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Discard Map Showing Proposed Street Paving; Officials to Have Final Say

Further consideration of plans for the proposed paving project in Precinct 1 were discussed last Thursday night at a meeting attended by county and city officials and BCD members.

The group unanimously agreed to scrap a map showing which city streets were to be improved. It was pointed out that it is impossible to determine how much paving can be secured until bids are opened and the costs made known. Another matter which is determined by a point of law is that the County Commissioners Court will have sole and final authority to say where the paving goes. Of course they will consider which streets carry the greatest traffic, and every property owner will have an opportunity to be heard at the proper time.

City officials, too, will have to approve a final draft which the Commissioners Court expects to adopt. It is understood an advisory committee will be named at the Commissioners meeting next Monday.

A special election on the \$150,000 bond issue will be decided by the

qualified voters of Precinct 1 on Saturday, April 25.

Most of the bond money would be used for improvement of streets in the city of Robert Lee, but some paving at the Silver school is also in the program.

The Robert Lee Board of Community Development is backing the bond issue. BCD officials point out that Coke County has been most fortunate in securing many fine public improvements, all of them without a raise in the tax levy except in the case of precinct road bonds.

We wish again to refer to the fore part of this news article advising that the paving map is out of the picture. We have responsible public officials whose duty it will be to give the taxpayers their money's worth and treat every individual as fair as possible.

County officials have announced no deals of any kind have been closed, an engineering firm has not been hired, the bonds will be sold to the lowest bidder and any contract for the work will not be let unless the bids are considered satisfactory.



MISS MELBA BROWN
... teacher resigns

14 Apply For Robert Lee's Coaching Job

Another Robert Lee teacher has resigned, making three vacancies which now exist.

Handing in her resignation this week was Miss Melba Brown, 4th grade teacher, who has accepted a position to teach art in the Ft. Worth schools next year.

She resides in Abilene and is a graduate of ACC. This is her first year of teaching.

Other resignations announced previously were Miss Eunice McLure, 6th grade instructor, and Coach C. D. Manire.

School Supt. Frank D. Coalson states the next regular school board meeting will be held Thursday night. At that time two new trustees will be seated and it is hoped to dispose of the tie vote resulting from Saturday's election.

Applicants for teaching positions will also be interviewed Thursday night, and a special trustee session has been called for Saturday night when prospective athletic coaches will be interviewed. Fourteen applications for the coaching job have been received.

Supt. Coalson reports the board recently rescinded a rule which barred married students from taking part in athletics. However, they will not be permitted to go on senior trips and to participate in some other school activities outside the class rooms.

Good Showers In Parts of County

The best rain in several months descended upon this area early Wednesday, bringing moisture in amounts varying from .57 to more than an inch.

Official Soil Conservation Service gauge at the court house in Robert Lee showed .57. Hayrick reported .7 and Bronte .8. Ranchers south of Robert Lee received about three-fourths of an inch. West of Robert Lee and toward Sanco and Edith more than an inch of rain fell.

San Angelo was the center of the West Texas rain area, gauging 1.69 at athis Mfield.

The moisture will help grain fields and pastures.

students at Wayland College in Plainview.

Rev. Fry is a native of Hendietta. He graduated from Decatur Baptist College and Wayland. He has held Three Rivers pastorate in South Texas more than a year. He recently closed a successful Revival at Pleasanton. The Frys have a new son born March 13.

Sanco and also is employed at Texas Natural Gasoline Plant southwest of Silver.

Mr. McCabe operates a Humble service station in Robert Lee and also has ranching interests. Mr. Wylie lives on his farm west of town where one of his main operations is a good sized cage laying project.

The large list of candidates brought out 184 voters. Bryan Yarbrough was presiding officer with Mrs. C. S. Brown, Mettie Russell and Ollie Geen his assistants.

Following is the election result:
J. D. McCabe Jr. 64
J. W. B. Robertson 44
J. W. Service Jr. 40
Royce Smith 45
Raymond McCutchen 85
T. M. Wylie Jr. 64
Glenn Waldrop 49
Carl Brock 13
Teddy Pitcock 66
Melvin Krall 13
Weldon Fikes 31
W. D. McAdams was re-elected county school trustee at large without opposition.

Silver Baptist Revival Meeting Will Open Sunday

A Revival Meeting at the Baptist Church in Silver opens Sunday, April 12, and continues through April 19. The Rev. Norman Fry of Three Rivers will be the evangelist.

During the entire week morning services will be held at 9:30 with evening preaching at 7:30. A nursery will be open for small children. Song leader is Curtis Parish, Sun Pipeline Co. Chief Clerk, who was active in church music at Sour Lake before he was transferred to Silver a few months ago.

The Rev. Allan Cartrite is pastor of the Silver Baptist Church, coming from Jayton. Mrs. Cartrite assists her husband in his work, both having received advanced training in religious education.

Rev. Fry is a long time personal friend of the Cartrites, having become acquainted when they were

School Trustee Election In Doubt As Tie Vote Resulted Here Saturday

Voters of Robert Lee Independent School District named two new trustees at Saturday's election, while the count for a third trustee resulted in a tie.

New board members are Raymond McCutchen who was high man with 85 votes. Teddy Pitcock was elected with 66 followed by a 64-64 tie between J. F. McCabe Jr. and T. M. Wylie Jr.

School officials were consulting County Attorney Frank Dickey, and indications are that one of the two candidates in the tie may withdraw. An attorney general's opinion points out that another election must be held which would be open to as many candidates as wished to file.

The matter will be taken up and probably settled at the regular school board meeting Thursday night of this week.

Three trustee positions were to be filled. Mr. McCabe, board president, was the only candidate for re-election. Melvin Childress and O. B. Jacobs have completed their terms and did not run.

A total of eleven names appeared on the ballot, and each candidate gave permission for his name to be filed.

Mr. McCutchen is a prominent livestock buyer and rancher. Mr. Pitcock is a stock farmer near



REV. NORMAN FRY
... to preach at Silver

6 Women Called For Jury Service

Six women and 34 men have been called for jury duty in 51st District Court which convenes in Robert Lee next Monday, April 13. Scheduled for trial is Willie McDade, 17, younger of the two Negroes who murdered L. H. (Shorty) Canada last Oct. 24.

Roosevelt Wiley, 26-year-old Odessa resident, was sentenced to die in the electric chair, when he was tried early in March in district court at Lubbock. His case was transferred to Lubbock on a change of venue.

Wiley's case is being studied by the supreme court and date of his execution has not been set.

McDade, who was under 17 years of age when the crime was committed cannot be given the death penalty under Texas law. District Attorney Justin Kever has indicated he will ask for a life sentence.

The young Negro was a willing witness for the state during the Wiley trial at Lubbock, and has readily admitted that both he and Wiley were equally guilty of stabbing to death the 58-year-old milk route driver for Gandy Creamery Co.

McDade has been held in Coke County jail without bond.

He will be represented by Clyde Vinson, who was appointed by the court as defense counsel.

Judge Joe L. Mays will preside over the court session.

PUPILS ATTEND CONCERT

Robert Lee pupils from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades were taken in a school bus to San Angelo Monday afternoon where they attended a special students concert by the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra. A total of 79 youngsters made the trip, accompanied by their instructors, Hervey Latham and Mrs. Jeff Dean.

YOUTH RALLY SET

A district Youth Rally has been scheduled for Emmanuel Pentecostal Church in Robert Lee Friday night, April 10, starting at 8 o'clock. Visitors are expected from a number of surrounding towns.

Four of the women jury panelists are from Robert Lee and two reside at Bronte. It is the first time in several years that names of women have been drawn for jury duty in Coke County.

District Clerk J. L. Tinkler released the jury list Tuesday, which carries the following names:

A. R. Bagwell, Elmo Bell, Curtis Blair, J. D. Boykin, John Brown, Leon Byrne, Otis Campbell, Mike Casey, T. B. Childress, Ivey Eubanks, Inez Gartman, Mrs. L. E. Higgins, A. V. Hughes, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey.

Mrs. Billie Good, Oscar Kresta, Frankie Percifull, Frank McCabe, Jr., Bill Tom Roach, Steve Badley, Mrs. Garland Black, Bob Cavin, A. E. Gentry, Marvin Landers, W. D. McDonald, C. E. McGuire, O. L. Pittman, Mrs. Faye Scott, G. C. Spencer.

