

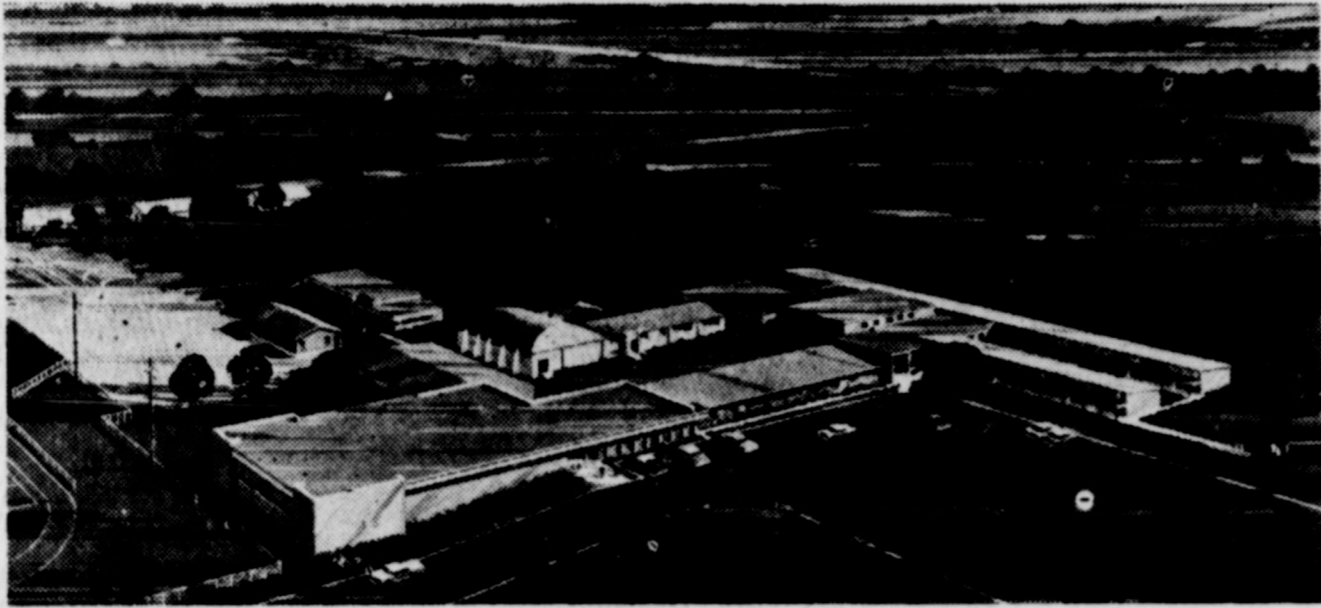
# Robert Lee Observer

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## School Dedication March 3



Robert Lee School Plant

### New 1970 Camaro Now At Vaughan's

Vaughan Chevrolet Co. will display the new 1970 Camaro Thursday, and everyone in the area is invited to come by and see the new sports cars.

According to information re-

### Filing Deadline Is Next Week

Persons who wish to run for one of the offices on the school board of trustees or city council have until next Wednesday, March 4, to file.

Candidates for city council should file with the city secretary and candidates for school trustee should file in the office of the county judge.

Both city and school elections will be held April 4.

Trustees whose terms expire this year are Douglas Gartman, Truman Hines and Billy J. Blair.

Members of the city council whose terms are up this year are Mayor Wilson Bryan and Councilmen Jack Denman and James Craig.

### Scouts, Cubs Set Pack Meetings

Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard and Cubmaster James Deen will be in charge of a pack meeting Monday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A Court of Honor will be held for Troop 461. Several Webelos and Cub Scouts will receive awards, as well as those to be presented to Boy Scouts.

Hinnard and Deen sail all boys, age 8 and over, who are interested in becoming a Scout are invited to come, accompanied by a parent.

Den Mothers Mrs. Bill Matlock, Mrs. Rex Martin and Mrs. Victor Conner, and Webelos Leaders James Craig and Gary Sam Williams urge all parents who have boys in their groups to attend the pack meeting.

It was announced that more den mothers are needed, and any interested mother is invited to contact Cubmaster Deen.

Robert Lee presently has 19 boys in Boy Scouts, seven in Webelos and 23 in Cubs.

leased this week by Robert Vaughan and Ben Bessent, owners of the local Chevrolet agency, "Innovations in design and engineering make the new Camaro different from any car now offered."

"It's new long hood, expensive locking body and highly improved handling, ride and sound isolation create a completely new car. It is well equipped to become the sales leader among all small sports cars," they said.

The 1970 Camaro comes in a single 2-door hardtop model. It is longer, wider, lower and has wider front and rear treads than the previous Camaro but continues the highly maneuverable 108 inch wheelbase.

The base six cylinder engine is increased to 250 cubic inches, while the 307 cubic V-8 remains the base V-8. There are three optional 350 cubic inch V-8s, and a 396 cubic inch V-8. Horsepower ranges from 155 to 360.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bickley and family visited last weekend in Stanton with her mother, Mrs. E. L. Thomas, and with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blocker.

### Slow Drizzle Gives Needed Surface Moisture to Area

Slow drizzling rain the first of this week has added up to about 1.25 inches of moisture over the entire county and area. The wet weather started last Friday when a front moved into this part of West Texas. Some small snow flurries occurred Friday afternoon.

The wet drizzle fell during the weekend and continued through Tuesday. Wednesday morning was still cloudy, but by early morning, the sun was shining and skies were clear.

Farmer and ranchers were glad to see the moisture, as it will provide the surface moisture needed by small grains and pastures. County Agent Sterling Lindsey reported that the deep moisture supply in the county is fairly good, and the rain this week will help a great deal to provide the surface moisture needed.

Paul Slough and daughter of Midland visited in the home of Mrs. Elsie Latham Sunday. He brought Mrs. Mittie Kuykendall home after she had visited three weeks in New Mexico with her daughters, Mrs. L. D. McDonald and Mrs. Bob Williams.

Everyone in the area is invited to attend a dedication program for the new Robert Lee School next Tuesday night, March 3. The program will be held in the school auditorium, followed by guided tours of the buildings and refreshments in the new cafeteria. The program will start at 7:30 p.m.

L. P. Sturgeon, executive secretary of the Texas State

Teachers Association, will be the main speaker on the dedicatory program.

The Robert Lee School Band will provide prelude and postlude music for the program. Supt. Jimmy Bickley will make a short talk and make introductions. The Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church, will give the invocation.

Included in the building program were the construction of new facilities and the renewing of some of the old structures in the school plant.

Among the new buildings are 11 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, a library, homemaking department, vocational agriculture classroom and shop, lobby, concessions stand, gymnasium, dressing rooms, and cafeteria. Structures which were completely remodeled include the old gymnasium and the band hall.

The new school structures actually had their beginning toward becoming a reality in March 1968 when voters of the school district voted a \$700,000 bond issue for construction of the buildings. The bond issue carried more than four-to-one with 312 for and 72 against.

Bids for the job were opened Oct. 22, 1968 and the low bid was for \$691,420. Actual construction began Nov. 3, 1968.

Members of the board of trustees under whose supervision the construction job has been completed are Douglas Gartman, president; Earl H. Ivey, vice president; Truman Hines, secretary, J. W. Service Jr., D. J. Walker Jr., Lewis Heuvel and Billy J. Blair, members.



L. P. Sturgeon

### Lions, 4-Hers Set Pancake Supper

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and Coke County 4-H Clubs will hold their annual Pancake Supper at the Robert Lee School cafeteria on Friday, March 20. Serving of pancakes will begin at 5 P.M. and will continue until all persons are fed.

Admission will be one dollar per adult and 75c for elementary or high school students. A meal of hot buttered pancakes with syrup, bacon, coffee and milk will be served in the new school cafeteria.

A Talent Show will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the school auditorium. Entertainers who would like to enter are asked to contact Jack Denman, Robert Lee, as soon as possible.

Proceeds from the supper will be used for community projects by the Lions and 4-H Clubs.

### School Dedication Is Emphasized

This issue of The Observer is devoted for the most part to the dedication of Robert Lee's new school facilities. We are running pictures of all of the school's teachers and other employees. This special issue was made possible by advertisers who are running their messages of congratulations in it.

We are grateful to Bryan's Concrete Co. and Brown's Lumber & Supply of Robert Lee; Three Rivers Electric Co., L. R. Balinger Plumbing & Heating, E.&H. Masonry and Powell Glass and Mirror, all of San Angelo. All these firms were subcontractors on the school construction job.

Local firms and individuals who are sending messages of congratulations include Coke County officials, Fran-Cilla Flowers, Francis City Drug, Trimble Recreation Center, Robert Lee State Bank, Adams Abstract Co., Baker's Grocery and Westway Grocery. We are grateful to all these advertisers, also.

We are also grateful to Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough for allowing us to use part of her book, "The History of Coke County," as it concerns the history of schools in the county.

Mrs. Joyce Dodson, Mary Beth and Vic were guests over the weekend of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wink at Lubbock.

## School Administrators



Garland Davis  
High School Principal



Jimmy Bickley  
Superintendent



Clifford Wilson  
Elementary School Principal

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## CARD OF THANKS

We are truly grateful to the good friends who did so much for us during the recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying thanks for the many comforting expressions of your friendship and affection.

The Family of Mrs. Mary L. Obbb  
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## CARD OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

Words fail us when we try to express our thanks to you for the many thoughtful expressions of sympathy you extended to us in the loss of our loved one.

You helped us in our sorrow because we know you cared too and Upton loved each of you.

May God bless you.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers and Family.

FOR SALE — 14 ft. self defrosting refrigerator. Otis Campbell

THE NAME of the Lane Ranger's horse is Silver.

WAITRESS WANTED. Contact Zettlers. 453-8661.

FOR DAY AND NIGHT water heaters and any heating equipment, either gas or electric, call 453-2473. Free estimate on your building project.

LOST — Aluminum 20 foot ladder between Robert Lee and home. Sloan Blone. 2tp

3 H.P. BRIGG, STRATTON Tiller, \$129.95; 4 H.P. Tiller, \$159.95; 5 H.P. Tiller, \$169.95; 4, 5 and 7 H.P. riding mowers, Briggs and Stratton. White Auto, Bronte.

