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## T. C. McCutchen Dies in San Angelo Wednesday

T. C. McCutchen, 39, died in a San Angelo hospital Wednesday. He entered the hospital April 1. He had been ill for some time before entering the hospital for treatment.

Cruze was born in this county in December 1900, and had always made this his home.

Besides his widow and four children, he is survived by his mother and several brothers and sisters.

The body was returned here by a W. K. Simpson ambulance.

Services were held at 3 p. m. conducted by Rev. Hester, assisted by Rev. DeLashaw.

## Baugh-Devoil

The wedding of Miss Zolla Lee Devoll and Mr. John Baugh was solemnized Saturday night at 8:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Devoll, the Rev. Horace Bloodworth officiating.

John Williams played the Lch-engrin wedding march and music after the ceremony was furnished by Steve Devoll, Miss Helen Gramling, John Williams and Dewey Gartman.

For her wedding the bride chose an evening gown of peach tulle with blue trim.

Present for the ceremony were the relatives of the bride and about 50 friends of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Baugh left Sunday afternoon for Santa Anna where they will make their home. Mr. Baugh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Baugh who have ranching interests south of Santa Anna.

## Boys Make Good Showing

The Robert Lee boys made a good showing at the San Angelo District meet last Friday and Saturday, tying for 4th place with Bronte.

Robert Lee winners were, pole vault, Frank Tubb, first, 10-6; Horace Scott and G. P. Lowry tied for second; Clifford Robertson won 2nd in high hurdle; Finis Milican, 4th in half-mile run, and the Robert Lee relay team won 4th in the mile relay.

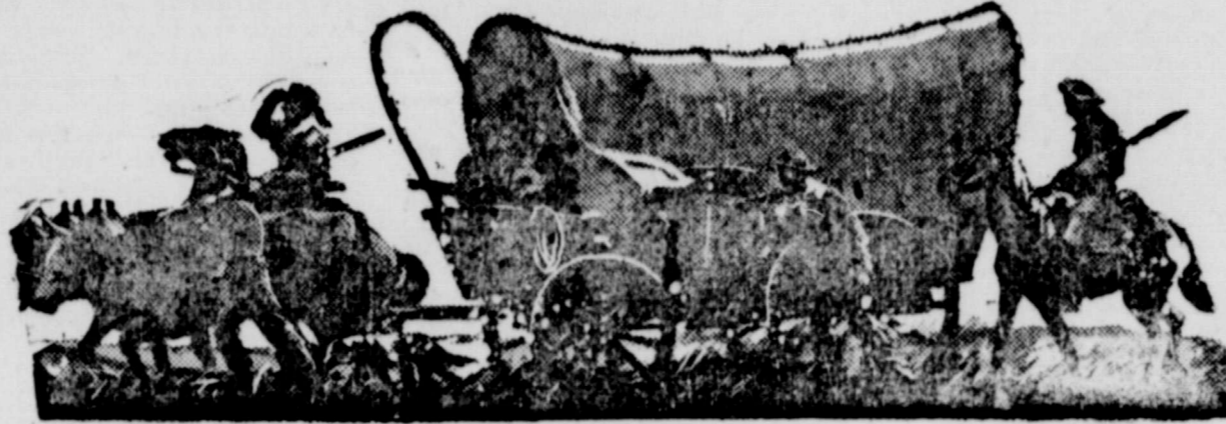
## Wild Cat to Present Play

A play, "Aunt Samantha Ruled the Roost," will be presented at the Wild Cat school house next Thursday night, April 27. No admission.

The Runnels County singing convention will meet at Ballinger Sunday, April 23, in an all-day song festival.

C. B. Ott has completed a cobblestone filling station near his residence. Later Mr. Ott will erect several tourist cabins.

For Sale--Smooth Jersey cow, just fresh. See H. L. Bloodworth. Phone 1243.



## Over Thirty Are In the County Now Who Were Here in 1889

Here is a partial list of citizens now living in the county who were here when it was organized or during the year 1889. Others are invited to send their names in to the Observer next week, as it was not possible to contact all for this issue.

Mit Laswell, J. N. Buchanan, L. S. Bird, I. A. Bird, Fred Roe, (born in county), R. L. Harwell, Mrs. R. L. Harwell, E. C. Rawlins, Mrs. John McCabe, Mrs. Charlie Roe, Jim Cobb, J. J. S. Smith, J. R. Smith, A. J. Adkins, Wiley Byrd, Uncle Jonnie Vestal, J. B. McCutchen, Mrs. Henry Rogers, Mrs. Lily Rogers, J. H. Benningfield, Mrs. B. Lizzie Davis, J. I. Murtishaw, Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw, Forrest Clark, Coke Austin, Press McDorman, Mrs. M. A. Scott, J. S. Gardner came here shortly after the county was organized, and Isom and Bob Austin are said to have come here about the same time.

There are others who were here about that time, and if you were here at any time during the year 1889, send in your name and the date you came, as nearly as you can remember it.

## Sanco to Celebrate Sunday

Through an error, the details of the Sanco 50th Anniversary gathering Sunday was overlooked this week. However, a splendid program has been arranged for pioneers and others.

The Robert Lee Lions Club and the Bronte Community Club have been invited.

Mrs. E. P. Mead will tell of her visit to the Holy Land.

There will be many features of entertainment to make your visit a pleasant one.

Mrs. Pete Davis is a hospital patient in San Angelo where she went for an operation and treatment.

"The soi disant Liberals of today are the people who feel that if they adopt the identical measures and methods used by Stalin, Hitler, and Mussolini, the results must be entirely different because of the excellence of their intentions... And it is no use telling the perpetual-motion genius that his machine, whatever it be, will not work because of friction and the law of conservation of energy... He will only reply happily that in his machine friction is eliminated."



The mode of travel 50 years ago, and an Indian Scout Trail Blazer

## A Mark Twain Picture Head Week's Program

A Mark Twain picture, "Tom Sawyer, Detective," Friday and Saturday nights, starring Donald O'Connor, Billy Cook, Porter Hall. A picture with all the rich humor and the heart-warming sentiment of the original Mark Twain story!

Sunday and Monday, "Letter of Introduction," starring Adolph Menjou, Andrea Leeds, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, George Murphy, Reta Johnson, Ann Sheridan. It surpasses all your demand for a great picture, great in theme, great in cast, great in directing and that great scalawag, Charlie McCarthy.

Wednesday, "Youth Takes a Fling," a picture you will not want to miss.

If you want real entertainment, see ad on back page for further information.

## READ THE ADS Along With the News

Breezland Hatchery is the only hatchery in this section meeting the specification of United States Approved Breeding flocks. Buy with assurance from the largest hatchery in West Texas and spend less. 308 N. Magdalene and 9 West Concho, San Angelo.

## "Work Clothes" Supper

At the regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood of Robert Lee, which meets next Tuesday evening, April 25, at 7:30, in the banquet room of the Robert Lee Baptist church, we hope that you will wear your work clothes.

The program will be entertaining in structure, and most of all, informal. All men who are interested in promoting Christian Brotherhood and having a good time at it, are invited. Come as you are!

The stock market has been going down in the face of little change in business. One reason is the fear of war--the day Italy invaded Albania shares took a tremendous drop, and the ticker couldn't keep up with sales. Another reason is the belief that European holders of American securities have been dumping them in quantities too large for the market to absorb in orderly fashion. As far as actual business, it doesn't give cause for any great optimism--but neither does it give cause for the bleak pessimism now current in some quarters. Retail sales have been good. So have automobile sales. The expected seasonal upturn in industrial buying has set in, though not too much extent. And the agricultural outlook is

## F. M. Prichard, Coke Pioneer, Claimed By Death

F. M. Prichard, one of the county's early settlers, was buried here Sunday afternoon following funeral services held at the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. Hester, officiating.

Born in Louisiana in 1853, Mr. Prichard moved to Coke County about the time of its organization and was one of the first commissioners of the county. He died Saturday morning at the home of his only living child, Mrs. Temp Whiteside.

Mrs. Prichard, who was formerly Miss Fanny Hines, preceded him in death about five years ago.

Survivors other than Mrs. Prichard are his grandchildren, T. K. Whiteside, Mrs. Norma Sheppard, Mrs. Earl Roberts, Mrs. John Brown, Alma Welch and Misses Grace and Bessie Whitesides and a number of great-grandchildren.

W. K. Simpson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

## Our Little Special

This edition is not so large, but it is just a little out of the ordinary from our regular run. We did the best we could with the limited time we had and the many handicaps under which we labored. Many articles of interest had to be carried over, but this material will be used later.

Mr. Bird gathered the historical and other material used in the edition.

We thank the business men and others for their advertising which made it possible to put it over, and if you get a copy its an invitation for you to become a regular reader.

## Blue Bonnet Bridge Club

Mrs. H. E. Smith was hostess to the Blue Bonnet Bridge Club in the Lamont Scott home Friday afternoon.

Guests for the afternoon were; Mrs. N. H. Scott, Seagraves; Mrs. Mrs. Allen Davis, Taft, and Miss Louise Roe. Members present were, Mesdames S. E. Adams, F. C. Clark, Fred Roe, Chism Brown, W. B. Clift, Cortez Russell, T. A. Richardson, J. S. Craddock, J. C. Snead, Jr., Lamont Scott, B. A. Austin, D. K. Vestal, H. E. Smith and Miss Mettie Russell.

Mrs. B. A. Austin made high score for members and Mrs. N. H. Scott was high for guests.

The hostess served a delicious refreshment plate.

Our next meeting is to be with Mrs. J. Snead, Jr.

not as bad as it seemed a while back. You'll know more about it by the middle of May. If the forecasters are right, substantial progress should be in evidence then, and should continue to the end of the year.

Weekly News Analysis

Europe Faces Final Showdown  
In Democracy-Dictator Battle

By Joseph W. La Bine



EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst, and not necessarily of the newspaper.

Europe

"There are in Europe two madmen . . . Hitler and Mussolini. There are in Europe two damn fools, who sleep—Chamberlain and Daladier."

Such was the parting shot of Albania's King Zog as he fled Italian invasion. Symbolic of British-French lethargy were Mr. Chamberlain's warships, which lay at anchor off Greek Corfu, within cannon range of the invader. One shot, said Zog, would have stopped the Italians. But one shot might also have been the sendoff for a conflict more frightful than the one which started from a pistol shot at nearby Sarajevo 25 years ago.

When Il Duce captured Albania, a month had passed since Britain and France dropped their futile appeasement policy for a Stop Hitler—Stop Mussolini program. Poland, Rumania and Turkey were fairly well lined up with the democracies but such Balkan states as Jugoslavia, Bulgaria and Hungary knew when they were well off. Alignment with Britain would invite invasion from Italy or Germany. Meanwhile Berlin's covetous eyes began looking at Switzerland and the Netherlands, while Herr Doktor Paul Joseph Goebbels shouted from his propaganda office a German answer to the key question facing Europe today: Will Britain really fight to defend any lesser European nation's independence?

Herr Goebbels said no, and many an alert Britisher said the same thing, wondering if aggressive Germany and Italy were not right in maintaining that Great Britain has passed her empirical peak and is falling into decadence. Under the appeasement policy it was only passively embarrassing for Mr. Chamberlain to make repeated concessions for peace's sake. But under the new policy Britain at last faces reality; Europe's dictators are obviously forcing a showdown to demonstrate that Mr. Chamberlain will never fight to protect them, therefore the little nations had best beg for mercy from Hitler and Mussolini.

Hence observers agree the worst of Europe's recurrent crises—and England's, too—may come within the present month. Neither Britain nor France have backed up their new umbrella-waving policy in the case of Albania, whose occupation was a direct violation of the Anglo-Italian pact of 1938. A swift German jab at Poland or an Italian march into Greece would provide the ultimate test; if Britain fails to march in such a situation, then European democracies are indeed decadent and the Old World has new undisputed masters in Hitler and Mussolini. At the same time Mr. Chamberlain's government would undoubtedly collapse.

On the other hand, if Britain and France act to block the next dictator aggression, there is a pathetically good likelihood of general European warfare.

Trade

State trade barriers are usually brainchildren of panicky, depression-ridden legislatures. Though sec-

tional barriers (like North-sponsored high freight rates in alleged discrimination against poorer Southern states) are also to blame, most of them spring from a forlorn hope that the individual commonwealth can protect its own prosperity by discriminating against tradesmen from neighboring states. Sample barriers are: (1) preference to home-state industries, often resulting in monopolies and exorbitant prices; (2) excessively high license rates for out-of-state truckers; (3) unreasonable sanitary laws which bar dairy imports.

Most such regulations tread on questionable ground, assuming round-about jurisdiction over interstate commerce which is really a federal power. Early this year Washington became so alarmed that



MISSOURI'S GOV. STARK  
Temporary advantage, eventual chaos.

several officials like Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace threatened to use a federal mallet to knock down the barriers. The most important result came from intervention by the Council of State Governments which called a "national conference on interstate trade barriers" in Chicago. Surprisingly, though most of the 44 states represented were themselves guilty, they condemned barriers to a man. A clear-cut prophecy, actually keynoting the session, came from Missouri's Gov. Lloyd C. Stark:

"The point is this: If the states try to get these additional revenues at the expense of their neighbors they are gaining only a temporary advantage. They are laying the groundwork for an unprecedented economic breakdown and eventually nationwide financial chaos which will affect their own citizens along with citizens of all other states."