George Wrinkle, F. E. Fancher, John Gaston, S. C. Sayner, Artell Roberts, Alton Roberts, Cecil Palmer, Johnnie Holis, Allen Jameson, Freddie Lee Rie, Victor Wojtek, F. C. Clark, Howard Varnadore.

Will Install An Automatic Laundry Here

Robert Lee is soon to have a new automatic laundry. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gardner and his mother, Mrs. J. S. Gardner, are owners of the business which will be located in the former cafe dining room at the Texaco service station.

A battery of 16 brand new Speed Queen 20-minute washers is being installed and there will be four dryers.

Mr. Gardner said it is the best equipment on the market and washings will be turned out in 20 minutes at a price of only 20 cents.

The building has been redecorated and equipment is now being installed. The new laundry should be ready for opening within two weeks.

900 Pounds of Poison Bait Spread By Coke Farm and Ranch Operators

By STERLING LINDSEY
County Agent

The County Commissioners Court number 2 punch to control rabies in the county scored a solid blow. Eighty-two Coke County farm and ranch operators received and distributed poisoned bait to combat the over population of potential rabies carrying varmints plaguing the area.

The original supply of 710 pounds of bait was exhausted and an additional 200 pounds of tallow bait were prepared to fill the demands.

Operators from all areas of the county participated in the program, with possibly more operators from Robert Lee west in the area having the highest incidence of rabies participating in the voluntary varmint eradication program.

The bait was prepared under the supervision of Carl Baker and Chuck Cadeaux, of the Predatory Animal Control Service. Two o

horses were purchased, dressed, boned, the meat ground and mixed with 71 ounces of alkaloid strychnine. The 710 pounds produced was placed in five and ten pound packages.

According to Mr. Baker, one pound of the bait should produce 16 varmint size baits or slightly over 11,000 baits should have been produced from the 710 pounds.

The 200 pounds of tallow used was cut into 3/4 inch squares and treated with alkaloid strychnine pellets or pills. An estimated 2000 baits were produced from the 200 pounds of tallow.

Results of the move are yet to be determined. Undoubtedly thousands of small varmints will be eliminated by the endeavor, further reducing the danger of rabies. The bait program, coupled with the vaccination and/or removal of approximately 1000 dogs and cats in the county should curtail the rabies threat.

Silver News

Letha Mathers of San Angelo visited Silver friends Sunday and attended services at the Church of Christ. She went on to Roscoe to visit her aunt, Miss Emma Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edwards returned to their home at Seminole, Okla., after a week's visit with their son, Bob Edwards, and family. They also visited friends at Ozona.

Robert Whitewood and family of Robert Lee have moved to Silver and occupy one of the Sun Oil Co. homes in Jameson camp. Mr. Whitewood is an engine operator at Jameson gasoline plant.

O. L. White and family returned Sunday night from a brief trip to Waskom in East Texas. Mr. White is an engine operator at Sun's gas plant in the Millican field.

Lee Weigel is taking a two weeks' vacation from his duties at Jameson plant. He and his family will visit kinfolks at various points.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Jennings returned Sunday from a week's visit with their daughter and her family at Sabine Pass.

TEXAS NATURAL NEWS

The company is setting another compressor which will handle additional gas being brought in by the recent pipeline extensions.

Cliff Ledbetter, plant electrician, was called to Gainesville to help with repairs on the Texas Natural plant there which was badly damaged a short time ago by a tornado.

Richard Miller and his family have moved to Bronte where he will be more centrally located for his work as field meterman for Texas Natural.

J. A. Weatherbee, chief engineer at Perkins plant here, is in Olean, N. Y., this week getting instruction at the factory which builds gasoline plant engines. Mrs. Weatherbee was called to Oklahoma the past week by the death of an uncle. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. G. Powell.

The John Mason family was honored with a covered dish supper last Thursday night at the Rec Hall. It was a community affair and a big crowd attended. The Masons will move in the near future to the Wimberley plant, northeast of Merkel, where he will be superintendent. He has been with the Perkins plant since it opened and was promoted to superintendent three years ago.

Mrs. C. A. Duker has been a medical patient the past ten days in Coke County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee. The Duker children, Donnie and Connie, were ill at home the past week but have returned to school.

Mac Tunnell, of Sun production office clerical staff, has returned from a week's vacation. He and his family visited relatives at Van and Nacogdoches.

C. F. Patterson, Sun production gang pusher, is on a two weeks' vacation. He and his wife are visiting in South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican went to Big Spring Monday and were overnight guests of his sister, Mrs. C. W. White, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mathers and Robert were Sunday guests in the Jack Walker home in Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and

children have returned from a visit at Shreveport, Carthage and Palestine.

Mrs. P. L. Ferrell spent the Easter weekend in San Angelo with her daughter, Wileta.

A. D. Leonard and family spent Sunday with relatives in Big Spring.

At the school election Saturday J. P. Jameson and Arch Mathers were re-elected trustees for three-year terms. Each got 39 votes. John Conley was also a candidate, receiving 8 votes.

ENTER TRACK MEET

Silver will have a number of entries in the junior high division of the interscholastic league district track meet in San Angelo Saturday. Supt. Paul Ashby will serve as clerk.

Coach Guy Wheeler says the following boys will take part in one or more events:

7th grade—Jack McCallie, Raymond Kincaid, Mike Simpson.

8th grade—Butch Ashby, Norman Butcher, Allen Clendennen, David Lindsey, Stanley Post, Richard Ramsey, Swain Walker, Pat Wilkes.

9th grade—Paul Ferrell, Curtis Higginbotham, Mike Hollis, Bill Ledbetter, Jerry Mayo, Lawrence Stewart, Johnny Theis.

Mrs. Ruth Geer returned home last week after attending the wedding of her son at Kilgore Easter Sunday. She also visited her daughter, Mrs. Patsy Coulter, and children and friends at Turner-town.

Kay Rogers of Robert Lee spent the weekend here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gann, at Odom Cafe.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mason will observe their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 12, with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. at their home in Texas National Gasoline Corp. Camp. All friends are invited.

SHOWER FOR WALKERS

A shower for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker will be held Thursday night, starting at 7:30, in Sun Recreation Hall at Silver. The couple lost all their household article and clothing when their home was destroyed by fire three weeks ago. Their friends from Silver, Sanco and Robert Lee are invited to the shower. Hostesses are Mmes. R. B. Allen, Bob Odom, Allen Jameson, Maurice Duncan, R. S. Anderson, Homer Jameson, Jahew Jameson and C. E. Mathers.

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Don Geer Weds Miss Pritchett At Kilgore

The marriage of Miss Mary Pritchett of Kilgore and Donald Geer of Silver was solemnized Easter Sunday, March 29, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. in the chapel of First Baptist Church in Kilgore. Dr. Howard Bennett officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hale of Kilgore and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Ruth Geer of Silver.

The bride wore a baby blue and white chantilly lace gown and a white hat with waist length veil. She carried a white Bible and a corsage of blue and white carnations.

A reception was given in the parlor of the chapel following the ceremony.

The couple spent a few days in Dallas before coming to Silver. Mr. Geer has held the position of band director in the Silver public school the past three years.

READ THE WANT ADS.

FORD-MERCURY SALES

Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee reports the following new car sales during the month of March:

Mrs. R. S. Anderson, Mercury Fordor.

Alvin C. Miller, F-100 Pickup.

Burt Smalley, Custom 300 Tudor.

Guy C. Burton, Cus. 300 Tudor.

Morrison Supply Co., Galaxie Town Sedan.

Delmir Sheppard, F-100 Pickup.

Mrs. W. E. Milam, Cus. 300 Fordor.

R. L. Anderson, Galaxie Town Sedan.

J. D. Gilbert, Galaxie Town Sedan.

A. Z. Harshbarger, Custom 300 Tudor.

Bruce Whitlock, Cus. 300 Fordor.

Roy Harkey, Fairlane 500 Town Sedan.

Charles A. Kennedy, Galaxie Town Sedan.

L. H. Blankenship, Fairlane 500 Club Victoria.

Leslie Nell Wink is now in Leeland where she is doing practical teaching in the high school. She is a home economics senior at Texas Tech.

REVIVAL

Baptist Church, Silver, Texas

April 12-19

EVENING

Prayer Service & Booster Band

7:15 P. M.

Preaching - 7:30 P. M.



MORNING

9:30 A. M.

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HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS FROM YOUR STATE CAPITAL

AUSTIN, Tex. — "After seeing the appropriation bill — and with all the sentiment there is in favor of a teacher pay raise — I don't see how we can pay for it all without passing one of those big tax bills".