CONSOLE SPINET PIANO — Will sacrifice to responsible party in this area. Cash or terms. Write Credit Mgr., Tallman Piano Stores, Inc., Salem, Oregon 97308. 2tp

FOR SALE — Duplex with 2 bedrooms each side, good rent property or make into a good 4 bedroom residence with two baths. Contact Mrs. Elsie Adams  
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## Monuments

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## NOTICE OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COKE

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within the West Coke County Hospital District on the 4th day of April, 1970, in accordance with the resolution calling said election, which was adopted by the Board of Directors of said Hospital District on the 11th day of February, 1970, the same being attached hereto and made a part of this notice for all purposes.

J. E. Quisenberry, Jr.  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
West Coke County Hospital District

(DISTRICT SEAL)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

ON THIS, the 11th day of February, 1970, the Board of Directors of the WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT convened in session at the regular meeting place with the following members present:

FRED McCABE, Sr., CHAIRMAN

J. E. QUISENBERRY, JR., SECRETARY

JAMES HERFORD, MEMBER

CURTIS WALKER, MEMBER

VICTOR WOJTEK, MEMBER

AND WITH THE FOLLOWING ABSENT, TO WIT, NONE, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, when the following proceedings were had:

Mr. Wojtek introduced the following resolution:

A resolution calling an election for three directors of the West Coke County Hospital District; providing the time and place therefor; and enacting provisions incident thereto and moved its adoption. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and upon the vote being called for, the motion carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, was unanimously adopted by all directors present. MINUTES APPROVED this 11th day of February, 1970.

Fred McCabe  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
West Coke County Hospital District

(DISTRICT SEAL)

A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THREE DIRECTORS FOR THE WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT: PROVIDING THE TIME AND PLACE THEREFOR:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION I: That an election be held on the 4th day of April, 1970, with the West Coke County Hospital District for the purpose of electing three directors for said District and said election shall be held under the General Laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections, except as the same are modified by Chapter 315, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, and only resident qualified electors shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION II: That the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A.-T.S. and written or printed thereon shall be the names of the candidates who comply with the provisions of Chapter 315, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session.

SECTION III: No person shall be eligible for the office of Director unless he is a resident of the District, owns land subject

to taxation therein and unless at the time of such election he shall be more than 21 years of age.

SECTION IV: The polling places are as follows:

POLLING PLACE: Courthouse, Robert Lee

PRESIDING JUDGE: Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr.

Mildred Wallace is hereby appointed as Clerk for Absentee Voting at the Election herein ordered and Absentee Voting shall be conducted at the Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, and said clerk shall keep the office open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. each day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an Official State Holiday, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 424, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963.

SECTION V: Notice of the election shall be given by publishing a substantial copy of this resolution one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the said publication to be at least ten (10) full days prior to the election.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 11th day of February, 1970.

Fred McCabe, Sr.  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
West Coke County Hospital District

ATTEST:

J. E. Quisenberry, Jr.  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
West Coke County Hospital District

(District Seal)

## H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

### Special Care

Are you conscious of what fibers make up the clothes you buy? Did you know that a garment which needs special care may not be worth it?

Some garments consist of fibers which change drastically under normal cleaning processes. One such fiber is vinyon, a heat sensitive fiber which will stiffen and shrink when exposed to even moderate heat.

Garments containing vinyon must be cleaned in a special "cold" process. Before you buy, decide if the excess trouble caused by the special cleaning process is worth the garment.

Remember, to find a real bargain, examine the clothing care and content label. If the garment isn't tagged or labeled for fiber content or care, you are taking a chance in buying it.

### Substitutes

Don't jump to conclusions about foods you buy.

A prime example today is non-dairy cream substitutes and whipped toppings. Don't assume they are lower in saturated fats than their dairy counterparts.

The products don't make this claim and it is not true.

A study of 14 cream substitutes by a Harvard University scientist revealed that substitutes have up to 20 per cent more saturated fatty acids than the dairy creams they replace.

Many of them are made with highly saturated coconut oil.

The dairy substitutes are not necessarily lower in calories, either.

### Home Economics Tips

Have you noticed some food can are white on the inside? Researchers have found that some kinds of foods, especially those that are highly colored in the natural state, will keep their attractive appearance better if they are canned in enamel-lined cans. This enamel lining has no effect on the food.

Hand wash Fiberglas curtains in warm water with any mild soap or detergent. Just swish

them around in the water and rinse thorough in clear, warm water but don't wring or twist. Do not use bleach. Drip dry and hang curtains over a shower rod or a line padded with towels; then rehang them while they are still damp.

### Preparing Chickens

Here are guidelines on preparation for various kinds of chickens:

Rock Cornish: The smallest, youngest member of the chicken family, suitable for roasting (especially with a rice stuffing), baking, broiling or frying. Usually weigh 1½ pounds or less; many serve an individual bird to each diner.

Broiler-Fryer: The all-purpose chicken, a young meaty bird (about 9 weeks old) that weighs 1½ to 3½ pounds. Don't be deceived by its name, it may also be roasted, simmered or sauteed, for chicken dishes with moist succulent meat.

Roaster: A little older and larger than the broiler-fryer, weighs 3½ to 5 pounds, is about 12 weeks old, and has tender meat.

Capon: A larger bird, weighing 4 to 7 pounds, with a fine flavor and a generous quantity of white meat.

### Fondues

Different types of fondue pots fit different kinds of fondues. Metal pots usually are used for beef fondue but can be used for

cheese fondue if the temperature is kept low enough so cheese will not stick or burn. Earthenware pots should be used for cheese or chocolate fondue only. Earthenware can withstand temperatures required for these but it tends to crack under higher temperatures used for meat.

## LOCAL ENTERTAINERS IN HOOTENANNY AT BRONTE

Several musicians and entertainers from Robert Lee, including "The Purples", Jack Denman and his troupe, and Douglas Thetford, will be on the program at a Hootenanny in Bronte Saturday night in the high school auditorium. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue until all talent is heard.

Other out of town talent that are scheduled to appear include Tom Thornton, San Angelo folk singer; Richard Beck and others from Wingate; the "Tiajuana Rejects" from Roscoe and a band from Andrews.

George Newby will be master of ceremonies. Admission is 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for students. Everyone is invited to attend.

A continuous concession stand will operate during the program for those who wish to sit out for part of the program and would like to visit in the lunchroom.

*Best Wishes*

to all the people of

# Robert Lee

on the completion of your

# New School

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For Us to Do the —

## MASONRY AND BRICK WORK

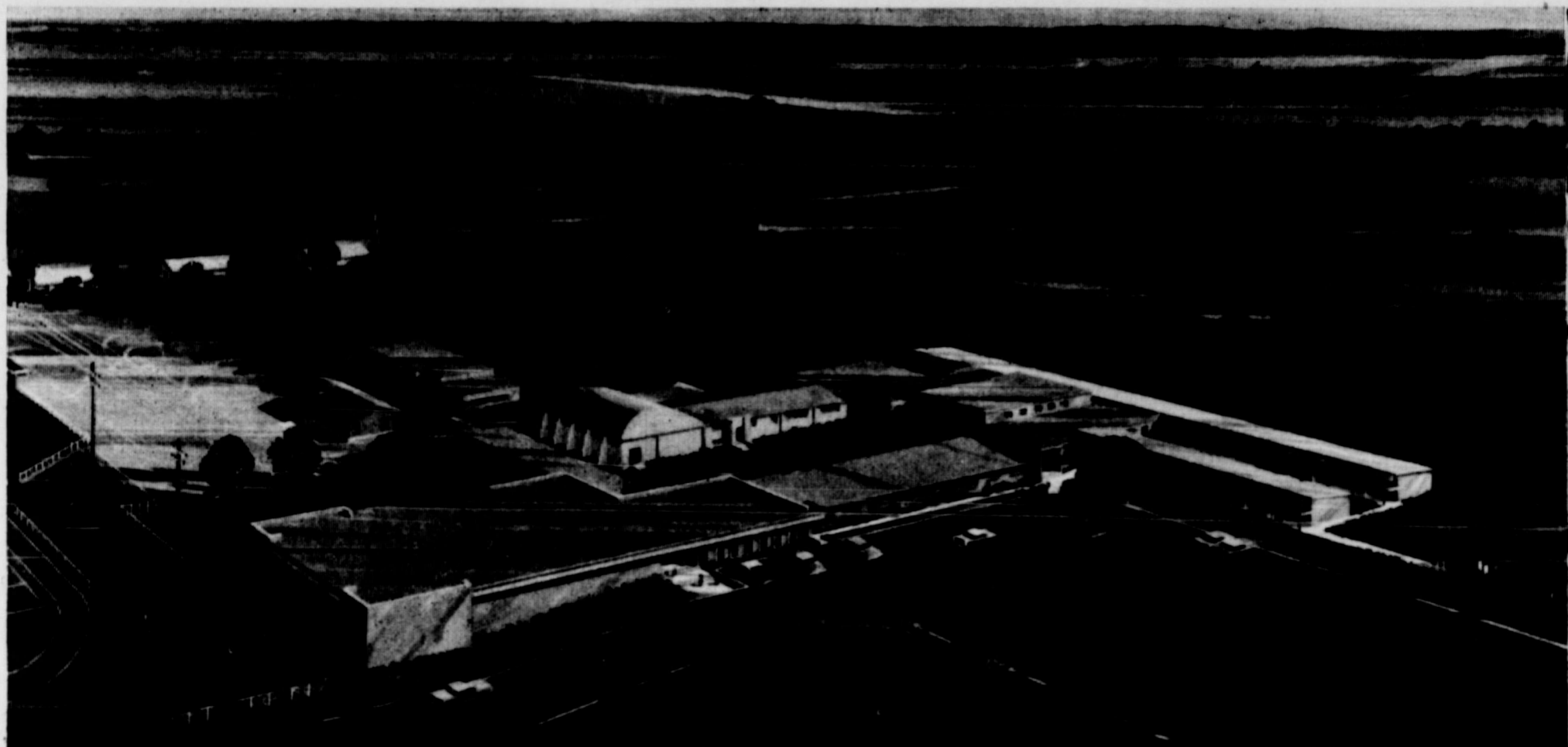
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# Another Fine Asset for Coke County

## *Robert Lee's* **NEW SCHOOL**

These beautiful new buildings and equipment will long stand as a monument to all the people of Robert Lee who want the best for their children.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. & Mrs. O. B. Jacobs  
Coke County Tax Assessor

Floyd Harmon  
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Fern Havins  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Mrs. Jerry Thomason  
Coke County Treasurer

