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## BCD Tackles Big Problems Which Face Robert Lee

First called meeting of the newly reorganized Board of Community Development was held at the court house last Thursday night with a good attendance. About fifty interested members were on hand, as well as all of the officers and seven of the nine directors. Since the old by-laws did not seem adequate it was voted that the board of directors prepare a new set and submit them at a future meeting.

The matter of dues was discussed at length and by a vote dues for individual members were set at \$1.00 per month. A committee composed of Cumbie Ivey, Maurice Cole and A. W. McKinney, Jr. was named to contact individuals and business firms and make recommendations on a proposed budget and means of raising same. Regular meeting nights were set for the second and fourth Monday nights in each month, the next meeting to be Feb. 9.

President G. C. Allen announced that the organization would back up the city commission in its efforts to secure an adequate water supply. Mayor Bruce Clift advised the group that a representative of the State Board of Water Engineers had been here recently and recommended that additional wells be put down on city property east of town. The mayor said contact had been made with a party to dig and case a new well. He said estimated cost of a new well and proposed water line extensions is from \$4,000 to \$5,000 and that it may be possible to float revenue bonds to take care of the expenditure.

The proposed county hospital seemed to have unanimous backing after President Allen and others spoke for the plan in which the county would issue \$40,000 in time warrants to pay for construction of a hospital and clinic building in Robert Lee. Allen said the warrants would be retired by the county permanent fund of 25 cents and would not cause an increase of taxes. Present plan is for the hospital to be leased to a competent physician, who would equip same and pay the county a rental.

Housing came up for discussion and it was general opinion that more building would be undertaken if such projects could be properly financed. A committee composed of T. A. Richardson, Willis Smith and Jack Walker was named to study the matter of organizing a local loan association to aid prospective home builders. A committee on housing to work with owners and renters was named to include Maurice Cole, J. C. Strickland, W. T. Roach and Bob L. Davis.

A unanimous resolution was adopted urging the State Highway Commission to take immediate steps toward paving the entire stretch of road between Robert Lee and Sterling City, and everyone was of the opinion that a high water bridge was necessary over the Colorado River west of town.

Some discussion was heard concerning the proposed consolidation of school districts in the west half of the county, and the election in the Sanco and Robert Lee districts for this purpose Feb. 7. President Allen voiced the sentiments of those present that Robert Lee is not trying to cut anybody's throat. He referred to the residents of all surrounding districts as our friends and neighbors, and said it was his opinion that in some way, some

### Attend OES Meeting

A district school of instruction sponsored by the Order of Eastern Star was held last Saturday in San Angelo, with Robert Lee Chapter 187 being one of the hostess groups. Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell, worthy matron of Robert Lee, was one of the hostesses at the chuck wagon dinner, while Mrs. G. C. Allen, a past grand officer, served on the examining board. Other members from Robert Lee who attended the school were Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Estes, Mrs. Finnell Smith, Mrs. J. D. Black, Mrs. W. B. Clift, Mrs. Ralph Garvin, Mrs. W. J. Cumbie, Mrs. Sam Powell and Miss Naomi Brown.

### 4th Tubb Producer Is 19th In County

Flowing 97.40 barrels of 48.2 gravity pipeline oil in 24 hours, Sun O. I. Co. No. 3 W. I. Tubb had become Wednesday the company's seventeenth completed producer in the Jameson field near Silver and the 19th in Coke county.

Gauge was through a quarter inch choke from open hole pay between 6,340 feet, where 5 1/2 inch casing was cemented, and 6,509 feet, the total depth. Location is a south offset to No. 1 Tubb. Operators will probably acidize the well in an effort to step up the production. The field has an allowable daily production of 110 barrels.

Sun No. 2 C. E. Mathers had drilled Thursday to 6,410 feet. An electrical survey had been run during a test last week near top of the pay 420 feet of clean oil was recovered. Operators indicated the well was about ready for completion.

Sun No. 6 Fred Jameson was drilling Thursday at 5,954 feet in shale.

No. 6 Homer Jameson was standing Thursday after cementing surface pipe to a depth of 1,453 feet.