Speaking in private conversation as a legislator. He is one of an estimated 80 to 90 House members who told voters flatly last summer they wouldn't vote for a general sales tax.

But the "big tax bills" to which he refers are the Strickland-Roberts bill, Blanchard bill, Oliver bill, etc. All of these are, as someone said "mighty like a sales tax." in that they would be collected on the basis of the sales of large numbers of items.

His predicament is shared by many Texas lawmakers this year. It is: how to finance the things the people of Texas want without voting a tax the people don't want?

BIGGEST EVER — House appropriations Committee is recommending a 1960-61 spending bill that is the granddaddy of 'em all. Altogether, spending from all sources, including federal grants, would total \$2,401,276,388. It is \$240,000,000 higher than the 1959-60 budget.

Even so, it is \$7,500,000 less than recommended by Gov. Price Daniel. Committee's bill calls for general revenue spending of \$322,461,196; the governor's for \$329,952,992.

Financing the committee's recommendations will require about \$157,000,000 in new tax money for the general fund. This results from adding together (1) the expected \$65,000,000 deficit from 1958-59, (2) the \$42,000,000 increase in spending for the coming biennium over this one and (3) an expected \$50,000,000 gap between expected revenue and present spending levels.

If the proposed public school teacher pay raise and any other part of the Hale-Aikin recommendations for school improvement are adopted, the new money needs would soar to between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000.

Principal beneficiaries of the \$42,000,000 increase proposed by the Appropriations Committee would be higher education, up \$23,004,432; state employees, up \$3,400,000; state hospitals and special schools, up \$10,321,186; prison system, up \$6,000,000.

TAX FRONT — Meanwhile, the House Taxation Committee, beset by the prodding of the governor on one hand and the objections of various citizens on the other, toils on in its search for new money.

Recent actions include:

Showing temporary disapproval, 12-6, of the governor's plan for the state to take over abandoned property and dormant bank accounts.

Hearing the pros and cons of a raft of "broad-based" taxes. These include: 1. A nine-part omnibus tax measure by Reps. Bob Strickland of San Antonio and Wesley Roberts of Lamesa which would include a gross receipts levy on retail establishments. It would raise an estimated \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000.

2. A 1½ per cent gross receipts tax on all business activity (with certain exemptions for farm supplies, charitable institutions, professional services, etc.) by Rep. H. J. Blanchard of Lubbock. It would bring in about \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000.

3. A tax on the "first sale or use of any finished product" by Rep. W. T. Oliver of Port Neches.

4. A tax on "net profits and receipts" by Rep. Alonzo W. Jimison Jr. of Denton.

5. A "cure all" tax on manufactured goods by Rep. Jerry Sadler of Percilla, to bring in about a half-billion dollars per biennium. It all led one House member to complain of a "million-dollar headache."

ECONOMY BILL MAKING HEADWAY — There's at least one fellow

who believes that his type of job is useless, outmoded and unnecessary.

He is George Corse Jr. of Graham, Texas. Corse feels that school money is being wasted by keeping the job of County School Superintendent alive. He wants to dispense with the office and contends that it will save the state a minimum of \$400,000 annually.

To prove they were economy minded too, the House passed his bill (HB 101 by Rep. George Wilson of Newcastle) and sent it on to the Senate with their blessings.

HB 101 would permit the people of a county, by petition of 10 per cent of the eligible voters, to vote on discontinuance of the office of County Superintendent of Schools.

Corse is county superintendent of Young County.

TOO CITIFIED? — Texans may have to change to vote in the next general election on a constitutional amendment to decide, in effect, whether the Legislature shall "go urban."

House passed a resolution by Rep. Will Ehrle of Childress to limit representation from the big city counties. As amended, it would provide one representative for each 100,000 population up to 900,000 and one for each 400,000 thereafter.

Primary target was Harris County, whose sprawling industrialism might entitle it to as many as 13 representatives after the 1960 census, under present rules. Rural legislators fear the city delegations will develop a virtual veto over rural interests. Also, conservatives are skittish about the strong libe-

ral forces that come from Harris County.

But Houstonites, and other city solons, argue that tax-paying citizens are entitled to equal representation, no matter where they live.

NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT 1, OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID PRECINCT AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE of an election to be held on the 25th day of April, 1959, within COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters who own taxable property in said Precinct and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, the following proposition:

"WHETHER OR NOT the bonds of COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, a political subdivision of COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, shall be issued in the total principal sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000), for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and which bonds are to bear interest at a rate not exceeding FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENTUM (4½%) per annum, and are to be payable at such times as may be deemed most expedient by the Commissioners' Court, but not to exceed TWENTY (20) years from

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the date thereof; and that at such election there shall also be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying voters of the said COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, the question as to whether or not ad valorem taxes shall be levied on all taxable property within the said COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, for the purpose of paying the interest on the said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption or payment thereof at maturity."

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the manner of holding said election and canvassing and making returns thereof, shall be governed by the General Laws of this State, when not in conflict with the provisions of Chapter 16 of the General Laws passed by the Thirtieth Legislature at its First Called Session in 1926, and amend-

ments thereto; that the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V. A. T. C. S. Election Code, as amended, and that printed on such ballots shall appear the following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

EACH VOTER shall mark out with pen or pencil one of such expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote on the proposition.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the polling places and officers of said election shall be, respectively, as follows:

NUMBER	VOTING PLACE	PRESIDING JUDGE
1	Commissioners' Court Room Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas	Bryan Yarbrough
7	School Building, Sanco, Texas	Ulmer Bird
8	School Building, Silver Texas	Robert Walker

Only qualified voters who own taxable property in said COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NUMBER 1, OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be qualified to vote at said election.

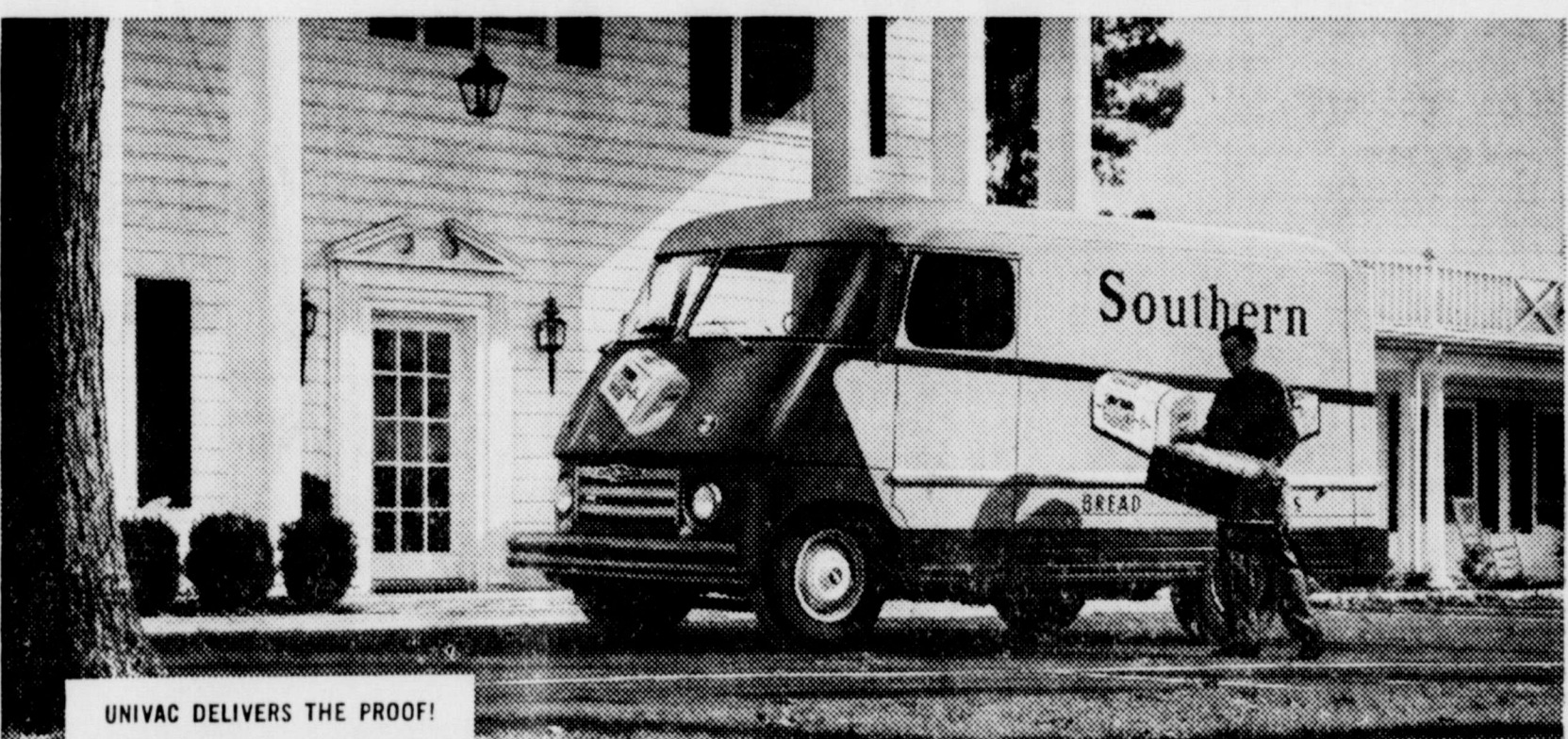
passed and adopted on the 23rd day of March, 1959.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, this the 23rd day of March, 1959.