W. W. Thetford  
County Judge's Office

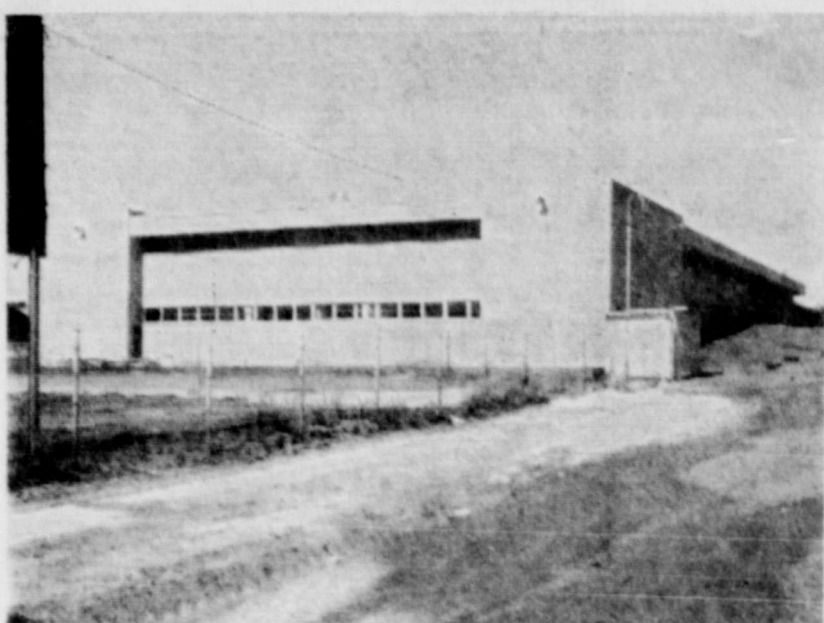
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County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. Winnie Waldrop  
County Clerk

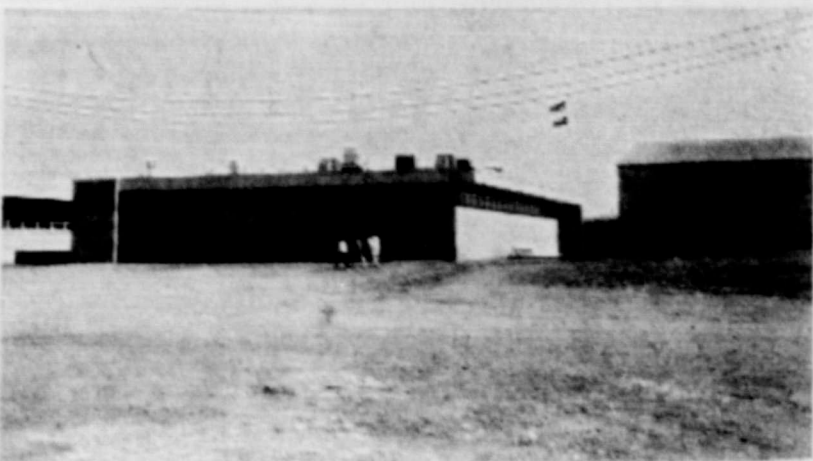
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Ollie Roe  
Constable, Precinct 1

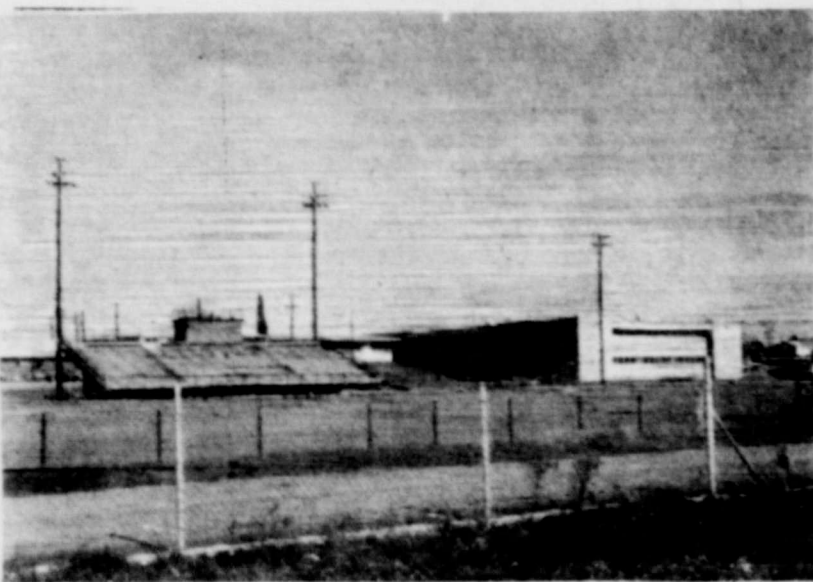
Roy P. Ross  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1



New Gymnasium from Back Side



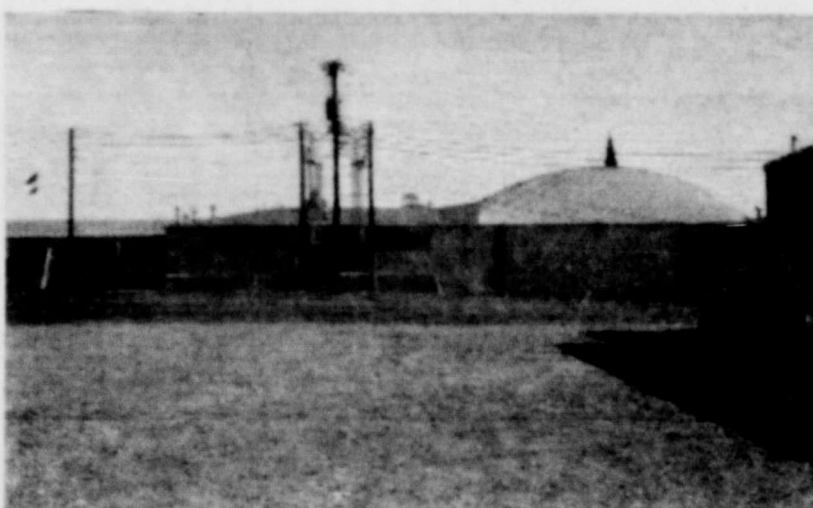
New School Lunchroom



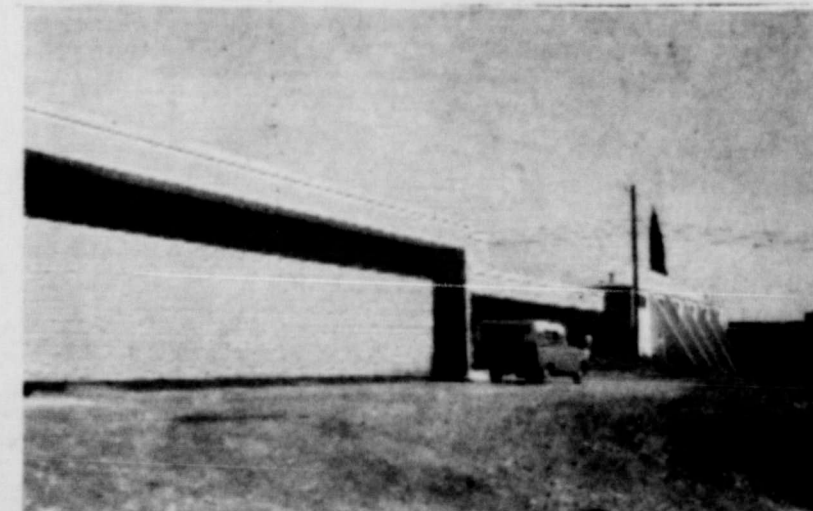
Football Field and Track, with New Gym at Right



Fleet of School Buses



Remodeled Band Hall and Old Gym



New Vocational Agriculture Building

### Nothing Fireproof Students Are Told

Nothing is fireproof and anything will burn. This fact was brought out by Joe Smetana, Director of Safety for Texas Farm Bureau in a graphic fire demonstration held Monday at Robert Lee High School. He illustrated this point and many others in the 45 minute demonstration using a variety of materials.

The fire triangle board was used to illustrate what fire is and how to effectively control fires.

By igniting a piece of steel wool with a dry cell battery, Smetana proved that even steel will burn under the right conditions and disproved the erroneous theory that a flame must be present in order to have a fire.

In a specially prepared explosion chamber Smetana created an explosion with one single drop of gasoline comparable to a shotgun blast. The Safety Director explained that a gallon of gasoline contains 155,000 drops and has the explosive potential of 30 sticks of dynamite. He urged caution in the handling and storage of petroleum products and other flammable liquid materials.

After demonstrating how fires can be caused by overloaded electrical circuits and improper fusing, Smetana pointed out that many fires of this type are blamed on faulty wiring. He suggested that "faulty thinking" is involved more often than "faulty wiring."

The demonstration, which was brought to Robert Lee High School under the sponsorship of the Coke County Farm Bureau, is part of a long-range fire prevention program now being conducted by the Texas Farm Bureau Safety Department. The demonstration has been presented over 750 times for some 200,000 people.

Doug Burns assisted Smetana during the demonstration.

### Fireman Training Course Planned

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University will conduct a five-week firemen training school on basic fire-fighting techniques in Tom Green, Sterling, Runnels, Concho and Coke Counties during March and April.

Instructor Ralph R. Sneed of the Texas Firemen Training School at Texas A&M will be in this area Thursday and Friday to organize the classes, which begin Monday.

Fire departments from San Angelo, Wall, Eden, Ballinger, Bronte, Robert Lee, Sterling City, Miles, Carlsbad and surrounding areas will participate in the training programs, Sneed noted.

"We expect most of the men from each department to attend the courses," Sneed pointed out.

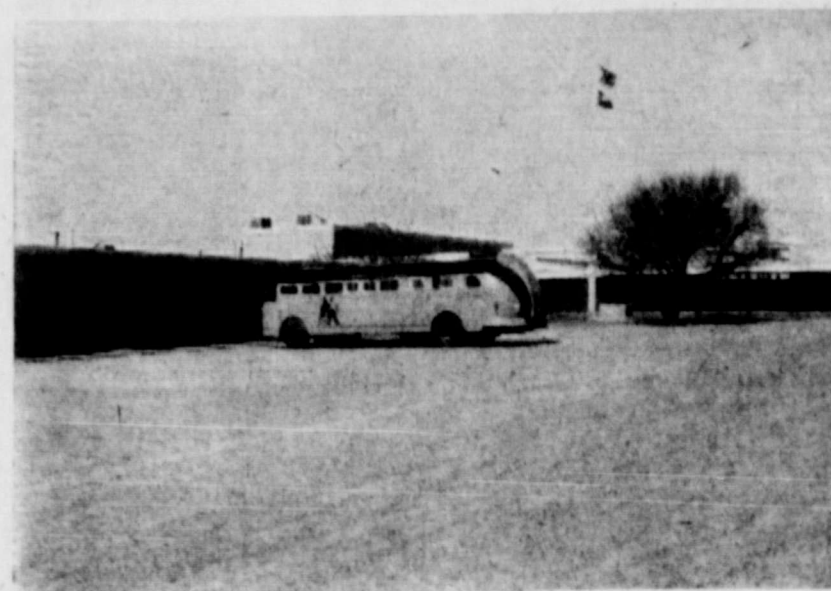
Training will include equipment operation and maintenance, basic fire attacks, placement of lines, manpower use and equipment utilization.