No. 3 Allen Jameson was drilling Thursday at 1,163 feet in redbeds and shale. The test spudded this week. Location is 1,900 feet north-west of No. 1 Allen Jameson, Sun's discovery producer in Coke county.

No. 2 Arledge was drilling Thursday at 3,733 feet in lime. Operators had ordered core tests near the 3,750 feet level.

No. 1 Central National Bank had drilled to 837 feet in redbeds and shale and was still losing mud. Following a Schlumberger survey it was decided to set surface pipe at that depth. Contractors found numerous caverns, the first of which was caved at 180 feet.

### Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Coke County Board of Education will convene in regular session at 10:00 A. M. Monday, February 2, 1948.

S. E. Adams, President  
County Board of Education.

Two new members have enrolled in the Robert Lee Veterans Ag class. They are Kenneth Lackey and Curtis Tharp. The latter recently moved from Ballinger to the A. B. Sheppard farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stayton returned to Robert Lee this week from Glencoe, N. Mex., where they sold the tourist court and store which they operated the past several months. Mrs. Stayton has resumed her former position here with the Adams Abstract company.

how, with patience and cool heads, we can work together for better school facilities for our boys and girls.

## Editorial

### What About Our Schools?

The matter of providing better schools is one of the foremost problems which faces Robert Lee and all school districts in the western half of Coke county. Our educational facilities haven't been very good, not as good as our youngsters deserve, and probably not as good as we could afford.

Some action aimed at uniting the five districts was begun a short time ago, and there is reason to believe that progress has been made. At least an election has been called for Feb. 7 to allow the citizens of the Sanco and Robert Lee districts to express their wishes on consolidation. What future progress is to be made probably depends largely on the outcome of the vote next week.

Some folks say the school question is a hot potato, too dangerous to touch, so they get together in small groups or in twos and threes and talk over what someone has said. The Observer believes the issues are too great not to be discussed fully and thoroughly and by all means open and above board.

So far the public has not been invited to sit in on any of the meetings. All sessions that have been held were for school board members only. We have heard nothing of how the folks stand in Wildcat and Green Mountain, but at Silver the district has gone on record as being opposed to consolidating into one strong district for the west half of the county.

The Observer has heard from more than one source that some of the people didn't like the attitude of being told what they had to do. Maybe there have been some uncalled for or erroneous statements, but surely nothing has been said or done that shows of deceit or dishonesty.

With the oil strike in Coke county is coming considerable wealth and an increased taxing valuation that will permit the building and maintaining of good schools. To have good schools there must be ample tax money, but a sufficient number of scholastics is necessary, too. We are still a sparsely settled community and it would appear that one big, strong district would prove the best plan.

Thus an outstanding high school would result and at the same time we should maintain well provided for elementary schools in localities where there are enough pupils to justify same.

### Subscriptions Due

Some of our friends will not be receiving The Observer next week, since several seem to have disregarded the warning that all subscriptions not paid up on Feb. 1 will be dropped from the list. In case you have been sending the paper to a friend or relatives and wish to have it continued, better check on the expiration date. A continual rise in paper costs make it necessary to adhere to a strict paid in advance plan, which rule is also in keeping with post regulations.

### School Taxes Due

Saturday is the last day on which you can pay school tax without penalty.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Sundown, Tex., were guests over the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave King. Mrs. Anderson was the former Gwendolyn King before her recent marriage.

### \$17.50 Acre Lease Bonus

Frank Preslar was down from White River, So. Dak., the past week and while here signed an oil and gas lease on his section of land west of Sanco. The lease was bought by parties at Midland and Mr. Preslar received a bonus of \$17.50 per acre. Frank says South Dakota has had its mildest winter in the past nine years. He was brought to Texas by friends at White River and returned home Tuesday by rail. Of course, Frank had his faithful dog companion, Ring, with him.

### State To Proceed With Paving West

Prospects of immediate action on the matter of securing a new paved highway from Robert Lee to Sterling City are very encouraging. Such is the report brought back by a delegation of Coke county officials who appeared before the Highway commission in Austin on Tuesday.

Local officials had previously been in touch with Highway Commissioner Fred Wemple of Midland. He advised the Coke group at Austin this week that the commission had taken up the proposal in its executive session, and early action would be taken in the matter of designating the road for improvement.

