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Activities In the Legislature 1939 Grasshopper

By Penrose B. Metcalfe

The Senate committee gave a favorable report to our bill authorizing more than a million dollars to supplement allotments for rural schools for the year 1937-1938.

Our sub-committee heard the University of Texas, A. & M. College, John Tarleton Agricultural and Mechanical College, North Texas Agricultural College, and Prairie View College on their budgets.

We also had a good hearing on the proposal to inaugurate the Experiment Station in the west cross-timber section. At this hearing were delegations from Brown, Comanche, Erath, Estland, Callahan and Parker counties, and a splendid presentation of the need was made.

The House passed to us the State Bar Bill, and the Medical Practice Bill, which was amended in its passage presumably to be satisfactory to the chiropractors.

Representative R. H. Reaves introduced in the House, and I introduced in the Senate, the bill to create the Lower Concho River Authority, which would set up a state agency similar to the Upper and Central Colorado River Authorities, including in its confines Concho County. The principal purpose of this bill is to promote flood control and water conservation.

The House committee is considering revenue raising bills which, under the constitution, can only originate in that branch of the Legislature. The Senate committee on Constitutional Amendments set the two resolutions proposing amendments to authorize a sales tax, for payment of the social security program, for hearing Tuesday night, February 28.

One of the most important actions of the week was the passage by the Senate of the bill regulating mutual life insurance. The act requires all such companies to pay the full face value of their policies if they continue to do business in Texas. Burial associations were also brought under regulation in the act.

Lest you forget, there will be a matinee Saturday afternoon at 1:30 of "Snow White" which is coming to the Alamo.

Housewives have been busily engaged this week "digging out" of the sand that accumulated from Monday's storm. Business houses also have had their share of cleaning out. The storm was the worst in several seasons, and here's hoping the next one will miss us.

Ratliff's are handling ice cream now, the best kind, too. It's Banner. Ratliff stays open pretty late, too.

Pay your water bill by 10th of each month or service

City Commission.

1939 Grasshopper Infestation

Texas may expect a 1939 grasshopper infestation as 28 per cent more severe than that of 1938 and one capable of causing 15 million dollars damage to crops, in spite of the fact that there will be fewer hoppers in the United States as a whole.

Most of the damage will come from the migratory species which threatens 23 counties in the Panhandle. In all, 115 Texas counties may expect infestation of varying degrees.

The federal-state county plan of control in effect in previous years will again be used in 1939, and plans are already being made to combat anticipated infestation.

Attend O. E. S. School

Those who went from here last week to San Angelo to attend the O. E. S. school of instruction of District Five Section One, were Mrs. W. J. Cumbie, Mrs. G. C. Allen, Mrs. Paul Good, Mrs. J. A. Clift, Mrs. Freeman Clark and Mrs. B. M. Gramling. They also attended the luncheon held for the delegates in the Marie Antonette ball room of the Cactus Hotel.

Mile-Long Parade to Open Stock Show-Rodeo

The San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo will open today with a parade more than a mile long. The parade will begin at 11 o'clock, and the route will be from the depot south to the Naylor Hotel, east to Oakes St., north to E. Beauregard Ave., west to Irving St., and north to the City Hall.

Rodeo performers, horses to be used in the rodeo and cattle and sheep for the show, are arriving daily and the city is in gala attire for the occasion.

Follow the coffee drinkers, they know. Coffee is better where they drink lots of it. It's always fresh at Ratliff's.

Mrs. Fanny Wallace, who has been in ill health for some time, was taken to a Santa Anna hospital Wednesday night for an X-Ray examination.



The More Folks You Tell
The More Goods You Sell
ADVERTISE HERE

Pats Denman

Miss Estaline Denman became the bride of Malcolm Pate in a ceremony read by Rev. E. K. Hoggard at his home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The couple's only attendants were her brother, Aubrey Denman and Mrs. Denman.

Mrs. Pate, only daughter of Guy Denman, was graduated from the Robert Lee high school and for the past two years has been operator in the local office of the San Angelo Telephone Co. Mr. Pate is a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Pate of Robert Lee and is connected with the Shell Petroleum Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Pate left late Sunday afternoon for Seminole, Texas, where he is stationed.

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Mrs. J. C. Slaughter and Miss Cora Higgins were hostesses for a pre-nuptial shower given at the Slaughter home last Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Estaline Denman who became the bride of Malcolm Pate Sunday.

A "ship" game was played and when the bride-to-be asked "when will my ship come?" A large white ship bearing the bridal gifts was "docked" at her chair. Her cargo comprised more than eighty gifts.

Shower for Bride-to-Be

To honor Miss Doris Simpson who is soon to become the bride of Frank Dean Bryan, Mrs. A. F. Landers was hostess for a bridal shower at her home Tuesday night. Miss Lorene Fikes assisted the hostess in receiving. Miss Edna Walker was in charge of the bride's register and Miss Sybil Simpson, sister of the bride-to-be, and Miss Daisy McCutchen presided at the refreshment table.