The school was requested by several fire departments but is open to any firemen in the area, Sneed stressed.

A&M's seven-man training staff operates under the Texas Engineering Extension Service and offers on-campus and extension courses throughout the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Sheila and Douglas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin at Abilene over the weekend.

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Old Part of School with Athletics Bus

### Public Schools Week Is March 2-6

In the last 50 years, man has progressed more than in the last 1000 of civilization. Why? Is there anyone who can give a spe-

cific answer? One thing is certain...in today's technical world...education is the key to the future.

March 2nd through 6th is Texas Public Schools Week. You're urged to become acquainted with the schools paid for by your tax dollars — urged to see your child as he learns.

Masonic Lodges of Texas, sponsors of the promotion, invite you to see progress unfold before your eyes at any public school near you.

You're always welcome at a public school, but at this time of year, it's a good idea to make a special effort to view Texas schools as they are today.

Your visit will be good for your child's schools...and it will be good for you and your child, too. So, join with freemasonry in Texas and celebrate the 116th birthday of Texas Public Schools.

Visit a school near you March 2nd through 6th!

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IN U. S. SAVINGS BONDS.  
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Miss Judy Gartman

### Judy Gartman Engaged To Doyle Roy Blair

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman of Robert Lee have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Judy Lois, to Doyle Roy Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blair, also of Robert Lee.

The wedding is planned for June 5 in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Miss Gartman is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and the Commercial College of Abilene.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is attending Angelo State University.

### Hatch Honored At Texas A&M

Carl F. Hatch, son of Mrs. Louise Hatch of Robert Lee, has received recognition for his outstanding record during the 1969 fall semester at Texas A&M University. Mrs. Hatch received a copy of the following letter, the original of which went to her son.

The letter reads, in part: "The faculty and staff join me in extending congratulations on the outstanding academic record you made for the 1969 Fall Semester.

"This fine record justifies your designation as Distinguished Student and your name being posted on the Dean's Honor Roll on the bulletin board adjacent to the Office of the Dean of Engineering. A Distinguished Student Card attesting to this honor is enclosed.

"You have my best wishes for continuing success in your school work.

Sincerely,  
Fred J. Benson  
Dean of Engineering"

### \$378 Raised Here For Heart Fund

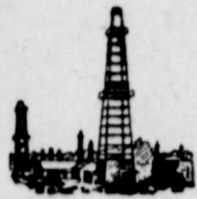
Members of the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and the Boy Scout Troop worked Monday night on the Heart Fund drive and collected \$378, it was announced Tuesday.

Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, head of the Coke County Heart Association, said the canvass of the business section of Robert Lee has not been completed, nor have most of the letters sent to the rural area been answered.

Mrs. Lackey said anyone who was missed in the drive Monday night may send his contribution to her or to Mrs. Willie Trimble, who is in charge of the fund drive in the west part of Coke County.

Mrs. Lackey said the association is deeply appreciative of everyone who worked on the drive, as well as all those who contributed.

The Heart Fund Drive on the east side of the county was scheduled for Monday night, also, but was postponed because of bad weather.



### Notes From The Oil Field

Coke County gained one discovery last week and another one was indicated.

Third pay, Strawn sand oil, was opened in the Frank Pearson (Strawn reef oil and upper Strawn reef gas) field with dual completion of Pearson-Sibert Oil Co. of Texas, Midland, No. 4 Camp, recent seventh Strawn reef oil producer and one location north and east extension to that pay and 12 miles northwest of Robert Lee, for a calculated, daily flowing potential of 355 barrels of 45.6 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,260-1.

Potential was based on an actual 14-hour flow of 207.06 barrels of oil through a 32-64-inch choke and perforations at 5,838-859 feet, which had been acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 20,000 gallons and 40,000 pounds of sand.

The project was completed Feb. 4 for a calculated, daily flowing potential of 786 barrels of 46 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,310-1, through a 40-64-inch choke and perforations at 5,937-6,010 feet.

Location is 1,841.9 feet from the south and 797.7 feet from the east lines of 126-2-H&TCRR.

The field has one upper Strawn well.

J. Frank Stringer, San Angelo, and Imperial-American Management Co., Houston, No. 1 Worth B. Durham Trust, in 189-2-H&TC, Strawn reef prospect, 1,630 feet south of the marginal one-well Millican, West (Pennsylvanian oil) field and 15 miles northwest of Robert Lee, has recovered additional pay in the Strawn reef with the recovery of 225 feet of oil and 15 feet of heavily oil-and gas-cut mud on a drillstem test.

Tool was open two hours on the test taken at 7,078-095 feet. Flowing pressure was 66-122 pounds; one hour initial shut-in pressure, 2,606 pounds; and one hour final shut-in pressure, 2,646 pounds.

Operator drilled to 7,200 feet and was waiting on cement after setting 5 1/2-inch casing at 7,119 feet.

Earlier the project recovered 119 feet of oil and gas-cut mud on a drillstem test taken at 7,020-065 feet.

The Millican West opener, Pan American Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Worth B. Durham, was finalized Dec. 11, 1967, for 520 barrels of 41 gravity oil, with gas-oil ratio of 808-1, through a 32-64-inch choke and perforations at 7,047-057 feet. According to the latest proration schedule, it was making six barrels of oil daily.



**FIRST AID CHAMPS**—These are the Scouts who took first, second and third at the first aid meeting in Ballinger. Top row, from left, are Tommy Black, Jimmy Martin, James Beaty, Jesse Ends, Vincent Hanna and Craig Bessent. Middle row, Dennis Ivey, Douglas Herford, Barry Preston, Ricky Mashburn, Gary Womack, and Terry Wojtek. Front row, Carl Bagwell, Jeff Eubanks, Bobby Large, Harvey Wojtek, Randy Bessent and Walter Flowers.

### RL Scouts Tops In First Aid Meet

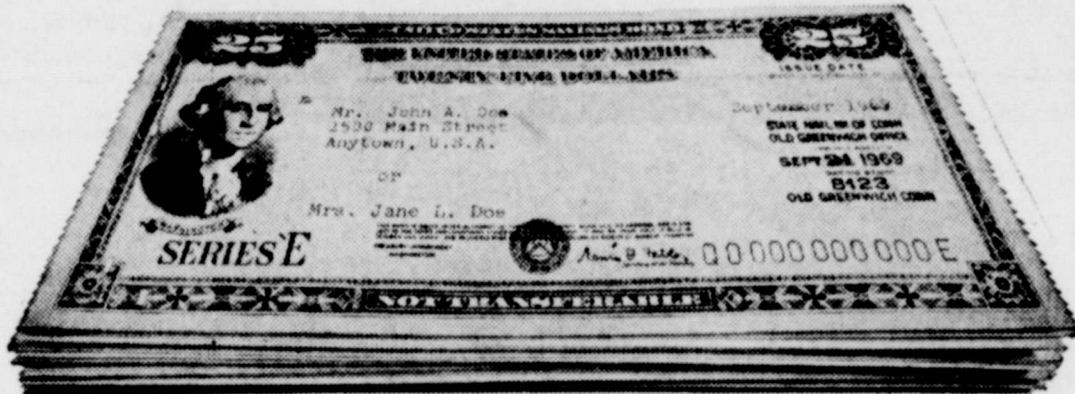
Robert Lee patrols of the Boy Scouts took first three places at the first aid meet held in Ballinger last Saturday. A total of 13 patrols from eight troops representing six towns participated in the meet.

The Roadrunners of Robert Lee came in first with 390 points out of a possible 400. The Bears were second with a 380, and the Cobras were third high patrol with 380. The Robert Lee patrols with their three high places averaged 382 out of the possible perfect 400.

Towns who sent patrols to the meet included Robert Lee, Ballinger, Lohn, Miles, Brady and Rochelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kresta of Santa Anna visited in Robert Lee Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. D. M. Millican.

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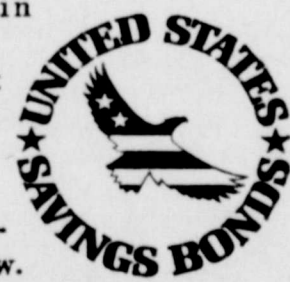
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**WANT ADS**

AUSTIN, Tex. — Homeowners throughout Texas apparently are in for a substantial increase in their insurance payments.

State Insurance Board's staff has recommended these average hikes:

\*Statewide extended coverage, 6.9 per cent.

\*Fire insurance, 1.7 per cent.

\*\*"Homeowners" policies, 18 per cent.

Recommendations were made as the insurance board held its annual hearing preparatory to promulgating new rates and possibly some new changes in its rules concerning these forms of insurance.

Board will set new rates around the end of next month, making the effective date early July.

Rates will vary according to location, building use and construction.

Another jolt would be Texas Insurance Advisory Association's recommendation of mandatory \$250 deductibles statewide on all windstorm, hurricane and hail coverage. Mandatory deductible now applies only to seacoast territory for this type coverage, and that is limited to \$100.

TIAA further suggested one-year optional "Homeowners" policies be permitted. Present policies now run for three years.

DRINKS LAW TO BE ENFORCED — Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission served notice it still intends to enforce the law against sale of liquor by the drink despite the court's invalidating its private club "guest" rule.

Case involving the rule is on appeal to the State Supreme Court. Meanwhile ABC said club owners are mistaken in interpreting the Court of Civil Appeals' decision as giving them the go-ahead for mixed-drink sales to walk-in-guests.

BUSING REFERENDUM CONSIDERED — Gov. Preston Smith asked the State Executive Democratic Executive Committee to consider putting the question of school busing to achieve racial balance on the May 2 Democratic primary ballot as a referendum issue.

While not stating his own position, Smith argued that Texas voters should have a chance to express their opinions. He noted that the problem is "a federal and local issue," and called on federal officials to "assist us at the state and local level to upgrade our neighborhoods and our schools."