Homeward bound delegates were admonished to work generally for uniform regulations among the various states. If they must discriminate, it was decided to do it "directly, and not by masquerading under the taxing power." But every delegate knew it would be a tough job—even political suicide—to destroy the invisible barriers which folks back home consider a justifiable protection for their state's industries.

Star Dust

- ★ Siren Again as Escape
- ★ Picture Valentino's Life
- ★ On the Screen Map

By Virginia Vale

FOR the first time in a lifetime during which she has shown deep interest in motion pictures, the Dowager Queen Mary of Great Britain recently visited a motion picture studio. She was shown around his studios by Alexander Korda, and watched a group recording war songs for the picture, "Four Feathers." She also saw two reels of the picture.

And whom do you suppose she asked to meet? Sabu, the Indian boy who was the star of "Elephant Boy."

Some years ago Myrna Loy rebelled against playing siren roles. She showed what she could do in the part of a delightful wife in "The Thin Man," and since then she's been playing delightful wives until she's sick unto death of them, too.

So now she'll turn siren again, as "Lady Esketh," in "The Rains Came," the picture version of that



MYRNA LOY

very good book that everybody was reading a year or so ago. After that she'll play another young woman who is something less than perfect when she is co-starred with Spencer Tracy in "Sea of Grass," in a role that will have to be considerably rewritten if the censors are to approve of it.

A picture based on the life of Rudolph Valentino is to reach the screen at last. It is one of the five productions to be released through United Artists in 1939-40 by Edward Small Productions, Inc. And various old newspaper men are waiting for it with considerable interest, wondering how certain parts of that biography will be fixed up so that they are fit for the screen.

Two Texas cities, Fort Worth and San Antonio, took particular interest when two recent R. K. O. pictures were released. One was Douglas Corrigan's "The Flying Irishman," because it was in San Antonio that Corrigan worked as a newsboy to support his mother after his father deserted the family. Fort Worth wanted to see "The Story of Vernon Castle," with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, because it was at Benbrook field, Fort Worth, that Castle crashed his plane to avoid colliding in mid-air with another.

Incidentally, Mrs. Castle, who acted as technical director for the picture, is very much pleased with Astaire's portrayal of her famous husband. She wasn't so well satisfied with the agile Ginger's performance as his wife, because, as she said, she couldn't imagine herself as a blonde.

The first radio program to arrange for an exhibit at the New York World's fair is Dave Elman's "Hobby Lobby." A special building is being erected, and thousands of specimens of hobbies will be on display. In addition, Elman has arranged for hobbyists who have been on his programs to appear at the exhibit and explain their hobbies.

ODDS AND ENDS — Hollywood's glamour girls who appear as guest stars on "The Circle" broadcasts usually demand that Cary Grant play opposite them . . . Isabel Sheridan, stand-in for Joan Bennett in "The Man in the Iron Mask," is Mary Pickford's cousin . . . A perfect piece of casting seems to be that of Ronald Colman for the hero in "The Light That Failed" . . . Warner Brothers won't screen "John Dillinger, Outlaw" after all—too many people didn't like the idea . . . Bing Crosby's going to work with 75 children in "The Star Maker"—probably at least one of them will become a star.

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Bruckart's Washington Digest

Time Has Come to Pay the Fiddler  
New Tax Sources Must Be Found

Supreme Court Decision Opens Way to Tap Salaries of Federal, State and Local Government Employees; Never Has Nation Had Such Gigantic Debt.

By WILLIAM BRUCKART

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WASHINGTON.—Court decisions as a rule are difficult things for laymen to understand. True, most everyone who hears or reads an opinion by a learned justice will know what the result is—whether one side or the other wins. But, generally speaking, the public as a whole fails to understand the full importance of a decision. It is not their fault. Comparatively few persons are trained in law, and a good many of those only believe themselves to be lawyers.

For that reason, as well as the fact that many persons do not have the time or the opportunity to examine court decisions, I have been wondering whether it is clear exactly what happened when Mr. Justice Stone recently read the decision in the case involving taxation of federal and state employees. No doubt, most persons realized that Justice Stone had ruled there can be taxation of the salaries of federal employees by state governments and that the federal government may tax the salaries of state officials and employees and employees of lesser governments like cities and counties. But there is more to the ruling than the simple statement just made, very much more.

As a matter of fact, I believe that those who were privileged to listen to Justice Stone that day heard an opinion that is going to go a long way in changing the course of government from the federal government down to the lowliest township. I think frankly that it will be several years before the full force and effect of that decision will be exerted, both nationally and locally, but I am definitely convinced that it will be felt and that it will have important effects upon governmental policies.

And beyond that, the decision told another story. It told the story that our national, state and local governments are hard up for tax sources. It actually shouted to all who would listen: boys and girls, your spending dance is over; now, it's time to pay the fiddler.

Never Before Has the Nation Had Such a Gigantic Debt

It can not be construed otherwise. Never before in our history has the nation had such a gigantic debt, a debt of more than 40 billion dollars. Never before have the states or the cities or the counties had such debts, where their state constitutions permit creation of debt, as they have today. I do not know of anyone who can give accurate figures on the debts of governments of states, cities, and counties. It is a tremendous sum. They have danced, and they, too, must pay their fiddler.

In the lush days when most folks were working and there was good business, the taxes rolled in and there was little or no thought about spending money for new roads, new post offices, new county courthouses, new city halls, new bridges and so on. Money was spent rather liberally in those days. There were bonds sold, and the proponents campaigned for bond issues in a big way. They said, in effect, "Aw come on and vote these bonds. We can pay them off over 20 years and the little teeny added tax won't hurt." It probably did not hurt, in those days. But there came the depression and there came 10 million men out of work, and there came the worst business in a half century. Then, that teeny little bit of tax did hurt. The taxpayers weren't paying taxes, because they had no money to pay them.

There was, however, a debt. The destitute had to be fed and clothed. First, the local authorities did it; then the states and then the days of the real dance began. Billions upon billions were poured out of the federal treasury to be used for feeding and clothing and housing those whom the states and cities had cared for, but could care for no longer. And up zoomed the national debt. It was about 16 billions to start with because only 9 billions of the World War debt had been paid off. Since the taxes were not bringing in enough money, the federal treasury borrowed and borrowed some more.

Now, They're Seeking Money To Pay Their Fiddlers

Now, the time has come to begin paying off the debts. The states and the cities and the counties have

been looking for money to pay their fiddlers. The national government has been looking for money to pay its fiddlers. Each unit of government has had to look around for new spots, new things, to tax. Taxes are as high as can be regarded as productive in many of the usual ways of taxation. So, where shall we turn? was the question.

President Roosevelt has believed for a long time that it was rather silly that officers and employees of the federal government should not be taxed by their home states. He has believed, too, that the federal government should have the right to tax the income of those who were held to be exempt from income taxation because they worked for a state government, or city government, or a county government, or some agency of those governments.

Likeve se, Mr. Roosevelt has contended that income from federal bonds and income from bonds issued by state and local governments and school districts and drainage districts and irrigation districts should be taxable. He has thus far been unable to accomplish anything in this direction, and the matter was not before the court. It, therefore, did not figure in Justice Stone's opinion. Sometime, such taxation may be brought about. I hope so, anyway, because it is a proper subject of taxation, it seems to me.

But to get down to another direct result of the Stone ruling which, by the way, was supported by seven of the nine justices of the highest court.

Pay of Federal Employees Tax Exempt for 69 Years

For the last 69 years, the pay of any federal official or employee could not be taxed in any form by any state or local government. Of course, there was no income tax during most of that time, either national or state, and during most of that time, as well, there was not the press for government revenue that now obtains. But, to repeat, for 69 years state or local governments could not touch the pay of a federal worker, nor could the federal government touch the pay of a state or city or county worker, even after the federal government turned to income taxes as a revenue source. Some judge, somewhere, sometime, had said the Constitution prevented it. It was just taken for granted. All of that now has been changed, however, and if the pay of a county judge is sufficient to fall within the federal tax brackets, he will pay. It will be the same with everyone from the governor on down and from the mayor on down. It will be the same with federal officials and other federal employees stationed or living within a state that imposes income taxes on its residents.

No one has yet calculated how much additional tax will be obtained by the federal government as a result of the decision.

What Effect Will Additional Taxes Have on Jobholders?

Very important also, in my opinion, is the effect this additional tax will have upon the mind of the jobholder. You know, a jobholder very frequently is most willing, even anxious, to spend the taxpayers' money. It is one way by which he can curry favor, make votes for himself. I have a feeling that many of those jobholders are going to stop and think a wee bit more. He may possibly stop to think how much it will take out of his pocketbook. That ought to be helpful, because it ought to reduce the number of flannel-mouths going about the county or district, shouting for another bond issue before the ink on the last one gets dry. One of the results, therefore, possibly may be to cause that type of public official and advocate of "improvement" to favor living within the income of tax receipts.

To make it complete, now, we ought to have the same kind of reciprocal taxation of income from federal bonds and bonds issued by state and local governments and their agencies. Mr. Roosevelt has said he believes these can be taxed—that is, those to be issued in the future—under present laws. Some very fine legal minds in congress believe, on the other hand, that creation of such a taxing right will require amendment of the Constitution. In any event, it ought to be done for the good of the country.

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#### THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Coke County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon D. J. Williams or the Unknown Heirs or Assigns of D. J. Williams, whose residence is unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Robert Lee, on the Second Monday in May A. D. 1939, in a suit numbered 312 on the docket thereof, wherein the State of Texas, is Plaintiff and D. J. Williams, and his unknown Heirs and Assigns, are Defendants; the cause of action being alleged as follows:

The State of Texas is now constructing and laying out a State Highway in Coke County, Texas, and the Commissioners Court of Coke County deeming it advisable to secure said land for such right-of-way, and after attempting to secure said right-of-way, with no avail, has been compelled to institute condemnation proceedings to condemn said lands as follows:

A 5-7 undivided interest in that tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Coke, State of Texas, and being part of Survey 442, H.&T.C. Ry Co., Block 1-a, also being part of Abstracts 1749, 1750, and 1575, and further being part of the 5-7 undivided interest conveyed by the Liberty Investment Company to D. J. Williams by deed dated the 21st day of March, 1933, and recorded in Volume 54, page 7 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas; and being more particularly described as follows to wit:

Being all that part of said land conveyed by the Liberty Investment Company to D. J. Williams which lies north and west of a line 60 feet at right angles to, south and east of and parallel with the located centerline of State Highway No. 158 between Bronte and Robert Lee from Station 504-82 to Station 571-32.9. Excepting however that portion of said land conveyed by the Liberty Investment Company to D. J. Williams which lies north and west of a line 60 feet at right angles to, north and west of and parallel with said located centerline of State Highway No. 158. The tract of land herein described contains 11.40 acres.

Said located centerline of State Highway No. 158 between Bronte and Robert Lee being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Station 504-82 on said located centerline of State Highway No. 158, the common corner of Surveys 438, 439, 441, and 442, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Block 1-a.

Thence N. 88 deg. 30 min. W., 251.0 feet to the beginning of a 3 degree curve to the left whose central angle is 4 deg. 0 min. Radius of said curve being 1910.1 feet. Thence around said 3 deg. curve to the left whose central angle is 4 deg. 0 min. a distance of 133.3 feet to the beginning of a 4 degree curve to the left whose central angle is 65 deg. 02 min. Radius of said curve being 1432.7 feet. Thence around said 4 degree curve to the left whose central angle is 65 deg. 02 min. a distance of 1625.9 feet to the

beginning of a 3 degree curve to the left whose central angle is 4 deg. 0 min. Radius of said curve being 1910.1 feet. Thence around said three degree curve to the left whose central angle is 4 deg. 0 min. a distance of 133.3 feet to its end. Thence S. 18 deg. 28 min. W., 165.2 feet to the beginning of a 3 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 4 deg. 0 min. Radius of said curve being 1910.1 feet. Thence around said 3 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 4 deg. 0 min. a distance of 133.3 feet to the beginning of a 4 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 30 deg. 50 min. Radius of said curve being 1432.7 feet. Thence around said 4 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 30 deg. 50 min. a distance of 770.9 feet to the beginning of a 3 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 4 deg. 0 min. Radius of said curve being 1910.1 feet. Thence around said 3 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 4 degrees 0 min. a distance of 133.3 feet to its end. Thence S. 57 deg. 18 min. W., 1113.8 feet to the beginning of a 1 deg. 30 min. curve to the right whose central angle is 3 degrees 0 min. Radius of said curve being 3819.8 feet. Thence around said 1 deg. 30 min. curve to the right whose central angle is 3 deg. 0 min. a distance of 200 feet to the beginning of a 2 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 6 deg. 30 min. Radius of said curve being 2864.9 feet. Thence around said 2 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 6 deg. 30 min. a distance of 325.0 feet to the beginning of a 1 deg. 30 min. curve to the right whose central angle is 3 deg. 0 min. Radius of said curve being 3819.8 feet. Thence around said 1 deg. 30 min. curve to the right whose central angle is 3 deg. 0 min. a distance of 200 feet to its end. Thence S. 69 deg. 48 min. W., 794.8 feet to the beginning of a 3 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 6 deg. 0 min. Radius of said curve being 1910.1 feet. Thence around said 3 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 6 deg. 0 min. a distance of 200 feet to the beginning of a 4 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 11 deg. 05 min. Radius of said curve being 1432.7 feet. Thence around said 4 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 11 deg. 05 min. a distance of 277.1 feet to the beginning of a 3 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 6 deg. 0 min. Radius of said curve being 1910.1 feet. Thence around said 3 degree curve to the right whose central angle is 6 degrees 0 min. a distance of 194 feet to the point of intersection of said located centerline of State Highway No. 158 with the west boundary line of said Survey 442, and the east boundary line of L. B. Harris Survey No. 1.