J. L. Tinkler
County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioners'
Court of Coke County, Texas
(Com. Crt. Seal)

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Chevy slices gasoline costs by 20% on hot bakery delivery job!



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More Teams Needed For Ball League

The Concho Basin base ball league meeting in San Angelo last week was attended by J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler and Lewis Heuvel, co-managers of the Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters.

Brownwood, Kirby Vacuum of San Angelo and Robert Lee are the only teams definitely set to go, with a possibility that Goodfellow AFB would also have an entry.

The air base expects to field a fast club this season but will have an extensive schedule against service teams. However, they may be able to play their Concho League games at night during the week rather than on Sunday afternoons.

The Robert Lee club has good prospects again this season, and a stiff workout is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon. A practice game at Goodfellow field has been set down for the following Sunday, April 19.

Tentative schedule indicates the league season will not open until May 31.

tek, Ann Smith, Kay Wink and Bernice Seltz—placed second in class I competition.

In class I competition of solos, Jerry Dean placed first; Don Weathers, first; and Ann Smith, third.

Brenda Cowley received first and Marilyn Weathers, third, in class II competition.

Accompanists were Brenda McDorman and Ronnie Sims.

RETURNS TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scarborough have returned to their home at Norco, Calif., after a stay of several months in West Texas. They are former Coke County residents, but have lived in California many years. While here Mr. Scarborough, who is a World War I veteran, had a cataract removed from an eye at Veterans Hospital in Big Spring. They have been making their headquarters with relatives in San Angelo. A son came from California to drive his parents back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Brown are expected home this week from a two weeks' vacation trip to the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas. Mr. Brown is a Magnolia pumper and has a month's vacation period.

HOSPITAL NEWS

March 31—Lenora Palmer admitted.

April 1—Mrs. Virgil Streng and infant daughter, and Lenora Palmer dismissed.

April 2—Mrs. Sam Williams, Joe Dee Blair, Mrs. James R. McClure dismissed.

April 4—Mrs. T. W. Lyle admitted. R. L. (Bob) Read dismissed.

April 5—Mrs. T. W. Lyle dismissed.

April 6—Brenda Cowley, G. A. Brown, Mrs. Pallie Phelan, Juan Epergue admitted, Henry Briscoe dismissed.

April 7—Mrs. Edwin Little admitted.

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Important Information to the Tax Paying Voters of Precinct Number One

On August 20, 1954, the Robert Lee Board of Community Development carried a page advertisement in The Observer under the heading that "Road Bond Elections in Precincts 1 and 3 are Highly Important."

The proposition to vote \$49,500 bonds in Precinct 3 failed to carry, but it was submitted again the following year and a bond issue of \$60,000 was carried.

The Precinct 1 issue won by a one-sided majority of 196 to 65. Here's the result registered in the three voting boxes:

	For	Against
Robert Lee	145	43
Sanco	9	16
Silver	42	6
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	196	65

Following is taken from the BCD ad published at that time:

"The Robert Lee Board of Community Development has had a hand in making it possible for the people to settle the matter by their votes next Saturday, Aug. 21, 1954.

"With the enormous oil development in the northwest quarter of Coke County, it was natural that more and better roads were needed. Oil people and those connected with the business found it very difficult to get to and from the new oil fields which were spreading far to the south and west of the Colorado River. That situation also made it necessary to have a new high water bridge.

"To satisfy demands for road improvements out that way, the Robert Lee Board of Community Development sponsored a meeting between the oil people and other interested persons and the Coke County Commissioners Court. Everyone present urged that steps be taken to build some good roads to and from the oil fields. County officials went to work on the matter and an engineering firm was engaged to make surveys and estimate costs.

"However, it was found that all present Road and Bridge Funds on hand were required for maintenance purposes, and a bond issue

would be necessary to construct new roads and the new river bridge.

"The program finally decided upon includes 5.21 miles of paving on the west side of the loop at Silver, a new bridge across the Colorado River, and 11.91 miles of new paving to run south from the new bridge to intersect with Highway 158 west of Edith.

"The entire project is expected to cost \$295,000. Most of the work will be done in Precinct 1 where the cost will be \$245,000. Also included in the Precinct 1 project is paving 5 blocks from the highway to the school house in Robert Lee, and paving a loop to the County Hospital.

"A new tax levy of 12 or 13 cents per \$100 valuation will be required to retire the bonds and pay interest. The bonds are to be retired within 15 years or less.

"The BCD is not trying to dictate how citizens should vote. However, it wishes to point out that the big taxing valuation is due to oil properties, and no more than 15% of the cost will be paid by local property owners. It looks like a good deal."

Well, that's the picture of what took place five years ago. We feel it is important when you consider the proposed bond issue of \$150,000 which is coming up for a vote April 25, 1959.

The auditor's report shows that \$45,000 of the 1954 bond issue have been retired, and the issue is being paid off at the rate of \$15,000 per year.

Robert Lee citizens feel that they, too, are entitled to some of the improvements which are available because of the big taxable assessment in Precinct 1, and are asking your support of the Special Election April 25 to provide not to exceed \$150,000 in bonds for Precinct 1 road improvements, most of which would be spent for paving the streets of Robert Lee.

Robert Lee people are taxpayers, too, and have contributed year after year to the county road funds and paid their auto licenses without getting much in return.

We think it is fair to ask voters in all parts of the precinct to support the April 25th bond election.

The Robert Lee
BOARD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Rabbit Drive Set Saturday East of Bronte

(Bronte Enterprise)

Another rabbit drive has been set for this area Saturday, April 11. Area to be covered by the hunters includes a strip east of Bronte from the Colorado River north to beyond the farm of Robert Hugh Sims.

Hunters will meet at the Bronte Park at 8 a. m. when plans will be made and the drive will be started.

A barbecue dinner will be served in the park at noon. Ladies are asked to bring cakes, pies and salads to go with the meat and other barbecue fixings.

A spokesman for the drive said that school boys will be welcome at the drive, but that all boys under 16 must be accompanied by their father or guardian.

Three successful drives have been conducted in this area during the past few weeks. First one was at Maverick, then at Brookshire, and last Saturday a large number of rabbits were killed in the Tennyson community.

Farmers are cooperating with the community drives because of the large amount of green grass and crops they eat. A big increase in the rabbit population has been noted in this area this year.

SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB

Members of the Sunshine 4-H club of Robert Lee had an attendance of 24 at their recent monthly meeting at the school home economics building from 8:45 until 10:00 a. m. Refreshments prepared and

served by Miss Carole Hooper, county home demonstration agent, included cucumber petals, green pepper sticks, radish accordians, radish roses, celery curls and green onions. Milk drinks will be featured at the April meeting.—Cynthia Davis, Reporter.

District P-TA Conference In Sweetwater

The twelfth annual conference of the 16th district, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be held in Sweetwater April 17 and 18.

Theme of this year's conference is "Education Opens Windows On A Wider World."

Headquarters for the two-day meet will be the First Methodist Church, with luncheon and banquet at the Blue Bonnet Hotel. Only local unit and council presidents and presidents-elect may attend the luncheon Saturday, April 18, whereas everyone is invited and urged to attend the banquet 7:30. Tickets are \$1.75 for the Friday evening, April 17, at luncheon and \$2.25 for the banquet and may be secured by mail from Dr. Bettye J. Shipman, 705 East Broadway, Sweetwater, Texas. Deadline on tickets is April 14.

