 for 49c

MEAT PIES, 8 Oz. - 3 for 59c



Fryers 1b. 29c

Sausage 2 lb. bag 99c

LONGHORN CHEESE - Lb. 69c