Reference is hereby made to Right-of-Way Map of State Highway No. 158 between Bronte and Robert Lee recorded in the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas.

You are further commanded to summon such defendants, and to serve this citation by making citation of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return date hereof, in

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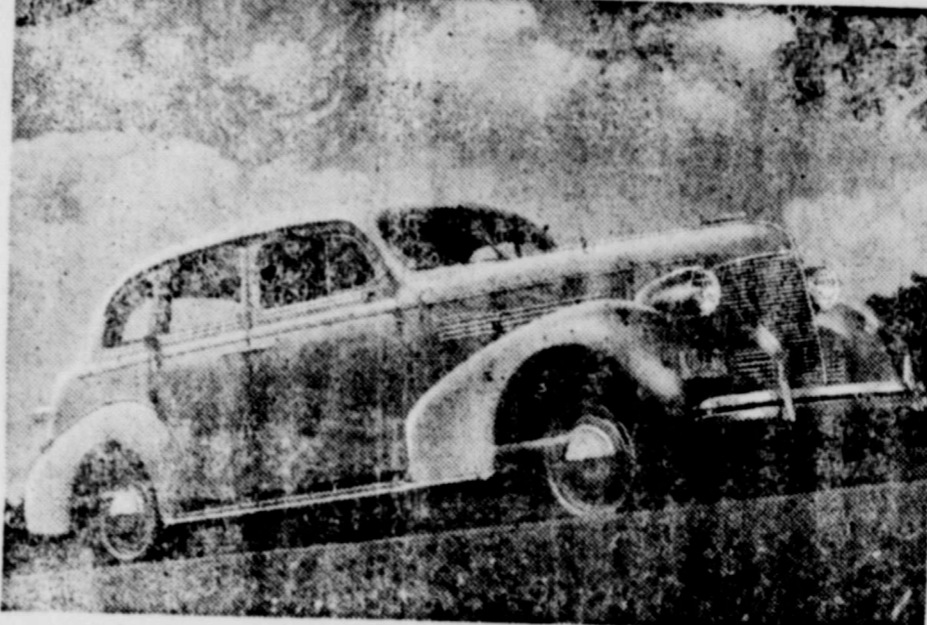
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On this rare occasion the Golden Anniversary of Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer, we join the many others with Congratulations.

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The only low-priced car combining "ALL THAT'S BEST AT LOWEST COST!"



Drive the car with  
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Drive the car with  
**PERFECTED KNEE-  
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On Master De Luxe models only.

Drive the car with  
**NEW "OBSERVATION  
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A GENERAL MOTORS VALUE

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Robert Lee, . . . . . Texas

some newspaper published in your county; but if there is no newspaper published in the county, then in any newspaper published in the county nearest that wherein the land lies or is situated.

Herein fail not, but have you before the said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: Willis Smith, Clerk of the County Court, Coke County Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court in the city of Robert Lee, this the 11th day of April A. D. 1939.

WILLIS SMITH,  
Clerk of County Court  
Coke County, Texas

(SEAL)

Russia has just estimated her present population at 180,000,000

Ireland will limit the number of automobiles entering the country.

Farmers of Bulgaria are expected to adopt American tractors.

Work has been speeded up on Holland's \$9,000,000 "Mersey Tunnel", which is to connect Rotterdam with the big docks and airport on the left bank of the River Meuse.

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Semi-Weekly Farm News - \$1.00  
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Both For \$1.50  
You Save 50c

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS**  
 on your  
**50th Anniversary**  
 and best wishes to the  
**OLD TIMERS**  
 of Coke County.

The men who came westward 200-100-50 years ago bringing civilization, have long since accomplished their ends. Our country is now one vast commonwealth. The Pioneer with his prairie schooner-rifle and oxen is no loner in evidence--but, we believe the pioneering spirit is still with us--still necessary--not so picture-squely garbed, 'tis true but just as adventurous, just as hardy, just as courageous.

**MRS. B. M. GRAMLING**  
 COUNTY TREASURER  
 COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

**One of Coke's Founders**

J. A. Knight, one the founders of Coke County, worked at Coke's first gin, on the Snyder ranch, powered by a steam engine, over forty years ago. It was called the Yellow Wolf Gin, burned mesquite wood and turned out eight bales a day. Farmers came, some a day's journey, and if business was good, they camped for the night and got a good chance to visit around the campfire.

Knight was engineer and rode horseback from Vallev View, drew \$1.25 a day, wages for skilled work then.

The second gin in the county was operated by the father of Ralph and Frank Harris, at the Harris ranch. The ranch could use the cotton seed for feeding, farmers did not need them. Mr. Harris offered the ginning for the seed, the farmers gladly accepted, and the seed were stacked in great ricks near the gin. From there they were hauled throught the winter and fed to the cattle on the range.

The first thresher--a "groundhog" machine was run by two mules who had to walk in an inclined run-around.

Mr. Knight was formerly in the hardware business at Robert Lee and was County Relief Administrator under the State Relief Commission.

Dan and W. H. Campbell missed being charter citizens by a few months. Their father, the late J. H. Campbell, came to Sanco country to locate before the organization of the county, and did buy the place on which he lived until his death a few years ago, but he returned to an eastern county and did not bring his family until after the organization of the county.

**SPEAKING AS ONE OF THE OLD TIMERS**

We want to take this opportunity to offer to

**The Robert Lee Observer**

on this their

**50th Anniversary**

And we consider it has given the people of Coke County news that us old timers could have never gotten otherwise. And we think they have helped in a great way to make COKE COUNTY a BETTER PLACE in which To LIVE.

**COKE MOTOR CO.**

**Negro Decided Otherwise**

J. H. Hurley, 80, old-time trail driver, averted participation in a duel once upon a time and thereby kept himself eligible, just in case, to hold public office. It was a simple matter.

On a trip up the trail with 4,000 longhorns, he and a negro named Wash were riding herd on the Washita river. In a shooting contest, Hurley outpointed the negro. Chagrined, Wash said, "You beat me shooting at a tree. Now, how about shootin' at each other's eyes?" Hurley had his gun still in his hand and he lost no time in covering the negro's head. Wash became tearful. Hurley relented after taking the negro's gun and finding it wasn't loaded.

**No Gates to Open**

Born in 1856, Mr. Hurley came to Texas in 1877 by rail. Wilson county, where he landed, was a wilderness of blackjack and post-oaks, and is now a well settled farming country.

The next year, the last year cattle were allowed to be driven up the trail to Kansas, he helped drive the 4,000 longhorns for Withers and Blanks. Dr. Blanks, a merchant of Jacksboro, financed the outfit, Withers bossed on the range and trail.

They had no gates to open from Lockhart to Sidney Bridge on the North Platte river where the last 500 steers in the outfit were sold, in sight of the Black Hills.

A young negro named Tom was with the outfit, and wanted in on every stampede, and they had several. One night when the cattle were on the loose and

the boys were trying to get around the lead cattle, with only flashes of lightning to guide them in the darkness, this negro boy piled out of the wagon, on his horse and into the melee. Passing Hurley, he rode off a bluff about eight feet high, got up all right and cussing, but couldn't calm his horse. Begging "Mistah Jess" (Hurley) to help him, he was left scuffling with his mount while Hurley rode a hundred yards further and by firing his pistol several times turned the leaders in time to keep them from running over the low bluff and over the negro boy.

**Fort Worth Town of 500**

Fort Griffin was the first town he remembers going through after leaving Austin. Soldiers were stationed there. He saw Fort Worth from the top of a hill as they drove the herd, and as he recalls the scene, it looked like a town of 500 people.

At one place 300 Indians were being held prisoners by soldiers. The red men had to answer roll call night and morning and could move around freely rest of the day.

Mr. Hurley tells a story of the old wooden cannon at Galveston, as told him by a Mr. Bailey who said 30 or 40 men captured a Federal gunboat with it. Seeing it manned and in position to blow them out of the water, the Yanks ran up a white rag and ran their ship to shore, while the Confederates boarded her.

Pay your water bill by 10th of each month or service will be discontinued.

City Commission.

We join the many others in extending our Congratulations and best wishes to  
**THE OBSERVER**  
 for its 50 years of faithful service to Coke County.

The early pioneers were equipped with little save brain and courage. Yet they reduced a vast area of wilderness to civilized usefulness. Today we are equipped with specialized machinery--the product of our brains--our substitute for brawn. To those early pioneers we have a feeling of gratitude.

**McNEIL WYLIE**

County Judge & Ex-officio School Supt.

**H. C. VARNADORE**  
 Commissioner Prc. No. 1

**THOMAS HARMON**  
 Commissioner Prc. No. 3

**S. A. KIKER**  
 Commissioner Prc. No. 2

**SAM GASTON**  
 Commissioner Prc. No. 4

Our Best Wishes to  
**THE OBSERVER**  
And the Pioneers

We are Headquarters for  
Stock Vaccines of all kinds.  
Now is the time your stock need it.

**ROBERT LEE DRUG**

We haven't been here 50 years,  
Only One Year,  
But we are convinced its the Best  
Town and County in the State.  
We congratulate The Observer  
on its 50 years of service.  
Eat with us. Open Nearly all the time  
**RATLIFF'S**

Let us offer our Best Wishes  
on this special occasion  
to The Observer and the  
Pioneers of Coke County.

We take this opportunity to thank you for  
your patronage in the past and count it  
a privilege to serve you. CALL OFTEN.

**Sanco Store**

H. J. GARTMAN C. C. GARTMAN

A Word of Congratulations  
from  
**W. C. McDonald**  
County Attorney

Best Wishes from  
**H. E. SMITH**  
COUNTY AGENT

**WE APPRECIATE**  
this opportunity to wish  
The Observer may con-  
tinue to serve the public  
another half-century.

Greetings to the Pioneers.

**The San Angelo  
Telephone Co.**

**Rode the Ranges at 15**

Coming from Gonzales county with his father, Jim Byrd, they drove 150 head of cattle to this range. W. G. Byrd, landed in Coke county November 29, 1879, and a month later saw his first New Year's day in a new country.

Most of the people he knew here were living in tents or dug-outs. The Byrds were on Meas Box creek for awhile, then moved to the location at the pecan mot on Mountain creek that became their homestead. Most of the settlers coming into the country followed the old trail or road from up toward Ft. Chadbourne, usually stopping to camp at the old Byrd place.

When Amarillo was "just little wild place on the plains," when Billie the Kid had just left his cave at Portales Lake, and when there no white men or cattle northwes of the Portales country in New Mexico, at fifteen year of age, he took a mount of horses from Colorado City to the Jim Newman headquarters on Salt Lake, by himself.

"It was a hard day's ride between ranch houses northwest of Colorado those days, said Mr. Byrd. "Sometimes you didn't make it and had to hobble your horses and lay out on the prairie.

H. B. Wallace landed in Coke county as a cowboy on the Snyder OB in the fall of 1889. There was a cotton gin in operation then at the Snyder ranch. It was a two stand gin and fired with wood. Bill Testers was engineer, W. H. McDorman was manager at that time. S. M. Conner had some cattle west of the Snyder Bros. range.

There was an early day citizen over in Runnels famous for his long beard. J. N. Buchanan relates how this pioneer came into his barber shop and pulled this beard from under his vest. It was wrapped in silk and reached below his knees.

The man who is  
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ing in the dark; he may know  
what he is doing, but nobody else  
does. Therefore, to be successful,  
he must advertise & keep his  
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Coke Co. Rustler is  
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the requirements. Its  
 motto is "advert ise."  
And its advise is "Ad-  
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stone of success". Do not over  
crowd your adver'ment so that  
no thing can be read distinc tly  
but word them so that  
they can be read at  
a glance. The  
most successful  
advert isers of  
the day are  
those who  
have but  
a few  
words.  
Let your  
rule be always  
Short and to the point

From The Coke County Rustler of 1892.

**Its Kodak Time**

Secure your Kodak and supplies  
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**WE DEVELOP FILMS.**

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For the best picture developed at  
our store \$2.50 each month paid.  
Get a camera and take a picture,  
Its Fun,

**City  
Drug Store**

When you are hungry, try the

**CITY CAFE**

for the BEST Lunches in  
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short orders cooked just  
like you want them.

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**W.K. SIMPSON & CO.**

extends Greetings to  
**THE OBSERVER**  
and **COKE PIONEERS**

**No Roads at Hayrick**

"No, Hayrick wasn't a wide place in the road. There wasn't any road." "Uncle Johnnie" Vestal speaking, and the time he was referring to was in 1889, the year Hayrick was built and he opened a blacksmith shop there.

There was a kind of a road or trail that entered the northeastern part of the county and came by the Jim Byrd place on Indian creek, where one of the first settlers had a dugout.

Hayrick mountain gave its name to Hayrick, the first county seat, established at the foot of the mountain. Evidently the first white men named this butte from its shape, which resembles a huge haystack. The first trails passed near its foot, and many and eye viewing the untraveled scene of the upper Colorado valley for the first time, sought out the outlines of Hayrick mountain in the distance to get his bearings and to guide his horse or his wagon team on their journey.