Meanwhile, the busing issue came in for attention from Democratic Senatorial candidate Lloyd Bentsen, who called compulsory busing "the most disruptive threat facing public education in America."

Smith sent a telegram to Sen. John Tower in Washington, urging him to "use your influence with the Republican administration" to obtain "more realistic, impartial and reasonable" treatment of Texas school districts by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He cited his meeting with 150 citizens from East Texas school districts (particularly Tyler and Longview) as motivating his request.

COURTS SPEAK — Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the new state anti-riot law which permits prosecution of a participant in a disturbance even though there is no evidence he committed acts of destruction.

Supreme Court backed the San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals in ruling that a juvenile can be sentenced for as much as five years

in a reformatory for an act punishable by no more than a year in prison if committed by an adult.

CRIME INCREASING — Major crime in Texas increased 15.9 per cent last year — to a rate of one major crime every one and a quarter minutes — Department of Public Safety Wilson E. Speir reports.

Statistics show 432,251 major criminal offenses in Texas during 1969 as compared to 372,912 in 1968. Of the total, 389,969 occurred in urban areas and 42,282 in rural sections. Murder and homicide rate was up 1.5 per cent, rape up 33.2 per cent, robbery 53.1 per cent, burglary 17.1 per cent, aggravated assault 22.7 per cent, theft 12.5 per cent and auto theft 22.8 per cent.

HALL APPEALS ELECTION RULING — Frustrated in his State Supreme Court effort to get on the Democratic ballot as a candidate for governor, Sen. Ralph Hall of Rockwall went to Washington to try to get an appeal before the U. S. Supreme Court.

State Court ruled that the constitutional provision on prohibiting a lawmaker from holding an office for which the pay was raised during his elective term makes Hall ineligible. Governor's pay was raised last year. Hall's senate term runs until 1973. He claims the provision was not intended to apply to the governor's office and discriminates against 15 senators.

Hall hopes to get before the U. S. top court on the contention that the restriction violates due process and equal protection under the law guaranteed by the federal constitution.

Hospital News

February 17 — Mrs. Dot Childress admitted. Mrs. B. R. Duncan, Noel Gregston dismissed.

Feb. 18 — Pat H. Havins, Mrs. Ted Haley admitted.

Feb. 19 — Mrs. M. L. Baker, Mrs. Allie Childress, Elaine Fikes admitted.

Feb. 20 — I. V. Ball, Mrs. Virgil Hendley dismissed.

Feb. 21 — Mrs. Mabel Mundell admitted. Mrs. Ted Haley dismissed.

Feb. 22 — Bryan D. Gartman admitted. Mrs. Mabel Mundell, Elaine Fikes, Mrs. Violet Kirkpatrick dismissed.

Feb. 23 — Charlie A. Wright, Mrs. C. L. Martin admitted. Mrs. Mary E. Lasswell, Mrs. Dot Childress dismissed.

Nine patients remained in the hospital and eight were in the nursing home Tuesday.

ROBERT L. BILLINGSLEY SERVING IN PHILIPPINES

SAM MIGUEL, R. P. (FHT-NC) Feb. 16 — Navy Petty Officer Third Class Robert L. Billingsley, husband of the former Miss Jeannie L. Hatch of Robert Lee, is serving at the U. S. Naval Communications Station at San Miguel, Republic of Philippines.

San Miguel is one of a chain furnishing communication support to the U. S. Seventh Fleet operating in the Western Pacific.

BAND BOOSTERS TO MEET

The Band Booster Club will meet Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the band hall. The film that was made in Abilene when the band received their Division I rating, will be shown.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little.

Lora Naomi is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Price of Havre, Montana. She was born Feb. 17 and weighed seven pounds and nine ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Price, of Gillette, Wyo., and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Price of Brownwood.

MRS. KENNETT BENNETT HONORED WITH SHOWER

A bridal tea was held for Mrs. Kenneth Bennett Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee.

The table was laid with a white lace cloth and decorated with yellow daffodils. Crystal punch bowl and cups were used in serving the guests. Refreshments were lime punch and cookies.

Mrs. Bennett is the former Elaine Robertson.

Hostesses were Meses. Ray Walker, Jack Trimble, C. G. Walker, Sr., Wayland Drennan, Fagan Parker and Finnell Smith and Miss Carolyn Parker.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Clark from Thursday through the weekend were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock of Medina. Those visiting in the Clark home Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Landers of El Centro, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williamson of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner of San Angelo.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bell over the weekend were their daughter and children, Mrs. Wayne Roberts, Kim and Waynette of Jal, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis of Amarillo also visited in the Bell home and with other relatives here over the weekend.



KEEP IT CLEAN — Custodians of Robert Lee School who keep everything shipshape and in operation are, from left, Ted

Corrao, Bob Rose and Santos Gloria. The men say the new building is much easier to keep than the old one was.



COLLECTS THE MONEY — Mrs. Juanita Trimble is tax assessor-collector for Robert Lee Independent School Dis-

trict. She maintains her office downtown for the convenience of taxpayers.

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Dale Hamby, Social Studies



Charles Blanton, Math, Science



Sam Bean, Coach, Social Studies



Larry Blair, FB Coach, Math



Douglas Wilkes, Math



Kenneth Mitchell, Band Director



L. R. McDaniel, Vocational Ag.



Scottie Chastain, P. E.



Miss Ruth Browning, Commercial



Mrs. Pauline Coalson, Spanish



Mrs. Pam Livensparger, English



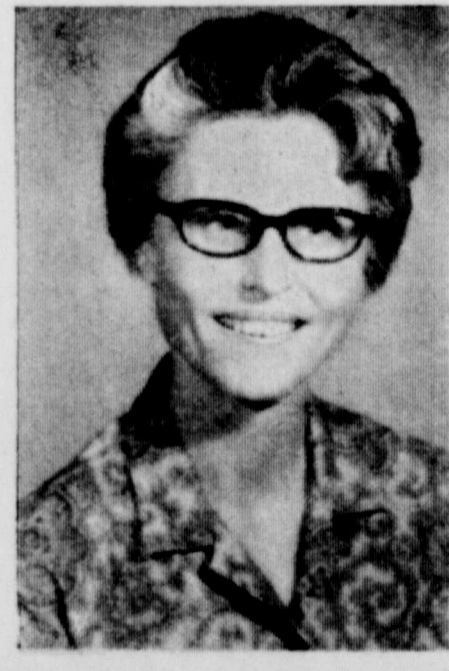
Mrs. Melba Mauldin, English



Mrs. Carolyn Schroeder, Science



Mrs. Eloise Guerrant, H. E.



Mrs. Thelma A. Thomas, English

### Service Held Here For Mrs. Cobb, 91

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Louisa Cobb, 91, of Farmington, N. M., were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cobb died about 12:45 a.m. Friday in Farmington.

She was born Jan. 10, 1879 in Dublin, Texas. She was married to James C. Cobb Nov. 2, 1899 in the Valley View community in Coke County. Mr. Cobb died in December 1967.

Mrs. Cobb came to Coke County in 1892 from Dublin and lived here until 1965, then moved to Bangs for two years. She moved to Farmington two years ago. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Alla Mae Harmon of Farmington, Mrs. Bertha Masey of Bangs, Mrs. Clara Wisdom and Mrs. Hattie Jeffery, both of Fort Worth; a son, Monte Cobb of Maverick; a sister, Mrs. John Gunnels of San Angelo, nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Jett Hood, Sam Williams, Mitchell Davis, Frankie Percifull, Weldon Fikes, and Melvin Childress, all of Robert Lee.

#### CURRY MOTOR FREIGHT TO START HERE MONDAY

A new freight line will begin service here Monday, it was announced this week. Curry Motor Freight Lines, Inc., with headquarters in Amarillo, will begin Monday with five-day a week service.

Jim Miller of San Angelo, sales representative for Curry, made the announcement. He said present plans call for a truck to make a route from San Angelo to Robert Lee, thence on to Bronte and Ballinger, then returning to San Angelo.

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

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**for the**  
**Seventies.**

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**SECRETARY** — Mrs. Charlotte Wojtek is a longtime employee of Robert Lee School and serves in the office as school secretary and bookkeeper.



**LIBRARIAN** — Mrs. Wilma Carville serves Robert Lee Schools as librarian. She is now installed in the new library.



**DOUBLE DUTY** — Mrs. Jean Salmon serves in two jobs at Robert Lee School. She works in the lunchroom and also serves as a school bus driver.

#### TUESDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club met in the home of Mrs. Raymond McCutchen Feb. 17 with 12 members present. Mrs. Terry Bryan won high and Mrs. Vaughan Davis was second high.

The club will meet March 10 in the home of Mrs. Bobby Roberts.

#### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge moved to Robert Lee last week from Dallas. He will be employed at Westway Grocery.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace of Amarillo. Other visitors from out of town in the Wallace home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis of Amarillo and Waymond Davis of Houston.