Previously the commission had designated pavement from Sterling City east to the Coke county line. Last fall a local delegation received promise that the pavement would be continued on east to Edith. With oil being found south of the river, immediate completion of the highway into Robert Lee is considered vital.

Most of the right of way has already been secured, but it will be necessary for new grades to be run. Contracts for at least part of the new road can be expected this year, while the entire stretch may not be finished until the summer of 1949.

Making the trip to Austin were Judge Bob L. Davis and Commissioners H. C. Varnadore, T. R. Harmon and Otis Smith. The hazardous journey over icy highways was made in Mr. Smith's auto.

### Mrs. Baylor Walker Dies After Prolonged Illness

Relief from a long period of illness came this week to Mrs. Baylor Walker, whose passing occurred at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon at Scott & White hospital in Temple, where she had been a patient since last Friday.

The body was returned to Robert Lee and funeral services took place at 1:30 p. m. Thursday from the Baptist church in charge of the Rev. Fred D. Blake, pastor. Burial followed at McKenzieville cemetery.

Thelma Christine Palmer was born June 4, 1910, at Tennyson, and most of her life was spent in this locality. They resided in the Silver community for a number of years and recently had lived in Robert Lee.

She married Sam Baylor Walker on Aug. 11, 1929, and to this union four children were born, three of whom survive.

She accepted Christ when she was young and joined the Baptist church, holding membership at the time of death in Pecan church near Edith. She was a good wife and mother and a kind friend and neighbor, and was faithful as a worker in the church.

Survivors include her husband and three children, Gorman, Mary

## Fuel Shortage Is Causing Hardship To Butane Users

Coke county along with the entire state has experienced a severe spell of winter weather the past week, with temperatures dropping as low as 10 degrees above zero Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Considerable hardship has resulted from a fuel shortage, and heavy losses in the new lamb crop are being reported by some stockmen.

No moisture of benefit has been received in Coke county, although traffic was almost at a standstill early in the week because of icy roads. The bus line between San Angelo and Abilene which operates through Robert Lee abandoned its schedules until Thursday morning.

Schools have been closed all week because of the cold weather and dangerous transportation. In Robert Lee classes were dismissed Monday afternoon. There is only one day's supply of fuel oil on hand. School authorities said school might be resumed Friday if the weather warms up. A bright sunshine Thursday was bringing relief to the intense cold period and temperatures were well above freezing at noon.

This locality experienced its first butane shortage this week, right at a time when it was badly needed. Arnold Ball, owner of the Butane Service Co. at Bronte, said he ran out of butane a week ago when his source of supply was suddenly cut off. He has large storage facilities, and folks wonder why the company was unable to have a supply ahead.

Ball told The Observer he doesn't know if and when he will be able to supply former customers, and advised them to make other arrangements for heating if they could. The Bronte man said he might be able to get some butane at Beckenridge soon. Asked whether it would be sold as the orders are filed or to those needing it most, he said he didn't know.

The shortage came without warning as none of the butane users were advised of a shortage until Tuesday morning. Many homes are practically without heat, including the Rawlings tourist courts operated by Genie Baker, where ten families are being housed.

### New Teacher Hired

Miss Laveta Luckey of Abilene has been engaged to teach the second semester in the Robert Lee public schools to succeed Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, who resigned because of illness. Miss Luckey is a graduate of John Tarleton junior college.

Rev. Fred Blake reports that in spite of the cold weather there was a good attendance at the Baptist church for both morning and evening services last Sunday. The building is comfortably heated, and old and new members are urged to come and take part in the services.

Ray E. Rives, PTR Second Cl. and wife of Moffett Field, Calif., arrived Saturday on a 30-day leave from the Navy and are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives. Edward Rives, another son, also visited in his parents home over the weekend.

Catherine and Ronnie Dell. Also her mother, Mrs. E. B. Kleas, of Christoval, her father, F. C. Palmer, of San Angelo, and three brothers, James and S. F. of San Angelo, and Manuel of Ozona.