Spot business news isn't exciting. War scares are still in the air, and until they are dissipated--if ever--there will continue to be great worry on that score.

Looking at conditions at home Business Week says, "Real optimism on domestic business, so far of prosperity results from long-range planning based on faith in the future, is not possible today." That sums up general opinion pretty well.

Yes, 50 Years is a mighty long time, we are glad to add our congratulations.

**H. D. FISH  
GROCERY**

We are glad to join the many others in this special occasion to congratulate The Observer and Coke County on their Golden Jubilee.

**J. C. SNEAD**



**ONE STEP WON'T  
GET YOU THERE.**  
And One AD Won't Bring  
Success--You Must Keep On  
Advertising.

**The Oldest Business in  
COKE COUNTY**  
 Congratulates the **SECOND  
OLDEST** firm in the county  
 on their 50th Birthday and  
 we are glad to give best wish-  
 to them and our friends, the  
 Old Timers.

**J. J. Vestal & Son**  
 Blacksmith Welders

**Edith Store**  
 Gives away more premiums and a  
 Greater Variety and the Largest  
 per cent on "Trade Coupons" than  
 any store to our knowledge.

OUR CUSTOMERS -- OUR LOW SHELF PRICES --  
 OUR QUALITY GOODS -- OUR PREMIUMS --  
 AND OUR GREAT VARIETY.

Over 500 Different Articles,  
 OUR "TRADE COUPONS" ARE OUR ADVERTISERS.

Remember EDITH when you Buy  
 Save on a bill of Groceries and  
 take Your PREMIUMS home.

Lots of Premiums arriving this week.  
**Candy** a lot of Fresh Candy  
 on Sale at 10c per lb.  
**Take a trip to Edith**

J. N. Buchanan recalls he ran this ad, "Jess Buchanan is still in the Barber Business," and it ran 15 years without changing.



**New OIL RANGE**  
 by  
**PERFECTION**

Here's a range with convenience and performance features you can get in no other range of the "table-top" style. See the sliding burners under the oven, making lighting easy, and many other exclusive advantages. Can be had with or without cooking-top cover, lamp, timer and condiment set shown here.

Trade in your old stove. Easy terms.

**T. W. TAYLOR & SON**  
 San Angelo

**Mrs. Fletcher Now Oldest Person in County-is 97**  
 Grandma Fletcher, 97, is the oldest woman now living in the county. Her memory has remained clear, and she still interests her children and neighbors with the stories of an overland trip to California by ox wagon in 1868 and return.

**In Business 33 Years**  
 Frank Keeney has been in business at Bronte for 33 years, and has been a reader of the Observer for 28 years. Mrs. Keeney, herself a news writer, has been active in the community life of Bronte and of the county. The Woman's Progressive Club of which she has long been an active member, is one of the oldest organizations of the kind in this section of West Texas.

Kissing may raise the blood pressure and shorten life, but in a case like this, who would want a ripe old age?  
 One of the duller spots of homes is that where its members are trying to live within their income.

**Looking Back Over 50 Years**

The present owners and members of the Observer staff cannot look back over fifty years spent in this office, but we do feel a certain pride in rounding out the last months of the fiftieth year with this paper, born the year the county was born, and feeling keenly all the ups and downs that have gone with life in this western country.

The weekly newspaper thinks the thoughts of the average man and the births and deaths, the joys and the sorrows of the people have a place in its columns.

We, as well as well as the editors and publishers who have gone before us, have believed in Coke county and its friendly, good hearted courageous people. We have seen the county come thru the depression and take its place with the most progressive in the state.

**We Do Appreciate You**

We still believe in Coke county. To the pioneers of the past fifty years, our hats are off. You stayed through thick and thin. You worked hard and you won. No matter what you have or don't have now, you have won. Any man or woman who came to a new country, made a home and kept it up for fifty years has won the appreciation of all who know them.

We do appreciate you, and this edition is dedicated to the pioneers of Coke County.

Whatever part this newspaper has had in developing this county, we are glad to have had that part. The everyday job is made worth while by the kind of friends we meet as we go about it. We are grateful for the friends of the present as well as those of the past.

"People can fight a foe whom they can see; nations can guard themselves against physical threats to their safety. But it is immensely more difficult to protect ideals, beliefs and principles against the onslaught of ideas.

"There is always the danger, especially in times of economic distress, that great numbers of people will be deceived into believing that the new idea is better than the old one, and that somehow they will fare better by discarding the ancient beliefs in such things as freedom of thought, the rights of individuals as superior to those of the state, the privilege of religious liberty, and the right to speak and speak and one's opinions."

**Signs of Spring**

You may talk of signs of weather, Of coming days you may sing, When Pa sets in to dig fish bait, It is a good sign of Spring.

And when Ma sez, "Pa, beat the rug; That I hung upon the line." Spring's just around the corner then, For that's another good sign.

When I chunk rocks at the bee hives, And one greets me with a sting I know plum well that Winter's passed, That's the surest sign of Spring. Sonny Jim.

Pay your water bill by 10th of each month or service will be discontinued.  
 City Commission.

**We take pride -**

in paying tribute to those pioneers who played such a prominent part in the making of  
**Coke County.**

**WILLIS SMITH**  
 COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK  
 COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

**THE FARMER**  
 The farmer toils and toils never seems to tire. Of watching the soil turn up side down, Always changing its color and the whole attire.

He plants the seeds down in the rich soil, He covers each kind just so deep, Up one row, down another, Until the sun is low. Then when the days work is all done, He turns before he leaves to gaze upon his work "he won"

As would an artist of fame when his portrait is done...  
 By 'Thelma Christine Walker

**In County 84 Years**  
 Marvin Stewart landed in Coke county Jan. 8, 1889. His mother, Mrs. C. D. Stewart, now of Robert Lee, has been in county 84 years. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart first came from Abilene to the Moro mountain country, then brought sheep to Edith.

Jim Benningfield came to Coke county in 1888--came in a wagon from Mills county, bringing his wife with him. Their children were born and reared here. Mr. Benningfield farmed near Sanco many years and ran a gin there several years.

**READ THE ADS  
 Along With the News**

**Increase Production  
 AT LOWER FEEDING COST**

When I call on you soon, ask me to leave a sack of Watkins Mineralized Poultry Tonic or Mineralized Stock Tonic or Mineralized Hog Tonic for you to try. I'll dare you to try it for 30 days according to directions. You'll find they cut your feeding costs and save money for you. At the time, you will increase production.

In addition to a full line of stock and poultry preparations, I carry a complete stock of Watkins famous extracts, Spices, Medicines, etc. Let me tell you about my bargains.

**T. J. GILLMORE**  
**WATKINS DEALER**  
 Robert Lee - - - Bronte

# GREETINGS

We join in extending Greetings to all Coke County Old Timers on this 50th Anniversary of its Organization and to

**THE OBSERVER**

for its 50 years of service

**W. B. Clift**

see us for ALL KINDS of  
**INSURANCE**

Pioneers in the  
Modern Lubrication Field

with GULF PRIDE LUBE and  
That GOOD GULF Gasoline



**GULF SERVICE STATION**

C. S. BROWN, Prop.

*Egg Marks The Spot, Officer*



Patrolman Harold Nickerson of the Detroit Police put his ticket book away when Betty Dane, Wayne University student, explained that her driving with an egg was only part of a sorority initiation stunt. She did it, too, without breaking the egg, by using a Chevrolet, in which vacuum from the motor supplies nearly all the power necessary in shifting gears with the new steering-column shift lever.

## The Village Blacksmith

Not "under a spreading chestnut tree," for he left the chestnuts behind a long time ago, but "under a spreading mesquite tree," or near it, is the blacksmith shop built by Uncle Johnnie Vestal, who moved here from Hayrick when the town was built and began shoeing horses and sharpening plows for the settlers.

In the Coke County Rustler of 1892 this ad appears, "J. J. Vestal is prepared to do your blacksmithing for cash." In the Robert Lee Observer, Friday, Sept. 27, 1935, this ad appears, "J. J. and Son have wagon timbers in stock and ready to do your wagon work. Trailer hitches and horseshoeing a specialty."

He has always been ready to do your work, and now he is eighty-four years old and still ready.

Uncle Johnnie came here before there was a Coke county and settled on a piece of land on Indian creek. He intended then to quit the trade and go to farming, but had his tools there on the place. Farming wasn't so much on the up, and soon settlers were bringing in blacksmithing and he was doing it.

When Hayrick was built, he moved there and set up a shop, and was in business there when the court house burned.

Vestal and Son have never gone in much for automobile work, but stuck to straight blacksmithing. The work is done to the tune of electric motors, but the old friendly atmosphere of other years still linger around.

## Thirty-seven Years Ago

By U. B.

R. L. Hall began his first work with the Observer in 1902. Mr. Hall moved from here to establish the Ft. Chadbourne News, in 1907, and published it there for a year and a half. That was a big town then, growing rapidly and gave promise of becoming a beach resort due to mineral water found there. Two townships were established, but neither developed as was expected.

Mr. Hall put out the Rustler and Observer many times with an old style George Washington hand press, before a power press was installed.



TEMPLE BAILEY  
writes

## THE DIM LANTERN

Frederick Towne, wealthy, arrogant business man, thought he could buy the love of attractive, unsophisticated Jane Barnes.

He couldn't understand her love for melancholy, despondent Evans Follette, who had always worshipped her. Towne could offer her everything Evans lacked—servants, a beautiful home and assured social position. But he didn't need her.

Temple Bailey's warm, close to life story, "The Dim Lantern," is one of her best. You'll thoroughly enjoy every installment. Read it

IN THIS PAPER

## Golden Anniversary

Oh, Robert Lee Observer we have come  
To greet you, and high tribute we would pay,  
Before your shrine of nobleness we bow,  
On this your Golden Anniversary.  
Great honor to you, You have well fulfilled,  
The faith of those who dreamed that you would be  
Help and influence with achievements great,  
A vital factor to your town and state.

Oh, Robert Lee Observer, Hail to thee,  
For fifty years you've been supremely blest.  
You've seen the stream of progress marching on,  
Throughout the glorious countries of the West.  
Your home's a favored city of the Gods,  
Encamped about are lovely quiet hills,  
Where men can watch their herds and plow the soil,  
And nature grants her favor to their toil.

Oh, Robert Lee Observer, as you turn;  
To meet the dawning century ahead,  
In your fair city where it's good to live,  
We bid you God-speed as along you tread;  
The road to future triumphs, paved with love,  
Greater achievements and prosperity,  
Happiness, without a shade of sorrow,  
Robert Lee Observer, of tomorrow.  
Contributed by Hattie Pope, Granger, Texas.

## WOJTEK BROTHERS

Gives their Best Wishes to

**THE OBSERVER**  
and **COKE COUNTY** on this  
50th ANNIVERSARY

**ALAMOTHEATRE**

ROBERT LEE

**TEXAS THEATRE**

BRONTE

E. C. Rawlins, Bronte cattle-cattelman, was one of the first cowboys in Coke county, working on HXW, a part of which is the present Arledge ranch. Mr. Rawlins later became owner of the outfit. He remembers that the old line fence ran north of the present Sanco to Silver Peak.

The Observer has been in several Coke county homes weekly for fifty years, and many for 35 and 40 years.

was among the first settlers of the Sanco country and long a leader in the church and community.

Green Preslar admits being a charter citizen, but was rather young one in 1859. Mr. Preslar, a ranchman above Sanco on Yellow Wolf creek has lived since then in the Sanco country except for some time cowboying on the McKenzie ranch.

I. A. Bird and I. S. Bird came up Boozier creek in a wagon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bird, in 1857. Their old home place is the old A. J. Adkins farm, a part of which has been in cultivation the 52 years since then.

J. S. Craddock is a young man and does not remember when the county was organized, but can remember when it hadn't been organized very long. His father, the late S. S. Craddock

# Famous Market & Cafe

35 years under the same management

QUALITY MERCHANDISE  
FIRST AND ALWAYS

Kelly McWhorter, Proprietor.

228 N. Chadbourne

San Angelo, Texas



## Reclamation Surveys On Colorado Final Stage Of Twenty-Six Year Drama Of Effort To Irrigate Upper River Valley

Twenty six years after the first survey was made in the Upper Colorado River Valley by a private capitalist, surveys by the United States government are going into their final stages to determine whether irrigation of the valley below Robert Lee is practical from the standpoint of the amount of land that can be irrigated.

Six men working under the U. S. Reclamation Bureau of the Department of the Interior, are surveying to establish control lines and points from which it may be determined where canals could be feasibly run.

The 1935 U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey established elevations, leaving markers over this section several years ago. In 1933 then a CWA project was started to place more markers, did get the concrete monuments placed, but money ran out and they were unable to complete their project.

Later U. S. Army engineers came in and located the proposed lake basin just above the Harris Saul headquarters on Colorado River. The present Reclamation survey uses data from these previous surveys, tying in where the army engineers left off. The army surveys are from the standpoint of flood control. The reclamation surveys from the standpoint of irrigable land.

P. L. Sharkey, project engineer, has directed the work out of San Angelo. Boyd Austin is chief of party, and engineers in the field have been James Howard, Ray-

mond Mallow, Paul Maurer, and Charles Krause.