Highlights of the conference will be election of officers and leadership development workshops. Registration will begin Friday, April 17, at 12:30. Mrs. Elmer Payne, 16th district president, will preside over the first general session beginning at 1:30. Free baby sitting will be available Saturday.

Rites Held For Mrs. Fred Harris Of Levelland

Services for Mrs. Fred Harris, 54, Coke County native who died Saturday night at her home in Levelland, were held at the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 2 p. m. Tuesday. The pastor, Rev. Travis McNair, officiated and burial was in Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Otis Campbell, David Key, Freddie Lee Roe, Albert Roe Jr., Bill Pentecost and R. D. Jackson.

Mrs. Harris was the former Charlie Roe and was born at Robert Lee Oct. 13, 1904. She spent her youth here and graduated from Robert Lee high school.

Her first husband, Spec Lawrence, was killed in a hunting accident here 25 years ago. She had been married to Fred Harris the past 18 years. They lived in Lubbock and Houston before moving to Levelland four months ago. Mr. Harris operates a small manufacturing plant.

Mrs. Harris had been in poor health several years. She died in the bathroom of her home and the body was discovered by her husband Sunday morning.

Survivors include her husband, three brothers, Fred Roe of Robert Lee, Dan Roe of Levelland, Albert Roe of San Angelo; four sisters, Mrs. J. A. Stroud and Mrs. Whitt Cristy, both of Levelland, Mrs. S. B. Arnett of Hugo,

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Okl., and Mrs. Orby Ashley of Dallas.

Mrs. Stroud was the only sister who was able to attend the funeral. She and her husband accompanied the body to Robert Lee Monday, and other relatives also came from Levelland and San Angelo.

P-TA PROGRAM APRIL 16

"Leisure Time — Constructive or Destructive" will be discussed by a panel of housewives, business men and teacher with Mr. Robert Vaughan as moderator at 7:30 p. m. April 16th. The grade school will furnish entertainment. We urge each and everyone to attend.

Surplus Food To 129 Persons In Coke County

Surplus food commodities have been distributed this month to 129 Coke County residents, involving 58 families.

The allotment for each adult and child included 2 pounds of butter, 5 pounds of corn meal, 5 pounds of flour, 3 pounds of rice and 4½ pounds of dried milk.

All old age pensioners and families with less than \$125 monthly income are usually eligible to receive surplus food.

In charge of the food distribution for the Commissioners Court is Mrs. Lynn Hammack.

WHD EXPRESSES THANKS

The Womens Home Demonstration Council wishes to thank business firms who contributed to the recent Aunt Jemima Pancake Supper. They included Baker's Grocery, Wallace Grocery, Fry's and McDorman's Food Market of Robert Lee; M. S. Modern Way, Gandy Creamery, Borden's, Frozen Food Locker and Safeway of San Angelo and Wes Tex Products of Abilene. Our crowd wasn't very large because of the bad sand storm, we thank everyone who came.

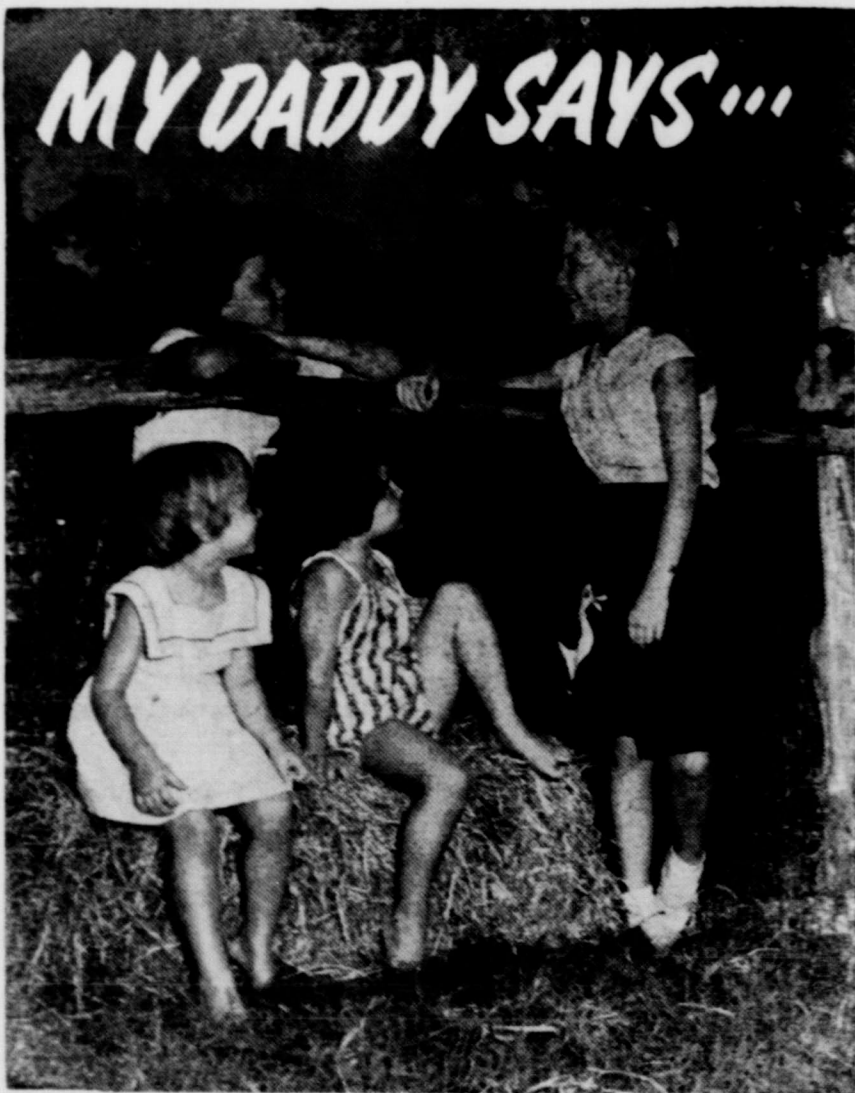
Mrs. Donald Mauldin and children left Sunday for home at Corpus Christi after two weeks' visit in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Pat and Mrs. Jim Mauldin.

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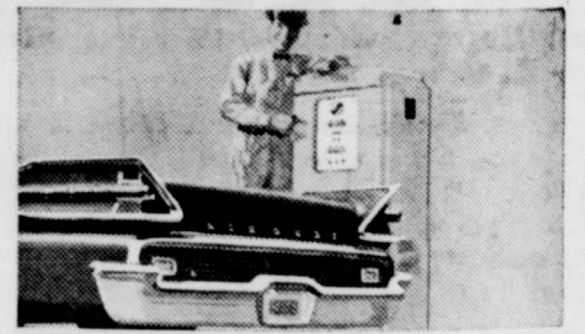
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Garden Club Flower Show April 18

The spring flower show of El Valle Garden Club will be open to the public from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. April 18 at the Community Center.

Mr. J. D. McDaniel is show chairman, with Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Mrs. Palmer Leeper and Mrs. Trimble co-chairmen.

Other committees with their chairmen are:

Publicity and judges—Mrs. Sam Powell.

Schedule and Entry—Mrs. B. A. Austin.

Hospitality—Mrs. J. D. McDaniel.

Staging—Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr.

Clerks—Mrs. Paul Good.

Classification, Horticulture—Mrs. Sterling Lindsey.

Artistic Design—Mrs. Frank McCabe.

Special Exhibits—Mrs. J. O. Todd.

Placing, Horticulture—Mrs. T. Wylie.

Artistic Design—Mrs. Travis McNair.

Dismantling—Mrs. W. D. McAdams.

Theme of the show is "From Bud to Full Bloom."

Entries must be in between 9 and 12 a.m. the day of the show.

Each member is required to enter arrangements in artistic design and horticulture—also a dried or artificial arrangement.

In a special novice class only members who have never won a ribbon in a standard show may compete.

RETURN FROM ARIZONA

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. (Snipe) Conley returned last Wednesday from a three weeks' stay at Phoenix, Ariz., where they were guests of Mrs. Conley's son. While there they visited many places of interest, enjoyed beautiful warm weather without wind and sand, and saw a number of major league base ball teams in exhibition games. Mrs. Fred McDonald Jr. joined them for two weeks and her son, Freddy, and a friend, Jeanie Munn of Eldorado, motored to Phoenix for the Easter holiday weekend.