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### ORDER OF ELECTION TO CONSOLIDATE DISTRICTS The State Of Texas) County Of Coke )

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1948, a petition was presented to me for an election to be held in (a) Sanco Common School District No. 5, of this County, on the question of determining whether or not a majority of the legally qualified voters of said District desire that (a) Sanco Common School District No. 5, of Coke County, shall be consolidated with (a) Robert Lee Independent School District, of Coke County, for school purposes; and

IT APPEARING that Coke County contains a population of 4,500 according to the last United States Census; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that said (a) Sanco Common School District No. 5 has been heretofore properly established by order of the (b) Commissioner's Court of Coke County as passed on the 28th day of May, 1909, which order is of record in (c) Book 3 Pages 142-143 of the Minutes of the Commissioner's Court; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that said District, as so established, contains an area of 55.9 square miles and that no other District has been reduced in area below nine square miles by reason of the creation of this District:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob L. Davis, in my official capacity as County Judge of Coke County, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1948, at (e) Sanco School House, in (a) Sanco Common School District No. 5, of said County, as established by order of the (b) Commissioner's Court of Coke County as passed on the 28th day of May, 1909, which order is of record in (c) Book 3 Pages 142-143 Minutes of Commissioner's Court, to determine whether or not a majority of the legally qualified voters of said District desire that (a) Sanco Common School District No. 5, of Coke County, shall be consolidated with (a) Robert Lee Independent School District, of Coke County, for school purposes.

Jack Lassiter is hereby appointed Presiding Officer for said election and he shall select two Judges and two Clerks to assist him in holding the same and he shall, within five days after said election has been held, make due return thereof to the Commissioners' Court of this County as is required by law for holding a General Election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident voters in said District shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters who favor the proposition to consolidate the said Districts for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words:

"FOR CONSOLIDATION"  
And those opposed to the proposi-

tion to consolidate the said Districts for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words:

"AGAINST CONSOLIDATION"

Notice of said Election shall be given by posting three notices thereof in three public places within the boundaries of said District for twenty days prior to the date of said election.

Bob L. Davis, County Judge.  
Coke County, Texas.

### ORDER OF ELECTION TO CONSOLIDATE DISTRICTS The State Of Texas) County Of Coke )

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1948, a petition was presented to me for an election to be held in (a) Robert Lee Independent School District, of this County, on the question of determining whether or not a majority of the legally qualified voters of said District desire that (a) Robert Lee Independent School District, of Coke County, shall be consolidated with (a) Sanco Common School District No. 5, of Coke County, for school purposes; and

IT APPEARING that Coke County contains a population of 4,500 according to the last United States Census; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that said (a) Robert Lee Independent School District has been heretofore properly established by order of the (b) Commissioner's Court of Coke County as passed on the 27th day of July, 1929, which order is of record in (c) Commissioner's Court Minutes; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that said District, as so established, contains an area of 160.3 square miles and that no other District has been reduced in area below nine square miles by reason of the creation of this District:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob L. Davis, in my official capacity as County Judge of Coke County, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1948, at (e) School Tax Office in Robert Lee, in (a) Robert Lee Independent School District, of said County, as established by order of the (b) Commissioner's Court of Coke County as passed on the 27th day of July, 1929, which order is of record in (c) Minutes of the Commissioner's Court Minutes, to determine whether or not a majority of the legally qualified voters of said District desire that (a) Robert Lee Independent School District, of Coke County, shall be consolidated with (a) Sanco Common School District, of Coke County, for school purposes.

Monroe Parker is hereby appointed Presiding Officer for said election and he shall select two Judges and two Clerks to assist him in holding the same and he shall, within five days after said election has been held, make due return thereof to the Commissioners' Court of this County as is required by law for holding a General Election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident voters in said District shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters who favor the proposition to consolidate the said Districts for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words:

"FOR CONSOLIDATION"

And those opposed to the proposition to consolidate the said Districts for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words:

"AGAINST CONSOLIDATION"

Notice of said Election shall be given by posting three notices thereof in three public places within the boundaries of said District for twenty days prior to the date of said election.

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## SILVER NEWS

By Juanice Jameson

Mrs. Skeet Brown is improving in St. John Hospital after major surgery. Her mother, Mrs. Garner, has returned to her home at Vinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rass Moore have an 8 lb. boy, Larry Edward, who came Friday, Jan. 23. Mother and baby are at St. John hospital, San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrell Fant and daughter spent the weekend in San Angelo and vicinity.