They were assigned this job during a lull in their work at the Marshall Ford dam, which was built to a height of 190 feet under the first contract, and will be raised to 270 feet under a second contract if present plans are carried out.

## Eighteen Men Have Served At Head Of W. T. Organization

There have been 18 presidents of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce since its organization 20 years ago. Col. C. T. Herring of Amarillo, elected at Wichita Falls in 1918 The second was Homer P. Brelsford of Eastland, elected at Mineral Wells when the permanent organization was affected, April 16, 1919.

Other presidents in order are: Clifford B. Jones of Spur; A. B. Spenser, Crosbyton (two terms); C. C. Walshe, San Angelo; R. Q. Lee, Cisco; A. P. Duggan, Littlefield; R. W. Haynie, Abilene; A. M. Bourland, Vernon; W. B. Hamilton, Wichita Falls; Chas. F. Coombes, Stamford; Houston Harte, San Angelo; Wilbur C. Hawk, Amarillo; Walter D. Cline, Wichita Falls; James D. Hamlin, Farwell; Ray H. Nichols, Vernon; Van Zandt Jarvis, Ft. Worth; Milburn McCarty, Eastland; and at present, H. S. Hilburn, Plainview.

## Nine Years Editor Of Observer, Well Known West Texan



A. W. Puett, who edited and published the Robert Lee Observer from 1925 to his death in 1934 worked on the Santa Fe railroad in his younger days. He vigorously worked and wrote and favored in the columns of his paper the building of a dam on the Upper Colorado and many other improvements now well along toward completion.

## Pioneers Recall Cattle Ranges As They Were In 1889

The Odom cattle ranged on the site of the present city of Bronte, and from there through the Ft. Chadbourne county when "Uncle Joe" McCutchen came to the county in 1889. South of the Colorado was the range of the Wylie Brothers, R. K., Henry, and Tom. South of Wylie's was the Cramer outfit, Mule Creek to Tennyson. South of Cramer, Sam Sayner and Skinner had fenced ranges.

E. C. Rawlings was first a cowboy, then later owner of the HXW ranch north of Sanco. Bill Glass owned the present Whiteside land. It was he who sold out to Will and Rufe Whitesides. The Weathers ranch was north of Hayrick.

The old O. B. line fence went close to Sanco on to Silver Peak. South of that the O. B. or Snyder outfit extended to the river, and the headquarters were near the mouth of Yellow Wolf creek, not very far from the present Harris Saul headquarters.

The Harris 7F outfit covered its present range south of the river and extended in an L into the mountains north of Robert Lee. Some of the wire on their line fence is still in a fence on the L. S. Bird pasture, east of Sanco—has been in that fence since 1887, and still scarcely any rust on it—a kind of galvanized wire with large twisted barbs.

The above named ranges just a-

## If These Mountains Could Speak What A History They could Give; Good Evidence Spaniards Passed Through 300 Years Ago

When the capitol of West Texas was Santa Fe, when Mendoza traveled across the Big Bend as far as the San Angelo country, and when Father Lopez with a portable organ chanted Gregorian melodies to the Indians around Ballinger—that was back in the early days of our history.

Stranger than fiction run the chronicles of fact as collected by members and contributors to the West Texas Historical Society and others. If the mountains and valleys of old Coke county could speak, what stories they could tell?

It is fairly certain that when Coronado's army returned from their trip through the Panhandle country they passed through a corner of what is now Coke county. That was in 1541. Reliable authorities show that Costello, another Spaniard, came through here in 1650, Guadalajara in 1654. Missionaries To West Texas Indians

After Santa Fe, the capitol of New Mexico, was founded in 1609, missionaries came into West Texas to work among the Indians, and seemed to get along very well with them. Then after San Antonio was founded in 1718, there were expeditions backward and forth between the two, and some of these expeditions passed through the present Coke county. That is probably the explanation for a kind

about covered the county when it was organized, with the exception of land occupied by settlers, and fenced by them.

of Spanish saber being found about 25 years ago in a pasture in the Yellow Wolf Valley.

The head of one of these expeditions reported that there were many pecans along the Concho river. So we know that the river had that name and pecans along it nearly three hundred years ago. No Spanish names survive, however, in Coke county, except that of the Colorado river. Most of the mountains and creeks as well as communities, were given their names either by the first surveyors or the settlers.

## Coke Austin Named For County, Born '89

Coke Austin, though born a few days before Coke county was put on the statute books of the state, arrived after the name for the county had been chosen, and was named after the new county. Both he and brother, Isom Austin, have been readers of the Observer since becoming old enough to read, and the Observer has been in the Austin family from the start.

### Have Learned Better

The Japanese are now getting used to glass. At first the glass in railway car windows had to be smeared with streaks of white paint to keep passengers from poking their heads through it. From Coke County Rustler, 1895.

No man would listen to you talk if he didn't know it was his turn next. —Coke County Rustler, 1895.

### Congratulations

From one old timer to another on your 50th birthday

May you have many more.

## RANSOM'S CAFE

San Angelo

MOST SINCERE, HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ANNIVERSARY.

## Holcombe-Blanton Printery

Print Anything—Appreciate Everything

Office Supplies

San Angelo

Best Wishes To All The Old Timers, Including The Robert Lee Observer

COKE COUNTY is fifty years old—the best place to live fifty years. We appreciate our neighbors and friends.

## FRANK PERCIFULL

Sheriff - Tax Assessor - Collector

## Pioneers Of Light and Power

Greeting the pioneers of Coke County who opened the westward trails.

## West Texas Utilities Company

Blazed the way for Electric Service

G. E. Chisholm Local Manager



San Angelo's Leading Store

for Men and Boys

## Congratulations

—COKE COUNTY  
—ROBERT LEE  
—and the OBSERVER

## On Your 50th Anniversary

The foundation of the modern west as it is today was planned and laid by pioneers such as you. Your foresight and will to build has inspired the new blood which it has drawn to this country throughout these years. Again, congratulations on your accomplishments.

WHILE IN SAN ANGELO—make it a point to visit our Newly Modernized Home—where every convenience will be extended to you . . . our Neighbor.

Thursday, April 20, is the opening day of our AFTER EASTER SALE . . . Savings will be in effect thru-out the store.

## S & Q Clothiers

127 So. Chadbourne—San Angelo

## Dr. Leonard Still Has Saddle-Bags He Started With At Bronte 36 Years Ago

On May 1, Dr. J. D. Leonard will have been in Bronte 36 years. In that time he has attended 1730 births, an average of 48 per year. In 1932 there were 62. One year there were over 70. In 1933, one per week.

The past twelve months have brought the fewest babies in the 36 years of his practice here.

Coming to Bronte by mail hack May 1, 1903, he faced a blizzard without an overcoat. There was a big frost which bit corn nearly to the ground, he recalls. Despite this cold "reception", he stayed with the new town and has for some years been the only practicing physician at Bronte.

### Has Kept Saddlebags

Dr. Leonard still has the "pill bags" that he carried on his saddle during his first practice. A hundred miles from a hospital, he carried with him lance, forceps, splints, and the most necessary drugs.

When the Orient came in 1906, he helped lay off the new townsite at Bronte. With his practice in the town and country, he has reared and educated six children. Though his work has taken him often as far as twenty-five miles into the country, Dr. Leonard says he still would not exchange it for any other kind of work.

### In Step With the Times

Keeping in touch with each forward step in medicine, he has seen during his years at Bronte the greatest changes come over that field. He has not yet had occasion to use the sulfapyridine treatment, though it is kept available for his patients.

"This is a medicine injected into the blood stream which kills foreign bodies in the blood, but does not show any injurious effect on the patient," he said.

## Fifty Years Coke County Chronicled By These Editors

The Robert Lee Observer, now in its fiftieth year, was started at Hayrick the first county seat in June, 1889. Brady and Shores formed the first firm, and afterward J. S. Brady bought out Shores and moved the plant to Robert Lee.

It was first located where the South Side Filling Station is now, then was moved to its present location. After some time the plant was moved to a location near the present Coke Motor Company, and later moved back to the previous location, where it stands today.

The first few issues were called "The Democrat", a tabloid size. "Then the new paper in the new town in the new county was given the name of Coke County Rustler," which it bore for several years. But the name "Rustler" was none too popular on the frontier, and the publisher asked for suggestions for a name, and adopted the present name.

There are some gaps in the files and it may be that the following are not in the exact order in which they came, but with the help of R. L. Hall who is now associated with Felix Puett in publishing the paper, and of Gray Reed, now a merchant and landowner at Lawn, we give you the following names of the editors following Mr. Brady: Tom Durham, Irvin and Pritchard, Hubert Pearce, M. H. Davis, Sam Wilkins, Merchant and Reed, G. A. Beeman, Joe Rankin, George Cowan, J. G. Berryman, Berryman and Lamb, A. W. Puett, and the present owner, Mrs. A. W. Puett. The plant is now operated by her son, F. W. Puett.

Did you know that Alderman Rowdy is a great man to collect animals?"

"No; is that so?"

"Why, yes; last week he had two zebras; a sacred white elephant three lizards, and a whole cage of rats?"

"What became of them?"

"O, he took some bromide and they went away." From Coke County Rustler, 1895.

## First Fence From Gobbler To Silver Peak, Drift Fence

There were few fences in 1889, and these had not been built long. Our information is that the first fence, built several years before, was a drift fence across the county running east and west through the mountains near Gobbler Creek to Silver peak.

Later fences divided the Snyder range, according to J. H. Benningfield who rode the Snyder fence recalls that their south line ran north of the river from Robert Lee several miles west, then crossed the Colorado and ran south of the river through the Shaggy Peak country and nearly to Grubbs Canyon. The north Snyder fence ran just south of the present Joe Arledge pasture, and on past Silver Peak. The HXW lay north of this fence, about a mile strip of Coke county being HXW range and the rest of it in Nolan county.

The Harris ranch north of the Colorado river lay between Mountain creek and the Yellow Wolf Valley. The north Harris fence ran from the present Milege Gartman place through the present Jack Adkins farm to the corner of the present McDorman land (the old S. S. Craddock farm), and thence south to the river, and across the river to the mountains.

West of the Harris' was the Winfield Scott range, and southwest the John McCabe outfit.

"During a dispute in the Texas Senate last week, one senator called another "a typical tenor," observes the Passing Show in the Balmorhea Texan. 'In the good old days this would have meant going for their shooting irons.'

## Coke Highways Work Totals \$500,000 For Last Four Years

The building of public highways in Coke county has gone forward rapidly in recent years, with the cooperation of the people of all sections of the county.

There has been approximately \$500,000 allotted to Coke county highways within the last four years, and the county judge and commissioners are expecting a continuation of favorable treatment by the highway commission. The program under way would call for the same amount of funds during the next four years.

### Sweetwater and San Angelo Road

HIGHWAY No. 70 was built as to grade, drainage and structures in 1932 at probable cost of \$250,000 including a bridge over the Colorado River. It was paved with one coat of asphalt in 1936 at a cost of \$80,000, and there is a contract to be let this summer for another asphalt topping at a cost of \$40,000.

### Bronte-Ballinger Road

HIGHWAY 109—Bridge over East Kikapoo and grade, drainage and small structures East of Bronte, three miles at a cost of \$50,000.

### Abilene to Sterling City

HIGHWAY No. 158—Bridge over Oak Creek and asphalt topping west to the intersection with Highway No. 70 at a cost of \$50,000. Bridge over west Kikapoo and select Caliche base, one mile, also straightening of road at seven mile hill and select caliche base, one mile. \$55,000. A maintenance job has been begun on this road, \$2,000 having already been spent. West of Robert Lee on 158 the funds are available to secure and fence the right-of-way at any time the highway department sees fit to call for it. Two thirds of the right of way has already been signed up and about four miles

## Daughter First Couple Married At Fort Has Lived In Coleman County Since 1879

So far as we can learn, the first white couple married in what is now Coke county were the father and mother of Mrs. H. Sackett, living at Camp Colorado, Colohan county, since 1879. Her home is the Sackett ranch house, built of stones from the old outpost

there.

Her father was then a soldier at the fort. Her mother lived in the Camp Colorado community as a girl. The couple were married at old Ft. Chadbourne, and later left Texas to go to Washington. In Washington, Mrs. Sackett, then a little girl, saw Abraham Lincoln review a parade but a day or two before he was assassinated.

Her husband, the late Henry Sackett, was a member of the legislature from Coleman county and active in the life of the county many years.

## Useless Congress

On the 4th of this mo. at 12 o'clock noon died a natural death the 53d congress, without having satisfied itself, the people, the president or any party. Coke County Rustler, 1895.

The Melvin Enterprise knows a man: "If he dressed to suit his income, the night watchman would run him in for indecent exposure." The same column quotes W. J. Riley as saying, "It isn't so much what a candidate stands for in this country, but what we voters fall for."

## Greetings To Those Who Have Seen Fifty Years Pass By In Coke County

The same old friendliness of 1889 still holds forth in this county. We are glad to be numbered among the friendliest people in the world. Thirty-eight years in the county, we extend best wishes to our Coke county neighbors, old timers and new timers of 1939.

THOSE WERE GRAND OLD DAYS—  
GREAT DAYS ARE AHEAD

"Our times are in His hand  
Who saith 'A whole I planned'  
Trust God, see all, nor be afraid."