**Potatoes 10 lb. bag 49c**

**BANANAS - - - - - 2 lbs. 25c**

**DELICIOUS APPLES - - - lb. 15c**

**ORANGES, Navel - - - - - lb. 19c**

**FRESH GREEN ONIONS - 2 bunches 29c**

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**Crisco 3 lb. can 79c**

**MEAD'S BISCUITS - - - - - 3 for 25c**

6 BOTTLE CRT.

**RC or Diet Rite Cola 39c**

**STOKELY PEACHES, Sliced, 303 can - 5 for \$1.00**

**SWIFT'S VIENNA SAUSAGE - - - 4 for 98c**

**GLADE AIR FRESHENER - - - 2 for 89c**

**STOKELY SPINACH, 303 can - - - 2 for 39c**

**BAMA PEACH PRESERVES, 18 oz glass - 2 for 89c**

DAVIDSON GRADE "A" MEDIUM

**EGGS doz. 59c**

**SCOTT TOWELS - - - - - big roll 34c**

**HORMEL OLEO, quarters - 2 lbs. 39c**

**FROZEN FRENCH FRIES - - - 2 lb. bag 29c**

SEA STAR

**FROZEN FISH STICKS, 8 oz. pkg. - 2 for 49c**

**OLD SOUTH COBBLER - - - - - each 89c**

SEVEN BONE

**ROAST lb. 59c**

**SHOULDER ROUND STEAK - - - lb. 69c**

**SLAB BACON, Sliced or Piece - lb. 73c**

**FRANKS, Gooch's all meat - 12 oz. pkg. 53c**

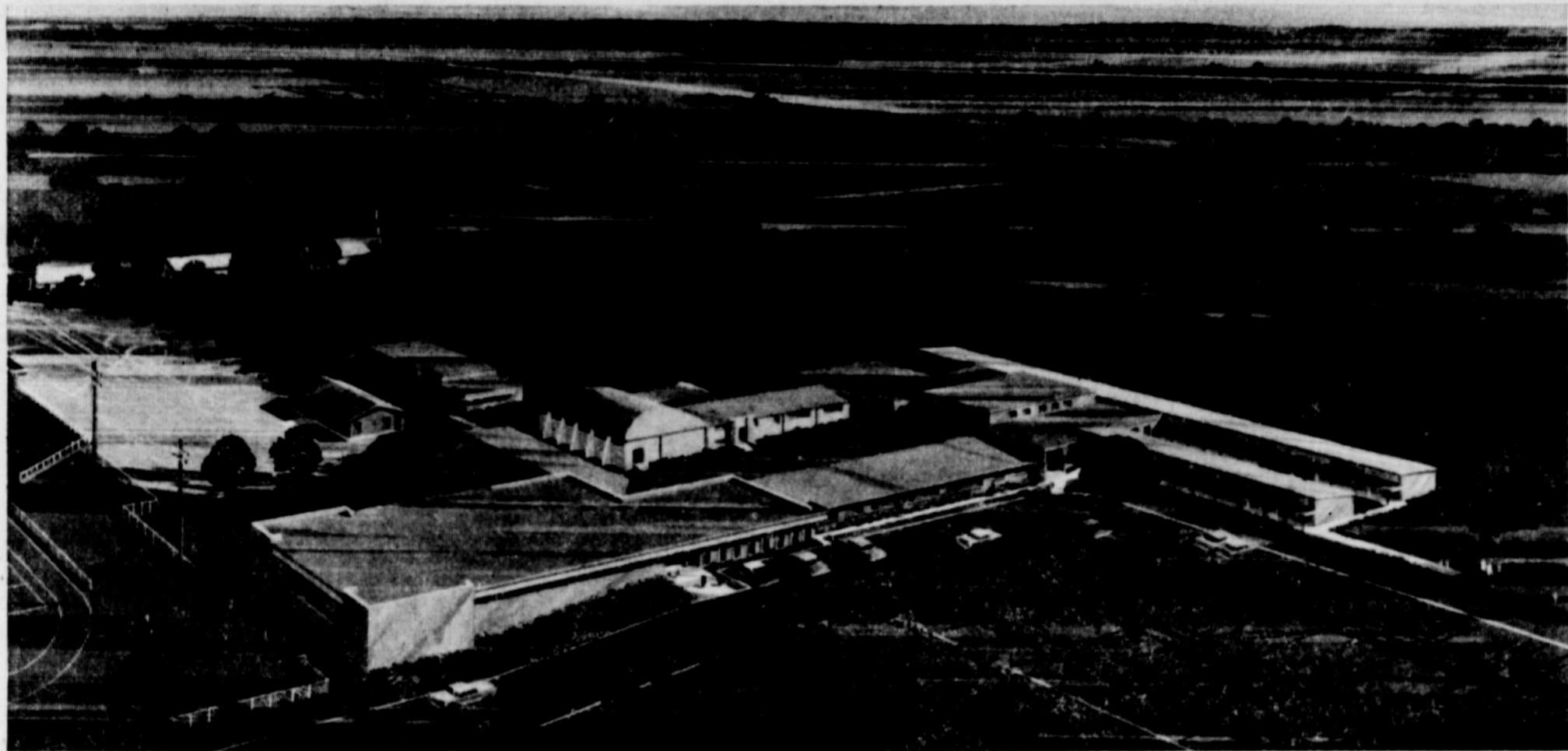
We are proud of our new school facilities and urge you to attend the Dedication Program next Tuesday.

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# Robert Lee School's Responsibility - Prepare the Youth



*You are cordially invited  
to the  
Dedication Program  
and  
Open House  
March 3, 1970, 7:30 p.m.  
in the  
Robert Lee  
School Auditorium*

## Program

Prelude ..... Band  
 Invocation ..... Rev. Bill Beaty  
 Remarks and  
 Introductions ..... Supt. Jimmy Bickley  
 Address ..... L. P. Sturgeon  
 Executive Secretary  
 Texas State Teachers  
 Association  
 Postlude ..... Band  
 Open House and Guided Tours

Jimmy Willson Jr., Chairman, Texas Citizens' Committee on Public Schools Week, says, "In celebrating the 116th Anniversary of the founding of the public free schools in Texas, we are given an opportunity to reflect upon the great heritage of freedom and self-reliance bestowed upon us, and which we are obligated to pass on to posterity if we are to maintain our free society. We should be reminded that it is our great public school system, among all our free institutions, that has been most responsible for preserving and extending our liberty, our prosperity, and our democratic way of life."

The community is to be congratulated for its support of the building program which is culminating with the dedicatory program that is announced in the invitation included in this message.

Celebrate Public School Week this year by sharing in the dedicatory program. You will have an opportunity to tour the school's addition which includes eleven classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, homemaking department, lobby and concessions, gymnasium, dressing rooms, shop, cafeteria, and renewed gymnasium and band hall. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria at the end of the tour. An opportunity will be given you to visit your child's room.

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## Lunchroom Menu

**Monday, March 2**  
Ravioli and cheese, blackeyed peas with snaps, potato salad, milk, corn bread, butter, apple cobbler.

**Tuesday, March 3**  
Hot dog with chili, combination salad, buttered corn, potato chips, milk, fresh apples.

**Wednesday, March 4**  
Meat loaf, buttered rice, fruit jello on lettuce, hot rolls, butter, milk, peach upside down cake.

**Thursday March 5**  
Charcoal steaks and gravy, buttered potatoes, garden salad, milk, hot rolls, butter, jelly.

**Friday, March 6**  
Smothered liver and onions, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, milk, banana pudding.

### LOCAL LADIES ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District VII Planning meeting held Thursday of last week in Ballinger was attended by Meses R. L. Page, C. E. Arrott, J. C. Boatright, and Fay C. Roe.

The meeting, held in First Methodist Church, was attended by 90 persons from 17 counties in District VII. Plans for the District THDA meeting to be held in Fredericksburg on April 23 were made.

### HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker and boys honored her mother, Mrs. Bryan Gartman with a birthday dinner Sunday, Feb. 22. Others present were Mrs. Teddy Pitcock, Sheri and Darrel, Miss Sharon Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Pitcock, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman, Vicki, Kerry, Jana and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. William Hood and Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Winkler, Danny and Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin of Sterling City and Rev. John Early of San Angelo visited the group in the afternoon.

Mr. Gartman was unable to be present as he became ill Sunday morning and was admitted to West Coke County Hospital.

## Political Announcements

The Observer has been authorized to announce candidacy of persons listed below for the offices indicated. The names are submitted for consideration of voters in the Democratic Primary in May. Where more than one person is seeking the same office names will be listed in the order in which they were received.

**For Associate Justice  
Third Court of Civil Appeals**  
BOB SHANNON

**For County Judge**  
W. W. THETFORD

**For County and District Clerk**  
MRS. WINNIE WALDROP

**For County Treasurer**  
MRS. JERRY THOMASON

**For Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 1**  
ROY P. ROSS

### 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.



SHARON LYNN WALKER

### Engagement of Miss Sharon Lynn Walker and Darrel Bertram Pitcock Announced by Parents

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Lynn Walker of Robert Lee, to Darrel Bertram Pitcock of Sando. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy E. Pitcock.

Miss Walker, a graduate of Robert Lee High School and Commercial College of Abilene, is employed by Howard Payne College. The bridegroom, also a graduate of Robert Lee High School, is attending Howard Payne College in Brownwood.

The couple will be married May 23 in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

### FRIENDSHIP H.D. CLUB

The Friendship Home Demonstration Club met in the Recreation Hall with Mrs. Edna Conner as hostess. Mrs. Walker gave a poem "What Do We Plant?"

Mr. Lula Walker was elected delegate and Mrs. Zera Fields was elected alternate delegate. Mrs. Walker was in charge of the program on Foreign Countries and she chose Mexico.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Lowell Roane Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.

### FOUR RL STUDENTS ON DEAN'S HONOR ROLL

Four Robert Lee students are named on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Angelo State University. They are:

Judy Lynn Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMinn of San Angelo and wife of Larry D. Blair of Robert Lee. She is a junior majoring in English.

Karen Counts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Counts. She is a sophomore English major.

Donald Glenn Devoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll. He is a health and physical education major and is classified as a sophomore.

Jean Wojtek, wife of Frank Wojtek. She is a freshman elementary education major.

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And make it one with plenty of twisting turns. Because Camaro has a remarkable new suspension. And standard front disc brakes for a leech-like grip on the road.

New Camaro. The Super Hugger.

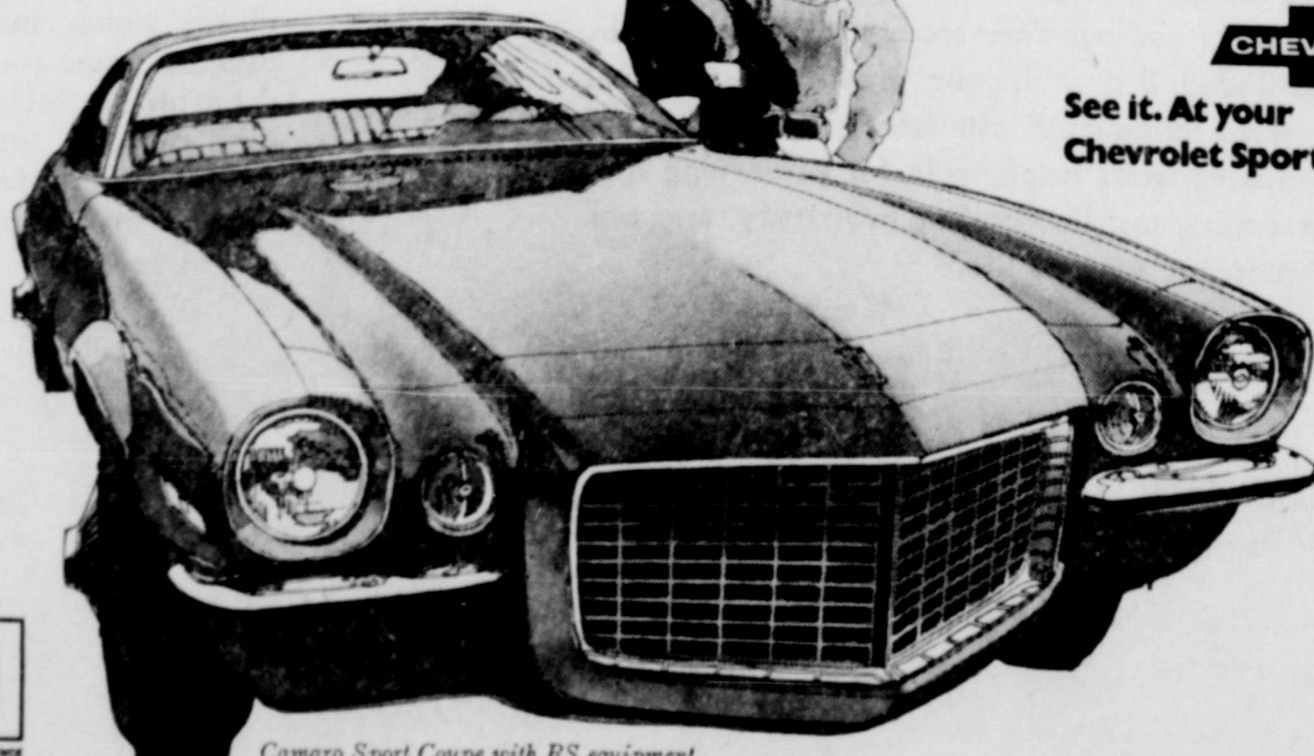
Other sportsters always feared it might come to this.