Saturday brought the day—Barbecue—the fourth one to be given by landowners at Silver who have producing oil wells. The first one was given by Allen Jameson in honor of the wildcat and opener of the Jameson field. Followed by Fred and Homer Jameson after each got a producer. The third was given by Willie I. Tubb.

The fourth given by C. E. Mathers assisted by Russ of course the ladies helped, that is, all except Mr. Will's lady.

If you attended the Mathers barbecue you can smile and remember the hand shakin' and kessin' for friends and relatives from far and wide attended.

It is impossible to write in the names of those attending. There was coffee, beans, son-of-a-gun and beef, bread, pickles, onions, pop and beer. You could have your choice. My choice is lots more barbecues.

Coming for the barbecue and staying over to visit with relatives and friends were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Savage and son, Forest of Denver City. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Padgett of Hot Springs, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jameson of Fritch, Texas. Edwin is the oldest of the Jameson brothers and Mrs. Jameson is the former Bettie Norfleet, sister of Mrs. Silas Conner. They plan to make an extended visit in Robert Lee and Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Humbie of Calgary were weekend guests of the Fred Jamesons.

Visiting in the R. B. Allen home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Archer of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Durward Allen of Van Court.

Mrs. Jack Wimberly and Billie Jack spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Padgett spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Az Whitt.

Mrs. Maude Fox was a luncheon guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed Snowden Saturday remaining for the barbecue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell of Robert Lee were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCabe.

Mrs. G. B. Gebhart and Terry are visiting in Odessa while Gebhart house is being (repaired, done over, or whatever you call it?)

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Potts of Odessa were guests of the Fred Ashers of the Sun camp. The ladies

### Notice to Bidders

The Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, will receive bids until 10 o'clock A. M. February 9, 1948, at the court house in Robert Lee, Texas, for the purchase of One Motor Grader (used machine thoroughly rebuilt and guaranteed will be considered): certified check in the amount of 5% of bid required, and the court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bob L. Davis,  
County Judge Coke County, Texas

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are sisters.

Bro. and Mrs. W. B. Teel and sons spent Saturday night with the J. Jamesons.

Church services at the Baptist church were held Sunday afternoon because of the weather and so Bro. Teel might drive home before night.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Adams and children of Hobbs, Fisher county, were guests of the Homer Jamesons Saturday and Sunday. Pat is Mrs. Jamesons youngest brother.

If I didn't feel so sorry for Chrys I could really tell you how beautiful the country side is and how cold one really gets if he happens to wander away from the fire. Looks like that snow that Mrs. Legge has been wanting might fall yet, if it warms up some.

Oh, yes, if you wonder why I feel sorry for Chrys—she not only has to read this, she has to set the type.

There is some work going on at Silver but it is so cold I'm sure you'd rather wait until the weather thaws before you venture out. But if you are a stork man you'll be out especially if you are lambing. Some of the people here have baby lambs and looks like they might have a heavy loss.

Speaking of losses—Let's make this year a safe one. Don't forget to check your brakes and drive carefully. It isn't just that you break a law but you endanger yourself and others if you neglect to Drive Safely!

Wilfred Gardner of Midland spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Gardner.

## Ft. Chadbourne Church Destroyed By Fire

The Baptist church at Ft. Chadbourne was burned to the ground Sunday morning, Jan. 18, after flames started on the roof from a defective chimney. The blaze was discovered at 10 a. m. when services were ready to start.

An effort was made to get the fire truck from Bronte, but the engine failed to start. Later a call came for the Robert Lee truck and the boys made the run in 18 minutes. However, the building was entirely in flames, but all contents had been removed.

The Robert Lee fire truck is available for service in any part of the county at any time. Calls should be made immediately after fires are discovered. The Robert Lee boys say they could have saved the Ft. Chadbourne church if they had been notified when the blaze was first discovered.