—Robert Browning

## KEENEY'S VARIETY STORE

Frank Keeney, Prop.

## Congratulations To Coke County On Its 50th Birthday

Also congratulating the  
ROBERT LEE OBSERVER ON THEIR 50 YEARS  
OF SERVICE

## THE HOME MOTOR COMPANY

Serving the motorist for 7 years, and still at your service.

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## THIS BANK'S PROGRAM

We foster and encourage the following program:

Live at home.

The cow, the sow, and the hen.

Gardens for table use.

Better field seed.

Hogs for every farm.

Better preparation of soil for planting.

Thrift and frugality.

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE

SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT

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## Fiftieth Anniversary Coke County

With the approach of the fiftieth mile post of the Government of Coke County, we take this opportunity to extend to friends and customers greetings.

We feel that we have been a part of the development of Coke County, and we take pride in the splendid citizenship about us.

We feel too that the future of Coke County is resplendent and shining with new and greater things to be accomplished.

## OFFICERS

L. T. Youngblood, President  
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Bronte, Texas

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SAFE—SOLVENT  
CONSERVATIVE

## German Emperor Was Once Part Owner Several Coke County Ranches, But He Didn't Come To Take It From Comanches

If it were to be noised around that Herr Hitler, fuhrer of Germany, had organized a company and bought up a strip of West Texas land it might start a commotion.

And yet "Duke of Nachen Mungren Duke of Sachoberg Gotha Prince Frederick of Prussia and others (German Immigration Company) to John Crawford, sheriff of Bexar county, Texas" begins the abstracts of several tracts in Coke and Runnels counties.

This first instrument in these abstracts was drawn when both the present Coke and Tom Green counties along with nearly all of West Texas was a part of Bexar county, with county seat at San Antonio. The documents for some years in possession of L. T. Youngblood at the First National Bank, Bronte, are from an original sheriff's deed made when the land was sold for taxes in 1851.

That was just before the days of Bismarck in Germany, before that country became a united empire. The Prince Frederick of Prussia who headed this company likely Frederick William IV, king of Prussia from 1840 to 1861. The first German empire was in the making in 1851. Right after the Merman Immigration Company bought the contract on these Texas lands, a struggle broke out in Germany between those who wanted a centralized government and those who opposed it, and probably German rulers and people had to give more attention to affairs at home.

Research in the Tom Green county library fails to connect this tract with any settlement actually made by Germans here, but a thesis by Miss Susan Miles, "The History of Tom Green county", refers to early contracts authorized by Sam Houston in 1842, with the intention of bringing reputable white people from some foreign country to the "Concho country."

This was known as the Fisher

and Miller contract, made in 1842, renewed in 1843, and in 1845 sold to this German Immigration Company. "But", Miss Miles goes on to say, "forts were not established then and dangers were too great, the time was not ripe for settlement, and German colonists settled in Comal and Gillespie counties instead."

After Ft. Chadbourne was established and the Butterfield stage line opened up, cattlemen pushed in this way, and the lands became part of several ranches, principally the R. K. Wylie ranch on the river, and the land owned by Samuel E. Maverick of San Antonio, after whom the town of Maverick was named.

The lands originally were part of a large stretch of country extending from the present George Humlong ranch down the river to points between Maverick and Ballinger. Early German settlers in counties south of there are said to have traded their script issued on these grants to merchants in San Antonio for flour and other supplies.

### Methodist Announcements In the Year 1895

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church, South; services as follows: Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. Hayrick, 1st Sunday, 4 p. m. Bronte, 2nd Sunday, 11 a. m. Rock Springs, 2nd Sunday, 4 p. m. Mt. Carmel, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m. Cow Creek, 3d Sunday, 4 p. m. Sanco, 4th Sunday, 11 a. m. Tucker S. C., 4th Sunday 4 p. m. Decker, 5th Sunday 11 a. m.

In the San Angelo country special offers of 7 1-2 and 8 1-2 cents for calves on fall delivery have been reported. Some offers of 8 and 9 cents have been made on black muleys.

## Twenty Six Years Ago Stanley Began Survey Of Valley

One man spent a fortune on dreams he never saw come true and others have spent much time and money in one of West Texas many struggles for more water and productive soil, that on the upper Colorado in Coke county.

In 1913 C. M. Stanley came up the Colorado valley with a surveying crew. S. A. Kiker of Bronte, now county commissioner of his precinct, was riding his pasture on a day in the winter that year. He rode onto the camp of Stanley and his men and, learning they had jackrabbit for dinner and their store of provisions were exhausted, invited them to his home for supper and kept them over night, then joined the crew and worked for Stanley four years.

They were more than once short on rations, but Stanley had the promise of backing from an English capitalist to build an irrigation dam, and they pushed on to survey out the valley and locate the site. They cut out brush to clear trails for their lines across deep creeks and gulches, up mountain sides and across canyons. They finally ran out of food altogether borrowed flour from a ranch house, and kept on the job until hunger actually stopped them.

The story is told by Mr. Kiker, a well known and leading citizen of that country. Up to this time Stanley had never flagged in his determination to go on. But one evening when provisions were running low, a newspaper was brought into the camp. Mr. Stanley picked it up casually, began to read, threw up his hands and exclaimed, "O, my God!"

The headlines told of the sinking of a great liner in mid-ocean. It went on to say that among those who perished in the Atlantic was Dr. Pierson—the English capitalist who was backing him.

Mr. Kiker believes from that time on Stanley was a broken hearted man. He had no interest in the work from then on, and soon folded up his maps and took with him his engineering data away from the upper Colorado valley with some blueprints, all that was left of a fortune spent and a broken dream. He had spent \$20,000 in the undertaking.

When laziness is not laziness is disrussed by Sauce in the Brady Standard. "Some folks move slowly, deliberately and in carefully planned fashion, while others jump about haphazardly, without due consideration and without plan or direction. Call the first-named lazy, if you will: the chances are he will go farther, get more done, and have more to show for his efforts than will the hurly-burly rush-em abouter."

## War Department Answers Inquiry About Old Fort Chadbourne; Lee Was Never Stationed There, Though Probably Visited

A letter from the Adjutant General's Office of the U. S. War Department to Ulmer Bird, formerly of Sanco, gives the date old Ft. Chadbourne was established. A part of the letter follows. It was written April 12, 1934.

"A complete history of Ft. Chadbourne, Texas, has not been compiled by this department. However the records show that Fort Chadbourne, Texas, was established October 28, 1852, for the protection of settlers against the Indians. It was situated on Owl Creek, 30 miles above its junction with the Colorado River in County of Coke. It was abandoned by U. S. troops March 23, 1861, upon the approach of the Civil War, and was again occupied May 25, 1867. It was finally abandoned by U. S. troops between December 1 and 18, 1867.

"Nothing has been found of record to show that General Robert E. Lee was stationed at Ft. Chadbourne prior to 1861.

"The records show, however, that General Lee was stationed in Texas subsequent to the War with Mexico at the following posts: Fort Mason, Camp Cooper, Ringgold Barracks, Fort Brown, Indianola, and San Antonio. The records also show that General Lee was temporarily in command of the Department of Texas, Feb-

ruary 20 to November 27, 1860, and made a tour of the Rio Grande frontier March 15 to May 17, 1860."

Very truly yours,

James F. McKinley

Major General, The Adjutant General.

The "Owl" creek is evidently Oak creek. No doubt General Lee visited Ft. Chadbourne in his "inspection of the Rio Grande frontier," since this was a part of "the Rio Grande frontier."

Information furnished by Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, acting vice-president of Hardin-Simmons University, is to the effect that Albert Sidney Johnston then a young officer, later one of the south's most famous generals, was stationed there for a time, and at the time he was there most of the men in the fort were sick. Johnston also saw service at Camp Colorado in what is now Coleman county.

Here and There in the Andrews County News laments upon the trials and tribulations of an editor. "Trying to concentrate and really hash up something good," he wails, "is like trying to watch a three-ring circus and keep an eye on the pretty girl on the flying trapeze, it just can't be done."

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W. H. MAXWELL, Jr.  
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### The Best Place to Eat

Home may have been the best place for the family to eat fifty years ago . . . but today the best place for anyone to eat is

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Faithful to duty, as patient and willing in his service as the horse he rode or drove to his buggy, he traveled the country. Known affectionately by the people he served, he pioneered the way in modern medicine. He, too, just as the physician of today, knew the value of the reliable prescription pharmacy.

We, too, have done our part in keeping up-to-the-minute prescription preparations.

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Headquarters for Stock Vaccine. Sheep Drench, and other stock and farm drug needs.

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Bronte, Texas

J. M. Rippetoe, Proprietor

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Fifty Years Ago

COKE COUNTY people started building the county, and are still building.

B. F. Bridges  
Hardware Co.

Bronte, Texas

## Newspaper, First Named "Coke County Rustler", Invites Settlers, Gives A Good Description Of Country In 1895

The Coke County Rustler of Saturday, March 9, carries this slogan under its title—"We trust in God, but trust no man."

The outside pages were ready print, carrying news from over the state, one of the articles telling of miracles performed by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

A two column advertisement full length of the second page began with the following wording:

"COKE COUNTY EXTENDS A GORDIAL WELCOME TO HOME SEEKERS WHO COME TO MAKE A HOME FOR THEMSELVES AND CULTIVATE HER LANDS, which are rich, cheap, easily cultivated and produce well when properly tilled.

"Live, energetic and enterprising business men and farmers can do well in this county by the right

kinds of efforts."

Then follows a description of the county: "The Colorado river, one of the most important streams of the state, flows through the center of the county from northwest to southeast. The valleys of which are several miles in width is undulating and traversed by numerous streams, affording more or less good water. The valleys are covered with scattering growth of mesquite, the streams are skirted by a growth of hackberry, wild china, pecan liveoak, red oak.

"The soils of this county are rich, sandy loam, carrying to a dark sandy with an underlying strata of red clay impervious to water and from 1 to 4 feet from the top of the soil. The soil in the county is of easy tillage, the depth of the soil varying from one to four feet. A test of the various soils proves that they are rich in phosphate and peculiarly adapted to the successful culture in dry years of john son grass, millet, sorghum cane, native grass, vegetables, melons and fruits and in seasonable years when the ground is thoroughly wet from fall and winter rains, corn, wheat, oats barley, cotton, alfalfa, clover, vegetables, melons and fruits of all kinds and in boundless profusion can be produced with less labor than in almost any portion of the state. The character of our soil is adapted to the culture of peaches, pears, plums, apricots, grapes, and some varieties of apples.

"WATER SUPPLY of this country is good. The depth to water varies from 10 to 100 feet, owing to the elevation or depression of the country, though water can be procured at the heads of the valleys, near the mountains as shallow as it can be found in the river valley proper. The CHEAP LANDS of this county are a great inducement to home seekers and on terms that will enable all to secure homes. There are several large pastures in this county which the owners are cutting up and selling in small tracts and on easy terms

## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF COKE COUNTY

### District Officers

J. W. Timmins ..... Judge  
D. D. Wallace ..... Attorney  
Ed M. Mobley ..... Clerk

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D. T. Averitt ..... Judge  
W. C. Merchant ..... Attorney  
Ed M. Mobley ..... Clerk  
L. B. Murray ..... Sheriff and Col'ct'r  
H. E. Johnston ..... Assessor  
W. C. Hayley ..... Treasurer  
J. R. Patterson ..... Surveyor  
J. M. Perry ..... Inspector

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M. H. Davis ..... Pre. No. 1  
L. H. McDorman ..... Pre. No. 2  
A. C. Gardner ..... Pre. No. 3  
J. H. Campbell ..... Pre. No. 4  
—Coke County Rustler, 1895

Ballinger won the Interscholastic League meet in Rannels county, Winters second, Miles third.

to actual settlers who come to stay with us.

"ROBERT LEE. The county town, Robert Lee is beautifully situated in one of the many lovely valleys on the Colorado River and within about one mile of the center of the county. The cite was located by a vote of the people on the 6th day of January, 1891. At that time not a single house dotted the plot designated for the town and at this writing there are about 150 houses in the town and a population of 350-400 people. There are about twenty business houses in Robert Lee, as follows: 2 dry goods and grocery houses, 3 grocery and grain houses, 1 saddle and harness and grocery house, 1 drug store, 1 livery, 3 hotels, 1 hardware and furniture house, 1 saloon, 1 blacksmith shop, 1 meat market, 1 soda fountain, 1 printing office, and one law office. There is a good opening here for several first class mercantile houses. We have a beautiful little court house built of magnesium limestone, the inside being lined with a brick of fine quality burned on the townsite. A fine steel bridge 160 feet long spans the Colorado river at Robert Lee."

## Cooperation In Soil Protection Has worked Without Expensive Set-Up In Coke County

Coke county is coming to the very front as a stock farming country and many fields that were wasting are now building up every year. H. E. Smith, county agent, and H. A. Fitzhugh then vocational agriculture teacher, now a well known county agent, ran most of the lines that winter. Citizens committees boosted and prepared the way for the terracing sentiment that swept the county.

One of the roughest counties in Texas on the surface, to be farmed at all, it has some of the best protected land in the state, and probably as high a percentage of land terraced as any county in the state.

How far landowners and citizens working voluntarily with the cooperation and help of men trained to a run a farm level can go in taking care of their soil was shown when five hundred miles of terraces, most of them broad and high were built in 1936 from January 1 to April 1 in Coke county.