And they were right. Only their timing was wrong.

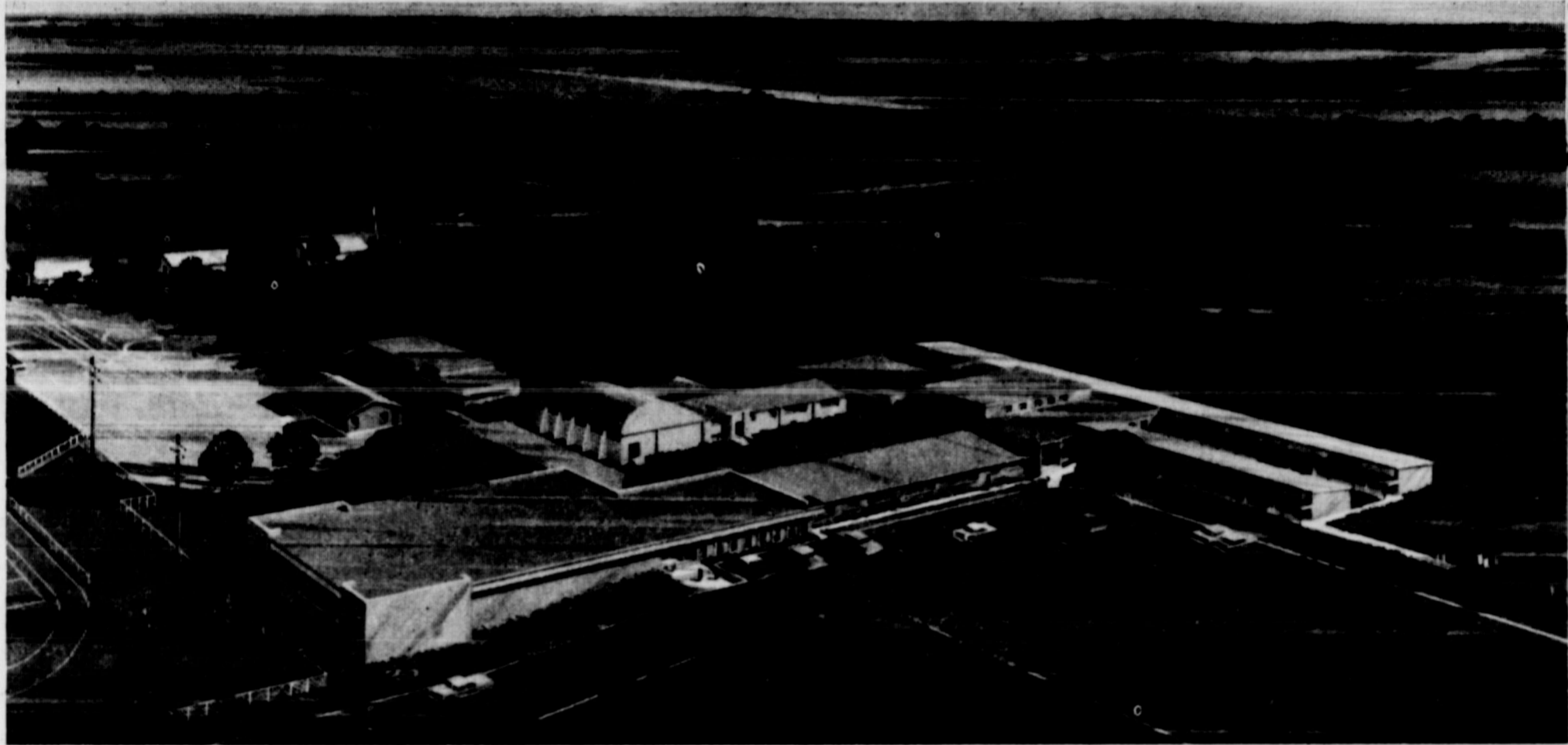
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Delmonte Green Lima Beans, 303 size can - 2 for 59c

Campfire Pork & Beans - - 300 size can 11c

Delmonte Chunk Tuna, Flat can - 3 for \$1.00

RC or Diet Rite Colas 6 Bot. Cr. 39c

HUNT'S SNACK PACKS - - 4 can pkg. 59c

Keebler Coconut-Choc. Drop Cookies - 14 oz. pk. 49c

FIRESIDE CRACKERS - - - 1 lb. box 25c

Gandy's Frozan 1/2 Gal. Cr. 39c

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MORTON'S CREAM PIES - - ea. 29c

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Best Wishes to Robert Lee School. We join the rest of the community in expressing our pride in the school.



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## County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

Coke County 4-H Club members will be competing in the Houston and San Angelo Stock Shows during the next two weeks. Sixteen club members have 34 animals entered in the two shows.

Eight club members will exhibit animals next week in the Houston Show. The group will leave Monday, then exhibit their animals Wednesday and Thursday. The entries include Marshall Millican, 1 Angus steer; Lane Beaty, 2 Duroc barrows; Edwin Lindsey, 2 Duroc barrows; Troy Millican, 1 crossbred barrow.

Also competing at Houston will be Joe David Key with 1 crossbred barrow; Wibby Millican with 2 crossbred barrows; Lesa Lindsey with 2 Duroc barrows; Sue Lindsey with Hampshire barrow and 1 Duroc barrow.

Entered in the San Angelo

show, to be held March 10-15, are Clark Tinkler, 2 finewool lambs; Jeanie Tinkler, 1 finewool lamb; Konny Service, 2 finewool lambs and 1 crossbred lamb; Kaylan Service, 1 finewool lamb and 1 crossbred lamb. Marvin Ensor will exhibit 1 finewool lamb and 5 registered Rambouillet breeding sheep. Terry Wojtek has 1 Hampshire barrow entered, Harvey Wojtek, 1 Hampshire barrow and Vicki Gartman, 1 Hampshire barrow.

J. Lee Ensor has one Rambouillet buck entered in the open show at San Angelo. Wibby Millican and Troy Millican will compete in the calf scramble at San Angelo during the Sunday matinee rodeo performance March 15.

The Coke County livestock judging team will compete in the livestock judging contest on Saturday, March 14. The contest is held each year in conjunction with the San Angelo Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaty will accompany the club members attending the Houston Show.

Messrs. and Mmes. J. Lee Ensor, Roy Tinkler, J. W. Service,

Jr., Dale Wojtek, Douglas Gartman, Elton Millican and Wilbern Millican will accompany the club members during various parts of the San Angelo show.

The peach twig borer may cause serious damage to peaches and plums if control measures are not carried out. Early generations of the peach twig borer larvae tunnel into twigs and buds resulting in growth stoppage or twig death. Later generations feed on the fruit either penetrating to the pits or hollowing out areas beneath the skin.

The overwintered larvae become active in early March as the buds swell and begin to open.

Three complete generations follow the overwintered generation. Larvae begin to attack fruit as soon as it passes the pit-hardening stage and continue to damage fruit throughout the season.

Control measures applied at the pink bud, petal fall, and shuck-split stages are adequate for control of overwintered peach twig borers. Good initial control can be obtained using only the petal and shuck-split applications. However, it is usually best to make all three applications.

Succeeding applications are required to control later generations of this pest. Commercial growers should apply three cover sprays following the shuck-split application, at intervals of 10 to 14, 14 to 21, and 21 to 25 days. For small orchards, only the first and second cover sprays will be needed.

The above spray schedule will control most of the in-season insect pests of peaches and plums.

Further information on the peach twig borer and other pests of peaches is available in L-245, "Texas Guide for Controlling Insects and Disease on Fruits and Nuts", which is available at the County Agricultural Agent's office.

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# History Of Coke County Schools Relived

By Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough

Coke County pioneers demonstrated their belief in education, for wherever settlers made homes, schools were soon established. These pioneers provided every educational advantage possible under existing circumstances, for no matter how meager their own schooling may have been, they wanted the best for their children.

There was little money for schools in the pioneer settlements; therefore school buildings were small and of cheap construction, equipment was extremely meager, school terms were short, teachers were poorly paid, and well qualified teachers were scarce.

The earliest school buildings were small, one-room "boxed and stripped" buildings, constructed of one-by-twelve boxing plank, with one-by-four strips nailed over the cracks. No bonds were issued to build these schools. The men who had children went in wagons to the nearest railroad towns, "dug down in their jeans" and paid for the lumber, hauled it to the building site and did the building with their own hands. Schoolroom furniture consisted of home-made benches for children, a home-made table and

rawhide or rope-bottomed chair for the teacher. Heating equipment consisted of a wood-burning box-stove, and a wood box for the fuel which was usually mesquite hauled and piled near the school by the fathers and chopped into stove lengths by the "big boys" as it was needed.

The public free-school term sometimes lasted no more than two to four months, but the brief free term was usually supplemented by a "subscription" school for another two months. The usual tuition was from one dollar to one dollar fifty cents per month, payable, if the sending family had no money, in anything the teacher or teacher's family could use, as wheat, chickens, pork, et cetera.