R. L. (Bob) Read was dismissed Saturday from Coke County Memorial Hospital where he was confined nine weeks. He was critically ill several weeks but has made a fine recovery. Mr. Read is now recuperating at the home of his sister, Mrs. Arminda Runnion north of town. It will be a few weeks before he resumes driving the star mail route which has been operated during his illness by a nephew, Arthur Runnion.

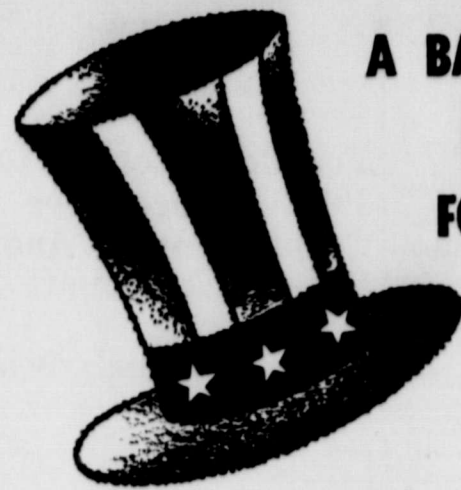
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BIRTHS

ROBERTSON — Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson (Nell Burson) of Robert Lee are parents of their first child, a daughter, born April 4 at 9:32 a. m. in Bronte Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and has been named Leora Kathlene. The father is serving a two year army enlistment and is stationed at White Sands, N. Mex. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. (Buster) Burson and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. B. Robertson.

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Want Ads

FOR SALE — Lot 100 x 140 feet, two blocks east of high school. W. R. Gunnels, 1102 E. 40th, San Angelo. 44w2

MAYTAG LAUND-O-RAMA
is now operating in Bronte for your convenience from 5 a. m. until 10 p. m.

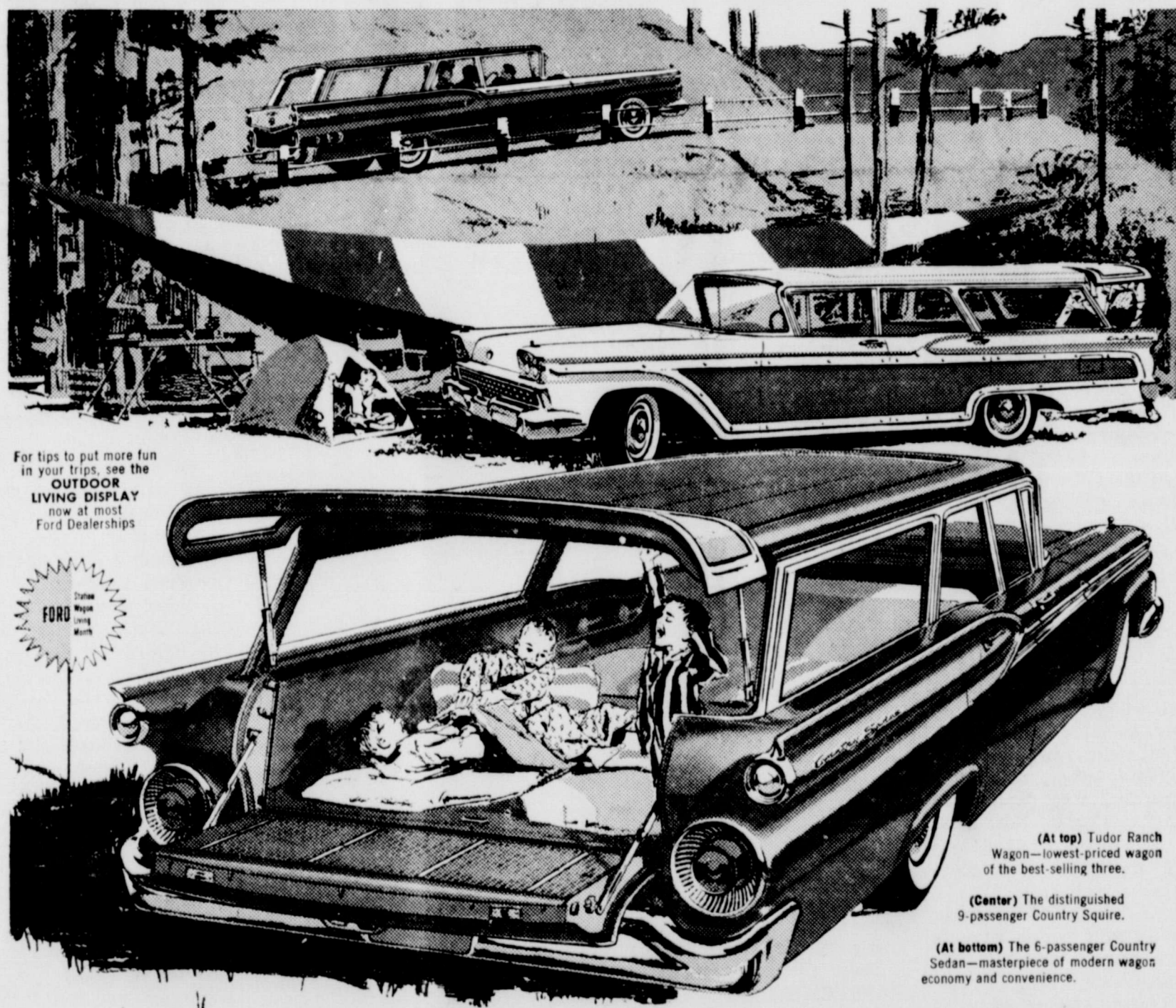
FOR SALE — 4-room modern house, big corner lot on pavement. Must be sold to settle estate. — Sam McDonald, adm. of Mrs. E. C. McDonald Estate. 45tf

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At Robert Lee High School

By FRANCES WYLIE

DISTRICT LITERARY MEET

Newcomer to the district, Eldorado, placed first in the high school division of the Interscholastic League Meet Friday in San Angelo with 198 points. Robert Lee was second with 82 points.

Robert Lee's elementary school won first place honors with 49 points.

High school winners were as follows:

Declamation, Senior Boys: 1. Sam Skipworth
Declamation, Junior Boys: 3. Ronald Shirley
Declamation, Junior Girls: 3. Barbara Gray

Typewriting: 1. Patricia Fowler
Spelling and Plain Writing: 2. Marilyn Reid and Ann Smith.

Poetry Reading, Boys: 3. Don Weathers
Poetry Reading, Girls: 3. Sandra Baker

Number Sense: 3. Jerry Dale Sparks
Extemporaneous Speech, Girls: 3. Brenda Cowley

Grade School winners were as follows:

Elementary Boys Declamation: 2. Jerry Burson, 3. Durwood Coalson.

Elementary Girls Declamation: 2. Bonnie Quisenberry
Sub Jr. Boys Declamation: 1. Clyde Byrnes, 3. Jimmy Varnadore

Spelling and Plain Writing, 5th and 6th Grades: 1. Mary Wojtek and Karen Petross
Spelling and Plain Writing, 7th and 8th Grades: 1. Lerie Lewis and Ann Carwile.

Ready Writing, 7th and 8th Grades: 1. Ann Carwile
Number Sense: 2. Clark Godwin
Story Telling: 2. Jacky Counts
Picture Memory: 3. Della Dean, Linda Thetford, Richard White, and Barbara Blaylock.

Mr. Hervey Latham, elementary principal, was director of the meet.

Cheerleader election was held Thursday, April 2, for the cheerleaders for the 1959 season. Head cheerleader by popular vote is to be Lavina McDaniel, junior. Other cheerleaders are Jerry Sparks, junior; Pat Fowler, junior; Sue Parker, sophomore; and Sheila Spencer, sophomore. Glenda Blair freshman, was elected a leader but learned the following day that her family was moving.

Other girls trying out were Patty Gray, Sondra Roe, and Louise Sparks. Former cheerleaders, Kenney Sawyer and Sandra Baker, assisted with the tryouts.

Tuesday, March 31, three students enrolled in RLHS. Ray Spruie registered as a sophomore, his brother as an eighth grader, and Iva, a sister, as a fourth grader. Their father, who is a pipeline welder, was transferred here from Las Cruces, New Mex.

Phillip, an older brother, remained in Las Cruces to complete this year as a senior.

Thursday, March 26, Sterling City High School's typists were in a practice contest with RLHS's typists at Robert Lee. Willine Glass of Sterling City placed first with a score of 130. Robert Lee received the next three places with Pat Fowler, second; Ann Smith, third; and Jamie Schooler, fourth. Other typists from Sterling City were Esther Garton, Lucia Lujan, and Phoebe Jane Owens. Mrs. Otto Wojtek is the commercial teacher at Robert Lee and Mr. Hosea instructs at Sterling City.