The commissioners court furnished the road machinery at a cost price, and all four of the heavy tractors and blades were kept in the field steadily for four months, and since that time there has been more demand for the use of the machines than the county could supply.

## J. A. Clift, In Robert Lee Since 1904, Reviews Early Days Of 20th Century

Thirty five years of business in the capitol of Coke county is reviewed by J. A. Clift.

Mr. Clift moved to Robert Lee in 1904, when he was deputy sheriff under W. T. Hazelwood, then sheriff of Coke county. Two years later he became connected with McCollum Reed company in which conenction he ontinued 21 years. Gray Reed, of this firm, is now a citizen of Lawn, in Taylor county.

Mr. Clift came to Robert Lee from Ft. Chadbourne, where his father, the late W. M. Clift, was in business during his lifetime, and he recalls some of the firms here in 1904. L. Scott had a tin shop west of the square, and in that block Dr. Adams had a drug store, which was sold to Dr. P. D. Coulson soon afterwards.

In 1906 the Odd Fellows built a building just east of the square, of concrete block construction, and McCollum-Reed occupied it three years, then moved to the building on the corner that bears yet the sign "Robert Lee Mercantile company." The Odd Fellows building was sold and in later years the blocks used in constructing the present Coke Motor Company building.

In 1908 the Masons built their present building, occupied on the ground floor by the City Drug Store. It was damaged by fire in 1907 and repaired. Dr. Coulson moved his store there in 1912.

### Boards At Tubb Hotel

When Mr. Clift first came to Robert Lee, he stayed at the Tubb Hotel, well remembered by Coke citizens of those years. Also boarding there at that time were Charles Coulson, Dr. P. D. Coulson, Sheriff W. T. Hazelwood, and Tom Gossett among others.

Business in Robert Lee was good at that time—mostly on a credit, but everybody paid up once a year, and some twice—spring and fall. Grocery bills didn't run so high then. There were no oranges, except at Christmas time. Hard flint candy was all the candy the children expected. There was no ice and no bakers bread to buy.

Trade flourished, however, with plenty of brown beans, spuds, salt pork, and molasses, bought by the barrel and sold often five gallons

## Albert Baze 33 Years Harris Foreman—

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Baze moved to Coke County in January 1906. Mr. Baze was foreman of the Harris Bros. Ranch in the south part of Coke county. They had one son at that time, Mike. Albert E. and Winford were both born on the ranch.

Mr. Baze has been foreman of one or the other of the Harris ranches ever since then. A few short periods he was away from Coke county ranches but was on some of the other ranches of Mr. Harris, either at the Water Valley Ranch or one of the Pecos River Ranches.

Before 1906 Mr. Baze made short trips to Coke county from San Angelo with his father, Polk Baze, who was a buffalo hunter by profession but in the '80's and '90's as the buffalo became scarce turned his attention to ranching.

Mike is a Baptist minister in the Lynwood Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. He married but has no children. He, at one time was a marathon runner, he has competed in several cross country races, and was in a race from Los Angeles to New York and the next year in one from New York to Los Angeles.

Albert E. graduated from Robert Lee high school in 1929. Since then he has been assistant cashier of the bank at Balmorra, Texas, and cashier of the First State Bank of Robert Lee, also was in the accounting department of the State Highway Department at Pecos, and now is in the auditing department of the highway department at San Angelo.

Winford graduated from Robert Lee in 1932. He played football 4 years at Robert Lee, two years at Schreiner Institute, where they won the state junior college championship. He played three years at Texas Tech and one year with the Philadelphia Eagles professional team. He is now football coach and physical education instructor at Mt. Pleasant high school.

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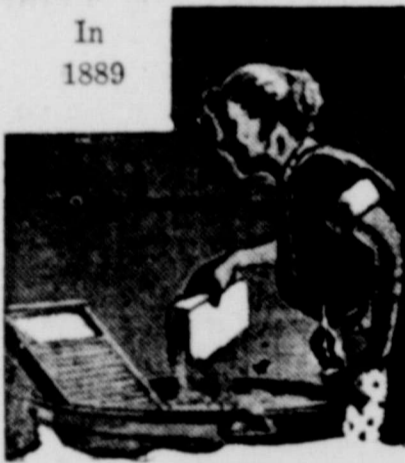
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**Early Records Lost**

The early records of the county were destroyed by fire when the courthouse was burned in 1890. Neither the records of Tom Green nor of Coke show the date when the county was formed, but the information is found in the statutes of the State of Texas.

Section 1 of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 13, 1889 read: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That a new county, to be called Coke County, is hereby created out of Tom Green County, to wit:

The act is in six sections. It goes on to define the boundaries and requires the calling of an election of county officers within thirty days. The election was held in the latter part of April, and the county government set up before May 1.

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Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, will, on the 8th day of May, 1939, at 10 o'clock a. m. in its usual meeting place in the court house at Robert Lee, Texas, proceed to receive and consider competitive bids for the purchase of the following described road machinery:

One crawler type tractor equipped with gasoline motor, not less than sixty horse power draw bar, and will at such time let a contract therefor if any bid be accepted; all such bids to be made as required by law; and if any bid be accepted it is the intention of the Court to issue time warrants on said County in payment of all or part of such proposed contract, in the maximum amount of \$4000.00, to bear six per cent interest per annum, the last maturity date of such warrants to be not later than the year of 1947.

McNeil Wylie,  
County Judge; by Order of  
The Commissioners Court,

SAFETY TALKS

Defective Cars in Accidents

COMPLATION by the National Safety Council of state motor vehicle accident reports shows that 9 per cent of the motor vehicles in fatal accidents were reported as defective.

In non-fatal accidents defective vehicles numbered 4 per cent.

The council commented that "it seems certain that mass statistics understate the true importance of this problem. A careful study made several years ago indicated that vehicular defects were at least a contributing cause in 15 per cent of the accidents."

Conscience Fund

It frequently happens that a person who has defrauded the government—by withholding taxes, for instance—will send money to the treasury department in order to ease his conscience. Usually such persons do not give their names and addresses and they make no explanation as to how they got the money.

The most frequent contributors are children who have used postage stamps illegally and who send a few cents accompanied with a note telling how their conscience hurts.

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How Women in Their 40's Can Attract Men

Here's good advice for a woman during her change (usually from 35 to 42), who fears she'll lose her appeal to men, who worries about hot flashes, loss of pep, dizzy spells, upset nerves and moody spells.

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True happiness can only come to him who has suffered; he who has not experiences only pleasure.—Nathaniel Nason.



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"Rails of Death"

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Well, sir, for a long time I've been warning young fellows to stay off of side door pullmans. I've seen so many adventure yarns about lads who have come to grief beating their way on freight trains that I'm pretty well convinced it's a dangerous pastime.

If those aren't enough reasons, I could probably think up some more. But here comes today's distinguished adventurer, Edwin F. Eckdahl of Young, Saskatchewan, Canada—another fellow who has come a long, long way to join our club.

Ed started railroad work in the early part of the century, braking on the Pennsylvania. His run was out of Logansport, Ind., and those were the days when the men had to contend with the old style link-and-pin drawbar and when air brakes were few and far between.

Ed says every brakeman tried to get a few air-braked cars up at the head of the train, where they'd help a lot in holding back the other cars, but some of the old die hard conductors wouldn't allow that.

Tops of Cars Covered With Thin Ice.

It was one day early in 1906 that that happened. Ed's train pulled out of Chicago about 10:30 on a cold winter night with a light train of meat and merchandise.



He lost his balance and was forced to step off the flat running board.

covered with a coating of thin ice, and my first job was to go over the tops and chip that ice from the running boards on the ten or twelve cars I was to use for braking.

Ed had ice clips on his shoes to keep him from slipping. They were pretty dull, but he thought they'd last him one more trip. He worked his way along until he was about ten cars back of the engine and then, near the I. C. crossing at Riverdale, the train hit a slight curve.

The instant he did his feet shot out from under him. He started sliding off the top. "I was on my back," he says, "but when my legs were over the side I managed to turn over on my stomach—and, as luck would have it, a nail that had worked up from a board in the car top caught in my coat.

"I knew if I slid off I wouldn't have much of a chance. All I could do was hang on—and get back on top if that was possible. It was cold weather and the position I was in was tiring me out. The longer I stayed there the worse it would be."

His Hands Slipped on the Smooth Ice.

Ed knew he couldn't look for any help. The engineer would think he was in the caboose and the conductor would think he was in the engine. His lantern had shattered and gone over the side when he fell and he couldn't signal with that. He tried pulling himself forward with the flat of his hands against the car top, but they slipped on the smooth ice.

"I tell you it kept me busy," he says. "I didn't know how long that nail would hold me, or how long the cloth of my coat would stand the strain. But believe me, I stuck tight with all the strength I had."

But now Ed noticed something that was working in his favor. The heat of his palms as they pressed against the top of the car was melting the thin coating of ice. In one spot his hands were beginning to take hold. He began to move his palms forward to melt the ice up ahead.

It was a long, slow process. "By wriggling my body as a snake would," he says, "I was able to bring it forward a little. I had to melt quite a bit of ice to get myself in a fairly safe position and even then the wind and the swaying of the car threatened to throw me off at any minute. And then I ran into another obstruction."

The Nail Holds Him Back From Safety.

It was that nail which had caught in his clothing. In the beginning it had saved his life. Now it was holding him back, keeping him from moving any farther forward. Ed didn't dare move a hand to free it. And there he was, fastened to the car, unable to move any farther and not knowing when a low spot or a curve in the track would shake him off.

He began to get a bit panic-stricken then. He clawed at the top of the car with futile hands. And suddenly, his groping palms struck on another nail worked up out of the boards like the first one.

"I caught hold of it by a thumb and finger," Ed says, "and only then did I dare to move the other hand down and loosen the nail that was caught in my coat. I wriggled back on the top and when I reached the running board I was covered with sweat and my hands and face were full of slivers. All I did was lie flat on my face and pant."

The train was pulling into a station and the engineer whistled for brakes, but Ed didn't move. "Of course the train ran past the station," Ed says, "and I was in line for a bawling out. But when I told the engineer what had happened he had to make his excuses for not seeing my lantern disappear. I've had lots of close calls in railroading, but that was my closest one."

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Lesson for April 23

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PAUL WINS RECOGNITION FOR GENTILE CHRISTIANS

LESSON TEXT—Acts 15:23-29; Galatians 2:1, 2, 9, 10. GOLDEN TEXT—A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ.—Galatians 2:16

Persecution from outside was soon followed by what was even more serious—difficulty within the Church. If Satan cannot destroy God's work in one way, he cunningly tries another plan. Although the first council at Jerusalem (Acts 15) had decided that "to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life," the question did not stay settled, for there were persistent Judaizing teachers who now contended that even though the Gentiles could be saved, they had to come into the Church by way of Judaism and first fulfill the Jewish rite of circumcision.

I. A Serious Difference of Opinion—Grace Versus Law

The story of how this vital and fundamental question came up is found in the early verses of Acts 15. The entire future of the gospel ministry was in a sense dependent on the solution of this problem. Christianity is the only religious faith in the world that presents justification by grace as the way of redemption; all others follow (more or less) the path of salvation by works.

II. A Christian Method of Settlement—Council not Controversy

There may be times when it becomes the duty of the Christian worker to take an uncompromising stand for the truth of God and refuse to be moved, come what may. But certainly there should be no such spirit in dealing with differing interpretations of Scripture on the part of sincere and earnest Christian brethren.

The whole question was honestly and carefully considered by the second council at Jerusalem, with the result that there was a vindication of the preachers of God's grace. After presenting a plain disavowal of those who had troubled them and subverted their souls (what a serious thing it is to teach error concerning God's Word!), the council being of one accord, gave recognition to Paul and Barnabas as men who had "hazarded their lives for the name of the Lord Jesus."

No man should think more highly of himself than he ought. Humility is a Christian grace which will benefit a sinner saved by grace. But the Bible abounds with admonitions to honor one another, to recognize the laborer as being worthy of his hire, to give recognition to those who are over us in the Lord.

III. A Momentous Decision—Salvation by Grace

The final decision of the council is sent not only by Paul and Barnabas, but also by a committee from Jerusalem; a gracious gesture of fellowship. Courtesy is not out of place in dealing with even such difficult things as controversies on Christian doctrine—in fact it should be most in place in such a situation.

As a matter of record (a wise procedure in such a case), a letter was sent which, after addressing the Gentiles as "brethren," reviewed the history of the matter and then, without mentioning circumcision at all, puts upon the Gentiles "no greater burden than the necessary things." And what were these? Those things which relate to purity of life as those who were enjoying Christian liberty. The law of Moses need not be kept as a ground of salvation. They were saved by grace. But grace can never be the cloak of careless living, nor can liberty in Christ be interpreted as license to live in sin. We are set free in Christ, not that we may sin, but that we may "go and sin no more."