Much merriment was caused by the reading of alphabetical menus written for the bride's cook book.

Several small boys costumed as M System clerks announced a delivery of groceries for Miss Doris Simpson and presented the first gifts in large paper bags labeled "beans," "spuds," etc. where the bewildered honoree could barely see over the half-circle embankment of gayly wrapped parcels, she began unwrapping and was assisted in reading names of donors and displaying gifts by Misses Sybil Simpson and Daisy McCutchen.

About forty were present for the shower and as many more sent gifts.



The Unadvertised
BUSINESS
IS GOING
DOWN
HILL

Special Program Coming to the Alamo Theatre

A program of unusual interest is coming to the Alamo the next few days. Friday and Saturday you will see Jane Withers in "Keep Smiling." Jane always puts on a good show and you'll see her at her best in this picture. She is supported by Gloria Stuart, Henry Wilcoxon and others.

Also March of Times and comedy and 4th episode of the Flying G-Men. This is a dandy good program.

Sunday and Monday and also matinee Saturday afternoon at 1:40, you will see Walt Disney with "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," the picture you have been waiting for. This picture, which runs well over an hour, is composed of over 250,000 drawings, with a musical background provided by an orchestra of 80 musicians. As many as 750 artists worked on the production, which has been in the making since 1934.

Counting all of the preliminary sketches, and figuring that each was re-drawn three or four times, it has been estimated that at least two million drawings were turned out during the making of "Snow White." It is estimated that the production has entailed a cost of \$1,500,000.

You'll laugh to exhaustion over the madcap gambols of the merry dwarfs. You'll be carried to new heights of admiring enthusiasm by the beautiful backgrounds and color fascinations that make this picture a marvel of attraction for young and old. You will have to see "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" to appreciate its magnitude.

Wednesday only, "King of Alcatraz," with J. Carroll Naish, Gail Patrick, Lloyd Nolan, Harry Carey and others.

This picture is more than another "gang" picture. It's a timely, thrilled-packed adventure-romance, which builds up from its smashing opening in which the escaping criminal, J. Carroll Naish, and his henchmen board a small steamer in disguise, overpower the crew and plan to pirate the ship.

One of the most unusual surgical operations ever seen in a motion picture forms the thrilling climax of the picture. This picture is packed with thrills.

Also a Popeye comedy, "Big Chief."

If you are one of the really appreciative movie fans, don't miss "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!"

If you have any news phone 69 or tell us. It will be appreciated.



TO SELL
'EM, TELL
'EM--
With An Ad

Local Store Observes Second Anniversary

Friday and Saturday of last week the "M" System Store observed its second anniversary in Robert Lee. Employees and officials of the store went to much effort to have everything in readiness for the event. The store was well stocked with a complete line of staple and fancy merchandise. A truck load of fresh vegetables and fruit was unloaded late Thursday especially for the event. Another truck was unloaded Saturday morning to replenish the stock. Those in charge report a most pleasing response from their customers as they celebrated the occasion. The volume of business for the two days was exceedingly fine. The store carried a full page in the last edition of the Observer in which a mass of bargains were offered the buying public. Briefly the manager commented, "We could not have hoped for a better Anniversary Sale--we really appreciate the patronage and the fine spirit of our customers and friends."

At a drawing held at 5:15 Saturday afternoon a huge Anniversary cake was given away. Alma Gene Escue was the name drawn. Mrs. Mollie Gray drew a can of Schilling's coffee presented by the representative of the A. Schilling Company who served coffee and cakes during the day.

Speaking of sugar, the M-System Store sold 3000 pounds in Friday and Saturday sale. Manager Ramsour was highly pleased with the outcome of their anniversary sale, as were the owners, who were over from San Angelo Saturday afternoon.

A son, Donald Ray, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker Feb. 25 at the Shannon Hospital, San Angelo. The baby weighed 6 pounds 13 1-2 ounces.

For Sale--A good saddle. See J. H. Walker, Robert Lee. Phone 3402.

Rev. Fred Killam will preach at Lometa Sunday and at night.

Mrs. Frank Preslar of Sanco arrived home Sunday from a visit to Chicago and South Dakota.

During the five years from 1932 to 1936, inclusive, no San spent more than \$1,200,000 for rural relief.

Robert Lee seems to be a good market for cedar posts. Many truck loads have been sold here the past several months, the county being one the largest purchasers which are to be used in fencing right-of-ways.

Monday's sandstorm caused quite a lot of damage in some sections. In Ft. Worth alone the damage was estimated at \$20,000.

One table of odd slippers at \$1.00 pair while they last.