Robert Lee's students went to Sterling City Wednesday, April 1, for a return practice match.



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County Audit

For Coke County for Year 1958, From January 1, 1958, to December 31, 1958, as taken from Coke County Annual Audit which was made by Weldon Fikes, Coke County Auditor.

Analysis of Assessed Valuation

YEAR	AMOUNT
1952	\$17,064,720.00
1953	20,397,830.00
1954	25,041,630.00
1955	29,762,910.00
1956	29,326,340.00
1957	26,275,310.00
1958	24,997,235.00

Analysis of Taxes Levied

TAX RATE	TAXES LEVIED
1952 \$.95	\$162,118.35
1953 .85	173,386.40
1954 .85	212,859.27
1955 .85	252,990.58
1956 .85	249,279.85
1957 .95	249,620.76
1958 .95	237,478.60

STATE RATE	COUNTY RATE	TOTAL
Jury \$.00		
General .40		
Road & Bridge .30		
Courthouse & Jail .04		
Permanent Improvement .21	.95	
(Bonds, Int. & Sinking)		
Total		\$1.67

ROAD DISTRICT RATES	TOTAL
Commissioners Precinct No. 1 .16	
Commissioners Precinct No. 2 .36	
Commissioners Precinct No. 3 .24	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Jury Fund

Balance January 1, 1958	57,555.23
Receipts	
Delinquent Taxes	117.22
Disbursements	
Contract Auditor	250.00
Tax Valuation Engineer	4,224.83
Court Reporter Salary	618.60
Asst. Dist. Atty. Salary	149.04
Steno. to D. A. Salary	91.68
Ct. Reporter Travel Exp.	4.72
Jury Commission	30.00
Jurors	310.00
Bailiff	35.00
Legal Services	121.80
Service of Interpreter	5.00
Administration Expense	25.00
Total Disbursements	5,865.67
Loan to Road & Bridge Fund	30,000.00
Balance December 31, 1958	21,806.78

Courthouse and Jail Fund

Balance January 1, 1958	8,774.35
Receipts	
Ad Valorem Taxes	9,125.19
Delinquent Taxes	427.20
Disbursements	
Maintenance of Courthouse	
Caretakers' Salaries	4,802.70
Utilities (Water & Fuel)	718.53
Contract Labor	324.50
Miscellaneous	
Insurance	132.00
Extra Help for Custodian	225.00
Withholding Taxes	492.00
Repair & Supplies for Jail	350.92
Permanent Improvement	
Bronte Park	
Improvements	773.85
Total Disbursements	7,819.50
TRANSFER TO	
Social Security Fund	200.00
Balance December 31, 1958	10,307.24

General Fund

Balance January 1, 1958	89,903.36
Receipts	
Ad Valorem Taxes	91,243.47
Delinquent Taxes	1,081.60
Hospital Employees Soc. Sec.	1,045.64
Royalty on Oil	170.18
Robert Lee Swimming Pool	1,437.75
Bronte Swimming Pool	1,459.50
Robert Lee Park Rec. Hall	553.50
Refund Overpayment W. H. Taxes	1,000.00
Sale of Building & Used Typewriter	1,091.95
Refund Cancelled Ins.; Civil Defense, etc.	1,726.89
Redeposit Checks over 2 yr. old	15.44
Rental Telephone Booth	19.37
Refund Escrow Money by Robert Lee Swim. Pool	180.68
Trapper's Association Fees	500.00
Balance December 31, 1958	101,525.97

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Disbursements

Commissioners' Court	
Salaries (after deductions)	6,980.52
County & District Clerk	210.55
Telephone	2,504.31
Office Supplies	137.07
Stamps	5,176.90
County Auditor	2,628.24
Salary (after deductions)	107.49
Asst. Salary	314.60
Office Supplies	61.58
Telephone	8,288.81
Stamps	
Sheriff & Tax Collector	
Sheriff's Car Expense	1,353.76
Dep. Sheriffs' Travel Exp.	840.00
Office Supplies	1,929.52
Base Radio Expense	360.00
Feeding and	
Conveying Prisoners	174.05
New Car Sheriff's Dept.	1,755.00
Telephone	818.54
Stamps	171.15
County Treasurer	
Telephone	116.20
Office Supplies	232.74
Stamps	52.00
County Judge	
Telephone	305.95
Office Supplies	243.11
Extra Help	54.00
Stamps	22.75
County Attorney	
Offices Supplies & Exp.	297.20
Extension Service—Agriculture	
County Agent's Sal.	
(after ded.)	1,429.80
H.D. Agt's Sal. (after ded.)	1,613.61
Secretary Sal. (after ded.)	1,935.55
Co. Agent's Travel Exp.	600.00
H.D. Agent's Travel Exp.	560.04
Assoc. Agt's Travel Exp.	1,029.84
County Trapper	1,000.00
Extra Office Help	61.38
Telephone	267.25
Stamps	73.45
Office Supplies	696.39
C. Agt's Pickup Exp.	263.13
Bounties on Bobcats	362.50
Bounties on Rabbits	15.15
Justice of the Peace No. 1	
Vital Statistics	25.00
Inquests	50.00
Office Supplies	17.94
Justice of the Peace No. 2	
Vital Statistics	32.50
Inquests	30.00
Office Supplies & Exp.	289.90
Veteran's County Service	
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Officer Sal.	360.00
Travel Expense	120.00
Coke County Park Operation—Robert Lee	
Caretaker's Salary	
(after ded.)	2,797.44
Other Exp. (Utilities, etc)	3,585.45
Life Guards	800.00
Extra Labor	824.00
Coke County Park Operation—Bronte	
Caretaker's Salary	
(after ded.)	2,862.24
Other Exp. (Utilities, etc)	4,093.12
Life Guards	800.00
Extra Labor	866.50
County Tax Valuation Engineer	
Thos. Y. Pickett & Co.	4,000.00
Coke County Memorial Hospital	
Operating Expenses	14,383.01
Miscellaneous	
Miscellaneous Labor	228.50
Other Travel Expense	339.18
Insurance	1,283.25
Jail Expense & Repair	631.71
Withholding Taxes	2,584.40
Official Bond Premiums	716.27
Contract Auditor	894.75
Election Expense	771.22
Supplies	1,264.79
Expense Fire Truck-R. L.	130.11
Advertising	799.81
Nightwatching	360.00
Lights	3,424.31
Courthouse Repair	577.21
Water	10.54
Livestock Association	1,000.00
Exp. Fire Truck, Bronte	318.50
Recreation Committee	150.00
Autopsy	100.00
Charity	
Exp. Surplus Commodities	730.18
Services	668.13
Hospitalization	4,008.25
Funeral Expense	468.00
Medicine & Drugs	43.14
Total Disbursements	5,917.70
TRANSFERS TO:	
Social Security Fund	1,500.00
Officer's Salary Fund	15,000.00
Balance December 31, 1958	

Officer's Salary Fund

Table with columns for Receipts (Sheriff & Collector, Clerk, County Attorney, etc.) and Disbursements (Salaries, Help, Insurance, etc.).

Road and Bridge Fund

PRECINCT NO. 1

Table for Precinct No. 1 showing Receipts (Taxes, Sales, Machinery Hire) and Disbursements (Salaries, Gas & Oil, etc.).

PRECINCT NO. 2

Table for Precinct No. 2 showing Receipts (Taxes, Lease, Machinery Hire) and Disbursements (Salaries, Parts & Repair, etc.).

PRECINCT NO. 3

Table for Precinct No. 3 showing Receipts (Taxes, Sales, Machinery Hire) and Disbursements (Salaries, Gas & Oil, etc.).

Disbursements

Table listing various disbursements including Com. Sal., Road Hands' Salaries, Gas & Oil, etc.

PRECINCT NO. 4

Table for Precinct No. 4 showing Receipts (Taxes, Fines & Auto Registration) and Disbursements (Salaries, Moving Yard House, etc.).

Lateral Road Fund

PRECINCT NO. 1

Table for Precinct No. 1 showing Receipts (State Comptroller) and Disbursements (Parts & Repair, Gas & Oil, etc.).

PRECINCT NO. 2

Table for Precinct No. 2 showing Receipts (State Comptroller) and Disbursements (Parts & Repair, Material & Supplies, etc.).