It meant real sacrifice on the part of both parents and children to support these pioneer schools. Every dollar paid for tuition was a dollar sorely needed by the parents for the necessities of life. Some students walked as far as four miles to school, starting before sunrise and arriving home at dusk and sometimes dark on short winter days. But so determined were those pioneers that no sacrifice seemed too great, and the weather was seldom too bad for regular attendance at school. Mrs. G. A. Beeman, the former Lula Newton, remembers her first school thus:

"I went to school at Paint Creek School, the old one by Alf Key's, in 1891, to Professor St. John, and the next year to Mrs. Hallmark. It was four miles from our house and we had to start before sunup. School was not out until late, and sometimes it was dark by the time we got back home. Yes, Buddy did go

with me for "Sister" was nearly nine and must go to school. Poor little fellow, not quite five, yanked out of bed and sent four miles to make it safer for "Sister"! The weather was seldom too bad for us to go, but sometimes our feet and hands got so cold we cried. You know Papa didn't believe in absence from school.

Children were assigned homework, and the books were carried home each day. Parents, tired after a day of toil, sat up to hear the children read and spell and to lend whatever other assistance they could in preparation of lessons to be "recited" the next day. Books were fairly well cared for and were used until worn out. Uniform textbooks and state-owned "free" textbooks came later.

One of the first schools in Coke County was taught by a Mr. Hall in a "one-room, wooden structure on Mountain Creek, one mile west of Hayrick, near the spot occupied by the H. C. Allen rock ranch house. This was in 1885-86. It was a four-month "subscription" school. Parents paid \$1.50 per month for each child. Some of the pupils in that school were Ada, Sally, Alice and Howard Caraway, children of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Caraway, and Wylie Byrd. After that term, school was moved about two miles east to Sand Springs. There was a good spring at that site which furnished water for the school; then, too, the country was settling up faster in that direction, and the move made it more convenient for a larger number of children.

The first school at the Sand Springs site (1886-87) was taught by Miss Idalia Nance.

About eleven or twelve pupils attended this school, among whom were Jack, Etta and Lydia Roe, the Dancer boys, Marvin Brooks, Henry Richards, the Caraway children and Wylie Byrd.

Another teacher at the Sand Springs school before Coke County was organized was Miss Betty Eldson, who taught in 1887-88.

A Mr. Carrigan was teaching this school when Coke County

was organized. After the little village of Hayrick, the first county seat of the new county, was started, "a large, two-room building was erected." Mr. Carrigan was the teacher (1889-90) and was assisted by Miss Vida Youngblood, who was not a full-fledged teacher at the time, but a student assistant.

Hayrick school started with bright prospects in the fall of

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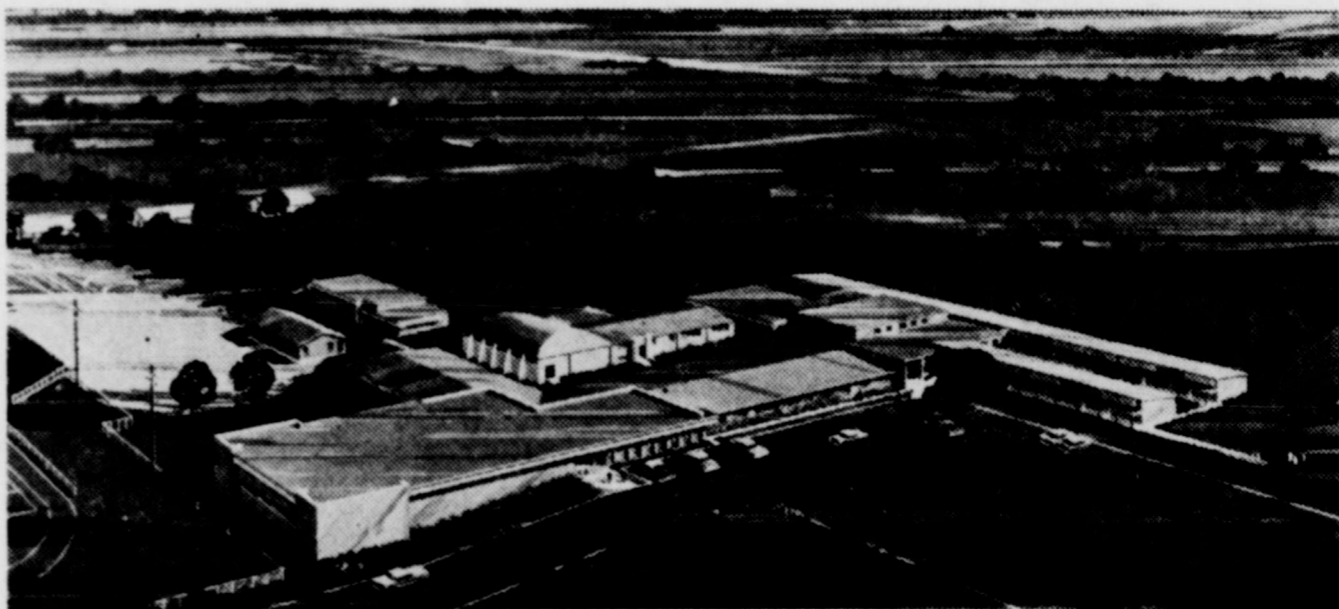
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1890. There was the "large," new schoolhouse, two teachers, Mr. Carrigan and J. J. Bishop, and seventy-five or more pupils. Everything went well for a time. Mr. Carrigan was not a man to use the rod.

Mr. Carrigan didn't whip, for he didn't need to. He had big feet and a big, booming voice. He would stamp his foot and "holler" at the children and that frightened them into obedience.

Mr. Bishop became ill of "slow fever," and Miss Vida Youngblood again comes on the scene, this time as an employed substitute for a month, and school went on about as usual. But that term of school was not destined to run to completion. In January the county voted to relocate the county seat at Robert Lee. Moving began at once and:

"By the middle of March most

of the sixty-five huoses in Hayrick had been moved, and the families with them. The children failed to appear for their classes. Daily attendance dropped off from seventy-five to fewer than a dozen. Prof. Carrigan and I resigned as we did not care to teach empty benches. Carrigan left the country, and I moved with the crowd to Robert Lee."

The Sanco school was established in 1887, with Charlie Teague as first teacher. Some of the first pupils were Smith, Ira and Cora Bird, Ruby and Elton Durham. It is believed that Sanco was named for Chief Sanao, Comanche Indian.

The first school in the Edith community was in 1889, with George Royalty as teacher. Mr. Royalty named the Edith post office for Miss Edith Bonsell of Ballinger, Texas.

The Bronte School was established in 1888, with Mr. Madison

McCutchen as the teacher. The small one-room building which housed the school was west of East Kickapoo Creek.

Robert Lee's first school was a short-term subscription school taught by Miss Lucy McCarthy in the spring of 1889. The first school building at Robert Lee was later known as the Stickney residence.

In May, 1891, Coke County Commissioners ordered trustee elections in ten school districts. By 1920, the county had thirty schools, but consolidation has reduced the number to three — Bronte, Robert Lee and Silver. (Editor's note: Since Mrs. Yarbrough wrote the above information, Silver has consolidated with Robert Lee, leaving only two schools in the county.)

Bronte and Robert Lee have accredited high schools.

The early day curriculum of Coke County schools included little more than the 3 r's. The first

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schools were unclassified, unaccredited, and did not have uniform textbooks.

The teacher-pupil load was high. In 1928, Robert Lee had six teachers. The enrollment by rooms was 45, 43, 44, 54, and 47. About 1909-10, Hayrick's one-teacher school enrolled 91 and had about 70 in daily attendance. Jim Tunnel was the teacher.

The teacher-pupil load has been reduced and the curriculum of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools has been enriched to include vocational homemaking, commercial subjects, band, driver education, et cetera.

Stopping for a brief visit Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Varnadore were Mr. and Mrs. Wyn Talley of Fluvanna and Mrs. Keith Tomes of Amherst. Mrs. Talley is the former Billie Landers and Mrs. Tomes is the former Lonell Landers.

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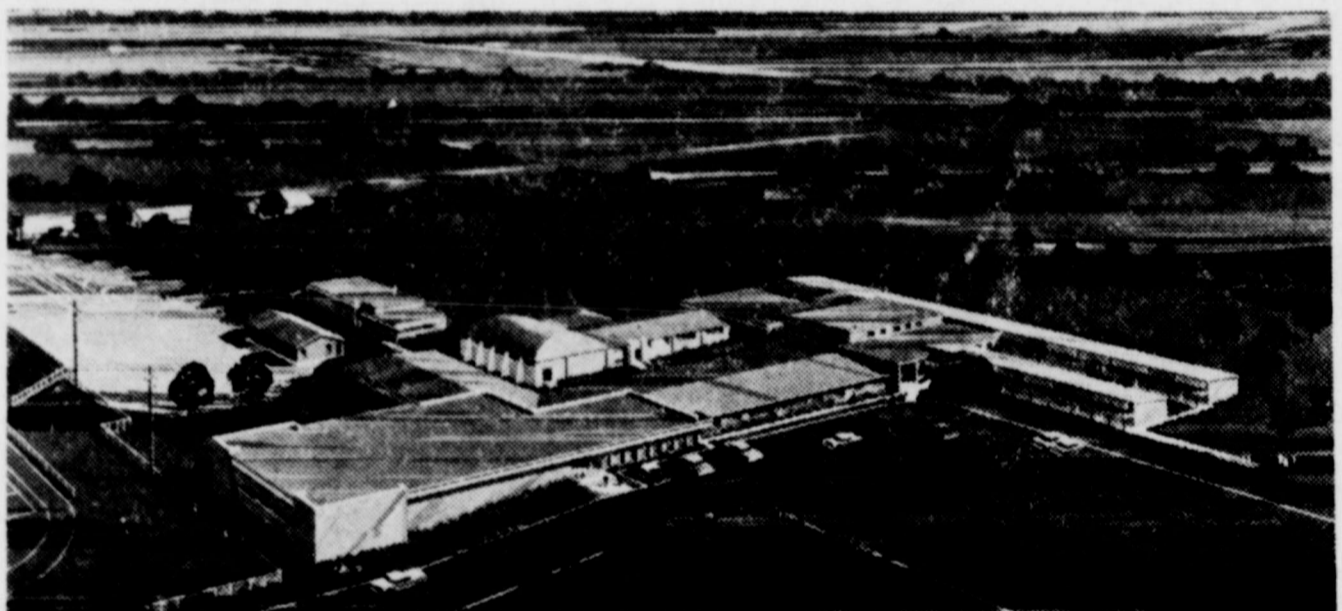
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