WALT DISNEY'S first feature Snow White AND THE SEVEN DWARFS



ALAMO THEATRE
MATINEE SAT. 1:30 & SUN. - MON Mar. 4 & 6

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Phone Office 69 Night 68

Early Coke Publisher

Gray Reed, standing by the stove at his store in Lawn, said he came to that section first in 1889. During the drouth of 86-87, his father's stock got poor for the first time, no crops were raised, and they moved west.

As a young man, he and Sam Wilkins published the Coke County Rustler, the first paper printed at Robert Lee.--Abitene Times.

To get what you want is success. To want what you get is happiness.

Lots For Sale!

All of the Mrs. N. I. Cartledge lots have been placed in my hands for sale. All of these are desirable lots and are situated in various parts of the town. They are reasonably priced and if you want an ideal lot for building, see

FRED O. GREEN

Agent for Mrs. Cartledge.

No lot for sale to Mexicans or Negros.

LAST CALL!

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Here's \$2.00 in Full Payment for a one year's subscription to The Observer and a new or renewal subscription to the following six publications:

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Sterling Lions at Robert Lee

Last Tuesday night a delegation from the Sterling City Lions Club composed of Lion president W. B. Everitt, and six others attended the charter meeting of the Robert Lee Lions Club when it was presented its charter by district governor Will Collins.

The splendid banquet prepared by host club was attended by about 100 Lions from different

points over the district. E. E. Murphy, of San Angelo, whose theme was good fellowship and organized friendship, was the principal speaker. Those who attended say it was a most enjoyable affair.

The Robert Lee Lions Club is composed of 38 members, who are among the representative citizens of Robert Lee.--Sterling City News Record.



A Kitchen Extension

SAVES STEPS IN SUMMER

On warm days, when there's kitchen work to be done, an extension telephone close at hand will save the steps you ordinarily take hurrying to another part of your home to answer or make telephone calls. This convenient extension saves time, too. It is a messenger always ready to run

your errands and order household supplies the moment you discover they are needed! Let a telephone in your kitchen help you keep cool this summer--the cost is moderate. Call our Business Office or any telephone employee will gladly help you place your order.

The San Angelo Telephone Co.

ALAMO THEATRE

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, March 3rd and 4th

Jane Withers In

"KEEP SMILING"

Co-starring Gloria Stuart & Henry Wilcoxon

Comedy. Extra! "March of Time" Refugees today and tomorrow. Don't miss 4th chapter 'Flying G-Men'

Extra! Extra! Matinee 1:30 Saturday afternoon &

SUNDAY, 1:30, and MONDAY, March 5th & 6th

Walt Disney's

"SNOW WHITE and the SEVEN DWARFS"

Three years in the making - - an hour and a half in the showing - - and a lifetime in the remembering.

Don't miss the Best show of 1938.

WEDNESDAY ONLY, (00.00) March 8th

LLOYD NOLAND - GAIL PATRIC In

"KING OF ALCATRAZ"

with J. Carrol Naish - Harry Carey - Robert Preston

Also Popeye in "Big Chief"

TEXAS THEATRE

BRUNTE, TEXAS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, March 3rd & 4th

Randolph Scott - Joan Bennett In

"THE TEXANS"

2-reel Comedy - Chapter 3 of "Flying G-Men" - News

TUESDAY ONLY, March 7th (Money Nite)

THE JONES FAMILY In

"SAFETY IN NUMBERS"

And Two-Reel Comedy.

WATCH FOR

WEEK-END SPECIALS AT
THE RED & WHITE STORE

W. J. Cumbie

The Falcon Strikes

This is the 4th episode of the Flying G-Men that is now showing at the Alamo.

"Recovering from the blow that felled him, Andrews draws Davis to safety by means of an overhead crane. The three G-men, puzzled over the attack on the mill, obtain jobs there. Landon, a secretary who has stolen blue prints of a new gun, is ordered to obtain the formula of the steel used in its manufacture. He hears, over a dictaphone, that a Dr. Craig has perfected the formula. A few minutes later, the G-men discover the dictaphone, trace it to Landon and hurry to protect Craig.

Gunmen, arriving first, overpower the doctor, but Craig in a surprise attack, manages to burn the plans, just as the G-men crash in and rescue him.

The G-men enlist the aid of Billie and other Junior Air Defenders. They also lead Landon to believe three truckloads of guns are leaving the plant. Spies seize the trucks, notice the ruse and escape.

The G-men race to the airport where a mysterious Dr. Roberts has announced a stratosphere flight, suspecting him of plans to photograph fortifications. The "doctor" is Landon, Billie tells the G-men. The Falcon riddles the soaring balloon with bullets, but the heavy metal ball in its earthward plunge threatens to smash the Falcon's pick-a-back panel!

FRIENDS!

We have just installed the New 212 Duart Machine, the Roll Royce of the beauty industry.