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**Hobbies**

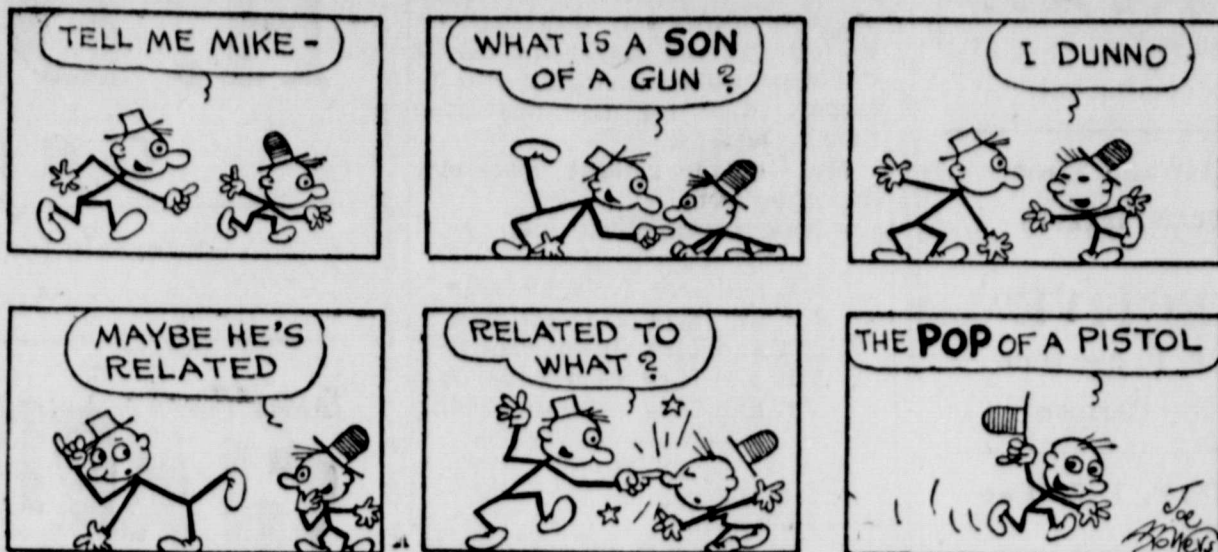
**ALBERT RICH**, of La Salle, Ill., has collected samples of soil from every state to use in the construction of a relief map of the United States.

Billy Kerr, seven, of Fredonia, N. Y., has a collection of 70 glass hats of various sizes, many of them more than 100 years old and very rare.

Thomas C. Whitlock Jr., of Macon, Ga., has built a complete model farm out of 23 boxes of burned matches.

Dr. Charles G. Berger, of Atlantic, Mass., as a hobby has collected over 500 pairs of antique spectacles, says the American Magazine.

**DIZZY DRAMAS—Now Playing—"BANG!"**



By Joe Bowers

**Uncle Phil Says:**

**They Hold Him**  
The obstinate man does not hold opinions.  
Variety makes us spend as much money as necessity.  
Perhaps we are happiest in planning to soon "take life easy" than we would be if we did.  
**Boring From Within**  
He who aspires to be captain of his soul must expect mutinies.  
There's always a bright side. By the time the horn stops working, people can hear your car a block away, anyhow.

**WHAT to EAT and WHY**

**C. Houston Goudiss Gives Practical Advice on Feeding 'Teen Age Child; Describes Some Special Food Needs of Both Boys and Girls**

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

**B**EGINNING around the twelfth year in girls and the thirteenth year in boys, the rate of growth is greatly accelerated. Then children require large quantities of food to meet the needs of their rapidly maturing bodies and they usually develop huge appetites. Unfortunately, however, they are often inclined to overlook the foods that are most necessary to health, to eat at odd hours, and to stuff themselves with rich combinations that may severely tax the digestive system.

Mothers may find it exceedingly difficult to deal with their offspring all through the 'teens, when physiological changes are taking place which mark the transition from childhood to maturity. For along with the development of his fast growing body, the child's emotional life undergoes a profound and disturbing change. The boy or girl who was formerly amenable to direction suddenly exhibits a desire for independence. He becomes jumpy and irritable, and the wish to direct his own life extends even to his choice of food.

Mothers must mobilize all the patience and forbearance at their command—must make it their solemn duty to see that their adolescent children have the foods they require for growth, for stamina, and for building resistance to disease. For the stress and strain of adolescence will be far more easily weathered by boys and girls who are properly nourished.

**Quality Important as Quantity**

During the years of greatest growth, boys and girls frequently require more food than their fathers or mothers. But it is essential that the diet be well balanced and of the highest nutritive value. It should include an abundance of easily digested energy foods, such as breadstuffs, potatoes, cereals and macaroni products, as well as liberal quantities of the more concentrated fuel foods, such as butter or margarine. There must be an ample supply of high quality protein—which is furnished by meat, fish, eggs, cheese and milk—to build the new muscle tissue required to cover the lengthening frames of the boys and help build the rounded contours of the girls.

**Need for Minerals and Vitamins**

There must be ample amounts of the various minerals—especially calcium and phosphorus for the teeth and bones, and to help build sound, healthy nerves; iodine for proper functioning of the thyroid gland; iron for building increased quantities of rich red blood. Every

nourishing desserts, such as custard, tapioca, bread and corn-starch puddings.

**Girls Warned Against Reducing**

Girls, on the other hand, may become fussy and try to cut down radically on the fuel foods, with the foolish idea of keeping fashionably thin. This must not be permitted, because it may result in under-nutrition, which opens the way to fatigue and nervousness, and may lead to serious disease.

In addition to wholesome, nourishing food, 'teen age boys and girls should have plenty of rest, sunshine and healthful outdoor exercise. And they also deserve the sympathy and deep understanding of their parents.

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**Favorite Recipe of the Week**

**Buttermilk Flakes Waffles**

1 cup sifted flour  
3/4 teaspoon soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup Grape-Nuts Flakes  
2 egg yolks, well beaten  
1 1/4 cups buttermilk or sour milk  
4 tablespoons melted butter or other shortening  
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Sift flour once, measure, add soda, and salt, and sift again. Add Flakes and mix well. Combine egg yolks, milk, and butter; add to flour mixture, beating only until smooth. Fold in egg whites. Bake in hot waffle iron. Serve with maple-flavored syrup. Makes four 4-section waffles.—Adv.

vitamin must be included in the adolescent's diet to promote normal health and development, but vitamin A is especially valuable at this time of rapid growth, and vitamin B is also required in liberal amounts to meet the extra demands of increased activity and growth.

**A Quart of Milk Daily**

It is highly desirable that the diet should include a quart of milk daily, because milk is such a splendid source of calcium and vitamin A, as well as other necessary minerals and vitamins. If children have been brought up with a wholesome respect for this master food, they will continue to drink it during their 'teens.

However, if they complain about taking it as a beverage, mothers should see that it is supplied by way of cream soups and sauces, with cereals, and in nutritious pudding desserts, which can be enriched with eggs, thus providing additional proteins, minerals and vitamins.

**Fruits and Vegetables**

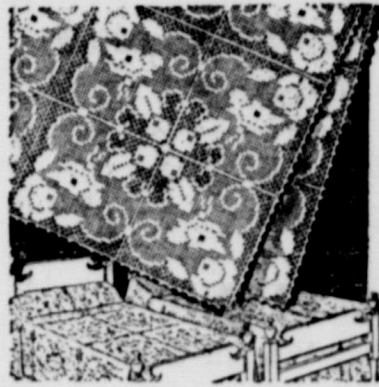
Fruits should be eaten freely—at least twice a day—and the high-caloric dried fruits, such as prunes and dates, may be used to advantage along with bananas, oranges, grapefruit, apples and other fresh fruits, as well as the many varieties that come in cans. Cooked and raw vegetables should be provided liberally—if possible, at both lunch and dinner. Dressing cooked vegetables with butter or margarine will increase their fuel value, and make them more satisfying for hungry boys. Girls, who are often finicky eaters during their adolescent years, can usually be tempted with crisp, raw vegetables served in the form of salads; and protein can be added by means of eggs, cheese, fish or chicken.

**Boys Need More Food Than Girls**

There is a marked difference between the fuel requirements of 'teen age boys and girls. Both must have a well balanced diet. But the boys need many more calories, and therefore should have a more generous allowance of highly concentrated foods which supply necessary fuel with a minimum tax on the digestive system.

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#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our many friends for the kind words and deeds shown us during the illness and death of our precious father and grandfather. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you.

Mrs. Temp Whiteside,  
Grace and Bessie  
Mr. and Mrs. K. Whiteside  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Sheppard  
Mr. and Mrs. John Brown  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts  
Mr. and Mrs. Marian Welch

#### NOTICE

State of Texas  
County of Coke.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
Coke County, GREETING:

J. K. Griffith, Administrator of the Estate of Joe Webb, deceased, having filed in the County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Joe Webb, deceased, No. 401 on the Probate Docket of Coke County, Texas, together with his application to be discharged from said administration.

You Are Hereby Commanded by publication of this writ for 10 days before the return day hereof in a newspaper printed in the County of Coke, State of Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in said account for final settlement of said estate to appear and contest same if they see proper so to do on Monday, the 1st day of May, A. D. 1939, at the Court House of said county at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, when said account and application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given Under My Hand and Seal at office in Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, on this 20th day of April, 1939.  
(SEAL) Willis Smith, Clerk,  
County Court, Coke County, Texas.

I Herby Certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Writ now in my hands.  
Frank Perciful, Sheriff,  
Coke County, Texas.

by W. O. Eubanks, Deputy.

State of Texas  
County of Coke.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
Coke County, GREETING:

J. K. Griffith, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Webb, deceased, having filed in the County Court, his final account of the condition of the Estate of said Thomas Webb, deceased, No. 405 on the Probate Docket of Coke County, Texas, together with his application to be discharged from said administration.

You are hereby Commanded that by publication of this writ for 10 days before the return day hereof in a newspaper printed in the County of Coke, State of Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in said account for final settlement of said estate to appear and contest same if they see proper so to do on Monday, the 1st day of May, A. D. 1939, at the Court House of said county at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, when said account and application will be acted upon by said Court.

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# H. D. FISH

## GROCERY

Specials for Friday & Saturday,  
April 21 & 22



**Gladiola FLOUR,**

48 lb sack	1.45
24 lb sack	75c
12 lb sack	38c
6 lb sack	18c

PEACHES,	per gallon	38c
PRUNES,	gallon	25c
BLACKBERRIES,	2 no 2 cans	19c
HOMINY,	no 2 1/2 can 3 for	25c
Cut Wax BEANS,	no 300's 3 for	25c
Pure Maid PEAS,	3 for	14c
PORK & BEANS,	3 for	14c
TOMATOES,	no 2 can 3 for	21c
Bird Brand LARD,	8 lb pail	90c
White House CLEANSER,	4 for	10c
GULFSPRAY,	quart	36c
BROOMS,	each	26c
SPUDS,	10 lbs	15c
MUSTARD,	quart	15c
KETCHUP, Empson	14 oz	14c
SOUR PICKLES,	2 quarts	25c

We are proud of  
**THE OBSERVER**  
and we offer our Congratulations  
for its 50 years of service.

Come in and see our New Felt and Straw Hats  
for men. Big Shipment.

## W. J. CUMBIE

The Red & White Store

Fresh Home Grown Green ONIONS, 2 bunches	5c
Calif. Sun Kist LEMONS, each	1c
California CALAVOS, 2 for	15c
New Crop Yellow Bermuda Onions 3lb	5c
Calif Oranges doz	15c
School Day Peanut Butter, qt jar	23c
5 lb jar	49c
TUNA, flat cans 2 for	25c
Swift Jewel SHORTENING, 4 lb	33c
8 lb	65c
Ma Brown Peach P eserves, 2 lb jar	29c
DelMonte Early Garden Sugar BEANS, 303 can, 2 for	25c

Pickles,	cut sour or dill, qt	10c
	whole " " " 2qts	25c
	whole, 2 row qt sour	19c
	24 oz Hapyda sweet	19c
Texas Grapefruit Juice,	no 2 can	5c
	46 oz can	10c
Cashmere Bouquet SOAP,	2 for	15c

# M SYSTEM

BACON, nice Salt Pork, lb	15c
JOWLS, for boiling lb	10c
Sliced BACON, per lb	25c
Our SLICED BACON, lb	29c
VEAL CHOPS, or T-Bone lb	25c
Lily OLEO, lb	15c
Fresh Country BUTTER, lb	27c
CHEESE, Full cream lb	19c

#### What 5c will buy

1 bar Crystal White Toilet Soap, no 1 can  
Green Beans, 1 8 oz bottle Catsup, 1 can  
no 300 Texas Hominy, 1 can Pork and Beans,  
1 can 4 oz Pimentos, 1-7 oz can Tomato sauce,  
1 can Pure Maid Peas, 1 lb can Flavorite Dog  
Food, 1 Fly Swatter, 1 can Knipper Smacks,  
1-2 oz bottle Cherries, 1 no 2 can Grapefruit  
Juice, 2 cans Pothd Meat, 1 can Va Sausage

SUGAR, 10 lb 45c  
paper bag

Red & Gold COFFEE, 2 lbs 25c

PINTOS, some split 10 lbs 33c  
some whole

Everoyal Olives 17 oz 33c  
tall stuff 19c

Home Like Salad Dressing qt 19c

Potted Meat 2 cans 5c

Vienna Sausage can 5c

Sani-sorb Tissue 3 rolls 10c

Heinz Vinegar pt 10c  
qt 19c

Oven Baked Beans 2 sm cans 15c  
large 10c

Large can Heinz Spaghetti 10c

LUX FLAKES, sm pkg 10c lge pkg 23c

SOAP LUX, 3 for 20c RINSO, sm 9 lg 23c  
Lifebuoy, 3 20c / 3 lb SPRY, 55c