PRECINCT NO. 3

Table for Precinct No. 3 showing Receipts (State Comptroller) and Disbursements (Material & Supplies, Gas & Oil, etc.).

PRECINCT NO. 4

Table for Precinct No. 4 showing Receipts (State Comptroller) and Disbursements (Parts & Repair, Gas & Oil, etc.).



Senator YARBOROUGH'S REPORT

THE OIL SITUATION

In the 100 years since the drilling of the first oil wells in Texas and the United States, oil has become a major industry.

Texas had more than 179,000 producing oil wells in 1958 and there were 58 operating refineries in the state with a capacity of 2,300,000 barrels of oil a day...

However, in spite of all this activity, the oil industry in Texas and the nation is in grave danger of being flooded by a great in-pouring of foreign oil.

This isn't an argument between big oil company tycoons. Much of the foreign oil flooding into this country comes from fields, controlled by the international oil cartel.

The persons being smashed in this operation are the independent oil men — the small businessmen of the oil industry — the drillers and other workers in the fields, and the people in related jobs, such as the manufacturers of drilling tools, and salesmen of supplies, and the transporters of oil.

There has been a 17 per cent drop in the number of oil wells drilled in the United States recently. More and more people are being put out of work — many of them in Texas — by a flow of imported oil which, in some recent weeks, has run as high as two million barrels per day.

President Eisenhower is to be congratulated for abandoning the voluntary oil imports control plan, which failed, and for adopting a mandatory controls plan. But it remains to be seen whether the percentage set up under the new program is enough.

I believe one of the best remedies for this problem is provided in a bill now pending which I have co-authored along with Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

However, I do not think this is the only answer to the problem. During the 1958 session of Congress, I introduced a bill to provide a tariff on all imported oil.

JUNIORS PLAN WORK DAY

By Bonnie Tinkler

This is your chance! Act now! The junior class will have a work day Saturday, April 11th. Now is the time for your yards to be cleaned, cars washed, cellars scrubbed, old rubbish burned.

For prompt service phone Jerry Dale Sparks at this number: 3-3151. Thank you!

Good Today Better Tomorrow ROBERT LEE!

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SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Dear Editor:

Stay in there and pitch.

I like to know we have a man who is fearless enough to stand on the firing line. Who is mindful of our civic advancement without a selfish motive.

I am a taxpayer. I live quite a ways from Coke County and will not get to vote.

I am for the bond issue.

I am very proud of our roads and streets (that are paved), also our parks, Bronte's and Robert Lee's, our new courthouse and even our beautiful new bank, (which is privately owned.) These are for our convenience.

I want to commend our Commissioner's Court, also our board of city development, all those who tirelessly strive to make Coke County a better place to live.

I never think of these conveniences being for Robert Lee people alone. — A Coke County taxpayer.

Attention is called to the auditor's annual report of Coke County finances which appears in this newspaper. It shows receipts and

disbursements of the various operating funds, thus giving the public a true picture of where your tax money is spent. Next week the report will be continued with complete tabulations of all county funds and a record of bond and warrant indebtedness. Every taxpayer will find it profitable to take a little time and study these reports.

Mountain Creek Lake is low, but there is no immediate danger of running out of water, according to Water Supt. Sam Jay. He states the reservoir is down ten feet, but remains half full. Deepest water is out in the middle of the old creek bed.

But the lake is not as low as it was when the flood came in October of 1957 and washed out much of the spillway. It was 13 feet below the spillway level at that time. Generous rains, but no great runoff, kept the level at the top until about May of last year. Since then the depletion has been steady, with no runoff whatever.

Mr. Jay is not worrying and looks for some fresh water this spring. Without rain there would be water in the reservoir all next summer, but the algae situation would be bad.

Monday, April 6, was the 13th anniversary of our arriving in Robert Lee. Lots of progress in Coke County since then. Many fine improvements in Robert Lee, and good city streets would give us another worth while boost. Our future is better than many other towns of this size.

Guess the wettest spot in town Wednesday morning was at our place down in the Third Ward. Violet checked our gauge when she came home from the hospital at 7 a. m. and it showed one inch plus.

ROSCOE COUPLE WED HERE

Judge W. W. Thetford officiated at his first wedding March 30 since taking office the first of the year. The bride and groom were Joe Dennis Long and Miss Alta Rhea, both of Roscoe. The bridegroom is a brother of Otho Long and the couple were guests of the Robert Lee relatives. Joe Dennis has been home on leave from the Navy.

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April 9, 1958

Larry Jack Rabb is home on an army leave from his station at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. He expects a final report in May on his application for acceptance to enter the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.
READ THE WANT ADS.

ALAMO THEATRE

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

MOTION PICTURES ARE YOUR FINEST ENTERTAINMENT
Two Shows Each Day—6:15 Evenings, 1:30 Sunday

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 10 & 11
Yul Brynner, Claire Bloom, Charlton Heston in Cecil B. DeMille's
"THE BUCCANEER"
(In Technicolor) Also Cartoon

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, APRIL 12 & 13, Matinee Sun. 1:30
Spencer Tracy, Jeffrey Hunter, Pat O'Brian in
"THE LAST HURRAH"
Also Cartoon

We would recommend both of the above fine movies.

Farm to Market

PRECINCT NO. 1

Balance January 1, 1958	15,392.72	
Receipts		
Taxes	17,479.66	17,479.66
Disbursements		
Gas & Oil	4,663.28	
Material & Supplies	2,231.50	
Repair & Parts	5,463.70	
Contract Labor	167.50	
Lights	15.48	
Machinery	1,000.00	
Welding	379.14	
Tires & Tubes	1,421.65	
Freight & Hauling	101.72	15,443.97
Total Disbursements		15,443.97

Balance December 31, 1958 17,428.41

PRECINCT NO. 2

Balance January 1, 1958	10,691.39	
Receipts		
Taxes	14,202.20	14,202.20
Disbursements		
Gas & Oil	3,689.24	
Welding	235.50	
Material & Supplies	3,298.16	
Repair & Parts	2,938.79	
R.O.W. U. S. Hwy. 277	4,485.29	
Wire & Post	599.58	
Contract Labor	1,448.00	
Lights	109.20	
Water	40.00	
Tires & Tubes	758.79	
Labor & Material		
U. S. Hwy. 277	1,687.43	
Hauling	315.00	
Machinery	300.00	19,904.98
Total Disbursements		19,904.98

Balance December 31, 1958 4,988.61

PRECINCT NO. 3

Balance January 1, 1958	15,905.35	
Receipts		
Taxes	12,237.25	
Sales	255.00	12,492.25
Disbursements		
Gas & Oil	2,531.21	
Material & Supplies	2,050.57	
Repair & Parts	1,731.83	
Fencing	485.00	
Insurance on Bldgs.	47.84	
Land & Bldg. for		
Co. Yard	1,800.00	
Lights	26.61	
Contract Labor	50.00	
Tires, Tubes & Battery	655.78	9,378.84
Total Disbursements		9,378.84

Balance December 31, 1958 19,018.76

PRECINCT NO. 4

Balance January 1, 1958	25,125.44	
Receipts		
Taxes	11,171.53	11,171.53
Disbursements		
Gas & Oil	1,482.69	
Repair & Parts	705.22	
Material & Supplies	1,630.06	
Wire & Post	2,000.13	
R.O.W. FM 1194	1,509.60	
Contract Labor	27.00	
Tires & Tubes	309.04	
Welding	53.80	
Lights	34.05	
Tool Shed for Co. Yd.	150.00	7,901.59
Total Disbursements		7,901.59

Balance December 31, 1958 28,395.38

ALL BRANDS

Coffee lb. 69c

RUBY RED

Grapefruit lb. 9c

DELICIOUS

Apples lb. 15c

UNGRADED

Eggs 3 doz. \$1.00

HEARTS DELIGHT

FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 303 Can - 4 for \$1.00

1/2 GAL. CRT.

Mellorine or Frozan 39c

KIMBELL TEA - - - 1/2 Lb. Box 53c

KIMBELL TEA - - - 1/4 Lb. Box 29c

PILLSBURY

CAKE MIX, White, Yellow or Chocolate - Box 29c

HUDSON TISSUE - - - 400 Count 25c

JACK SPRAT

Pork & Beans can 10c

MRS. TUCKERS

Oleo lb. 19c

Sirloin, T-Bones or Clubs 79c

GOOCH'S THIN SLICED

Bacon lb. 53c

Fryers lb. 39c

These Prices Good for Thursday, Friday and Saturday

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.