Your Permanent is automatically controlled by 212 degrees of heat.

Ready For Your Inspection.

Roberts Beauty Shop

Several good Radios
\$2.50 to \$10.00 - terms
Guaranteed - Repairing
Reasonable
Radio Jim
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H. D. FISH

GROCERY

Specials for Friday & Saturday,
March 3 & 4

SPINACH,	no 2 cans	2 for	15c
MACKERAL,		2 cans	29c
Spiced BEANS,	no 300 cans	3 for	25c
No 2 TOMATOES,		3 cans	21c
Pure Maid PEAS,		2 for	14c
HOMINY,	no 300 cans	3 for	14c
Del Monte CORN,	small	3 for	25c
Gingham Girl PEACHES,	2 no 2 1/2 cans		26c
Sweet POTATOES,	2 no 2 1-2 cans		23c
LAMP GLOBES,		3 for	25c
My-T-Fine DESSERT,		3 for	14c
Pure MUSTARD,		quart	15c
APPLE BUTTER,	2 lb 6 oz jar		20c
SPUDS,		10 lbs	19c
ORANGES and APPLES,		doz	12c
Texas ORANGES,	size 150	doz	25c
Gold Label BAKING POWDER,	32 oz can		25c
NAPKINS,		2 pkgs	15c

We have received a new shipment of Work Clothes. Come in and let us fit you.

NOTICE!

Due to the cold dry weather we are having, most of you are having to feed more and longer than you expected; so to cooperate with you the best I can, I will sell Cotton Seed Cake or Meal (43% Protein) the highest made, at OIL MILL PRICES plus \$1.50 per ton delivered in your barn, or at the gin. The price of such cake or meal today is \$1.52 1/2 per sack or \$30.50 per ton, either in single sack or truck load lots, delivered. Cakes \$1 extra. As cake and meal has advanced \$2 a ton in the past week, this price is subject to change without notice, either

up or down.

I also have a complete line of chicken feeds, Hulls, and Dairy feeds. Salt 65c per 100 pounds. If interested in truck load lots, I can give a little better price on salt. Please compare my prices before you buy your next feed.

My feed is located at the Robert Lee Gin, in Robert Lee, and should I not be there, then please phone 33.

Should I not have in stock the kind of feed you want, I will be glad to stock it on short notice.

FRED McDONALD, Jr.

Your water bill must be paid by 10th of each month or service will be discontinued.

City Commission.

THANK YOU!

Indeed we do thank you one and all for the way you helped make our anniversary celebration the greatest selling event in the history of this store - We shall strive to continue to merit your patronage and support with plenty of quality merchandise at bargain prices every day in the year.

16 oz box Tiger Corn Starch,	3 for	25c
10 Balls Steel Wool,	per box	5c
Post Bran Flakes,	small 10c 1ge	15c
16 oz Egg Noodles,	2 pkgs	25c
2 lb box Graham Crackers,		19c
2 lb box Salty Crackers		11c
LETTUCE,	3 firm heads	10c
White or Assorted Napkins,	2 pkgs	15c

Albatross or Gold Arrow FLOUR,

6 lbs 19c 12 lbs 38c

24 lb 69c 48 lb 1.25

M SYSTEM

PICNIC HAMS,	lb	19c
Sliced BACON,	per lb	25c
No 2 can SPINACH,	2 for	15c
Our Sliced BACON,	lb	29c
Gallon Peaches		39c
Pork SAUSAGE,	lb	19c
Pork CHOPS,	lb	20c
SPUDS,	10 lbs	15c
PINTO BEANS,	10 lbs	33c
Mixed Whole or split,		
PAR-T-JEL,	6 flavors, 3 for	10c
Real Joy Fresh Cucumber Pickles,	18 oz jar	10c
WHEATENA,	pkg	23c
Red & Gold COFFEE,	2 lbs	29c
Cross & Blackwell's Date Nut BRAD,	2 for	25c

This week-end we are listing only a part of our feature items here - Visit our store to find the others.

KRAFT DINNER,	pkg	15c
HYPRO,	qt	11c
Lily OLEO,	lb	15c
No 2 CUT BEANS,	2 cans	15c
Clover Dale CORN,	two 303 cans	15c
BOILED HAM,	per lb	45c
To get your Baby Chicks off to a good start-		
Red Arrow	10 lbs 35c 25 lbs 79c	
Arrow Starter	50 lbs 1.49 100 lbs 2.79	
Red Arrow Baby Chick Scratch		
10 lb 29c 25 lb 63c 50 lb 1.19 100 lb 2.19		
Red Arrow Growing Mash		
10 lb 35c 25 lb 73c 50 lb 1.39 100 lb 2.69		
Clabber Girl Baking Powder,		23c
Faultless Starch, small 8c large		23c
MATCHES,	3 boxes	10c

Louisiana cane Syrup, gal 39c