### D. M. McQueen

D. M. McQueen, 89, died at Shawnee, Okla., Saturday afternoon of a heart attack. The body was brought to Bronte where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist Church. Mr. McQueen was born in Alabama. Survivors include four sons, A. F. and O. R. of Bronte, M. C. of Shawnee and S. L. of Wichita Falls.

### Tax Paying Deadline

Deadline for paying county, school and city property taxes is Jan. 31. After that date a penalty of 1 1/2 per cent per month is attached, and the penalty becomes 8 per cent June 1st.

### Pay Your Poll Tax

If you want to have a voice in this year's elections be sure and pay your \$1.75 poll tax by Jan 31. This is an important election year, and some interesting local matters will be decided at the polls. You have the right and should take advantage of your privilege to vote. Sheriff Paul Good says something over 800 poll tax receipts have been issued thus far.

### IHC Plans Open House

Many Coke county folks will go to San Angelo next Monday night when the Angelo Truck & Tractor Co., dealers for the International Harvester line of farm equipment will be hosts at a free party at the Municipal Auditorium. There will be a big program of entertainment and everything is free.

A little want ad will sell it.

## City Tax Notice

### All 1947 City Taxes ARE DUE

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(From files of The Coke County Rustler, Jan. 29, 1898)

Congressman James L. Slayden is a candidate for re-election in this district.

The annexation of Hawaii is almost a certainty.

This country is not hankering for a fight, but if Spain insists on it we'll have to oblige her if only as a matter of international courtesy.

Czar Reed broke his word on the Cuban question with Bailey of Texas, and the Czar's party has broken its St. Louis platform on the same issue.

For the third time in the history of the nation, in recognition of the importance of a brilliant enterprise, the postmaster general has decided to order a series of special postage stamps, commemorative to holding the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha in 1898.

An effort is being made to contest the election of Mark Hanna to his seat in the U. S. Senate. Investigation is in progress, and it is claimed by his opponents that bribery was restored to in accomplishing his election.

Dr. Latham and family returned Wednesday from a visiting trip to San Saba county.

Edith Dots: We had a six inch snow last week which will start the tallow weeds. Rev. John Reed's new residence is nearing completion. J. C. Arnett is hauling lumber to build a new house near the North Pecan tank. Mrs. Nellie Norred of Burnett county, a niece of Mrs. G. C. Arnett and cousin of J. C. Newton, was here on business

last week.

Silver Dots: G. W. Tubb moved to the W. W. Norman place which he bought. J. I. Westfall moved to the Tubb place which he rented in order to get near the school. He has only six children to send. Mr. Norman left with his family for Scurry county. J. M. Meek sold to W. M. Green and is moving to Mitchell county, west of Colorado.

The Cedar Hill school is getting along fine under the management of Dr Martin's wife. The children say she talks like she would whip if necessary, and they about half-way believe she will. Several new scholars and others expected to start soon.

J. E. Warren of Edith was in town Thursday.

Justice Tunnell's court was in session Monday.

J. H. Burroughs made a quick trip to Ballinger the first of the week.

Mrs. R. B. Higgins, who has been sick for several week, is said to be in a critical condition.

Jack Adkins, one of Sanco' industrious farmers, was in town one day this week paying taxes.

G. C. Laswell, one Sanco's prosperous farmers, was in town Wednesday.

We are sorry to learn that Temp Whitesides is sick with slow fever.

Ed Good reports that Judge Perryman is organizing a stock company to start a bank at Robert Lee—San Angelo Standard

W. P. Walling from his ranch near Edith was here this week and reports everything getting along nicely.

Wiley Byrd has erected a 12-foot Aermoter in the middle of his pasture and has watered 270 head of stock the past ten days without delay

Surveyor Gid Graham smiles and says "It's another girl." It made its arrival at his house the first of the week.

## Wayne Arrott To Try Calf Scramble

Houston, Texas—Wayne Arrott, 4-H club member of Tennyson, been selected to compete in the Calf Scrambles of the 1948 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition, which opens January 31 and continues through February 15. Travis B. Hicks, Coke county agent, is his supervisor.

All 4-H Club members were selected by their county agents and finally passed by J. W. Potts, State 4 H Club Specialist, as being eligible to participate in the Scramble.

Some 322 farm boys from all over the state of Texas will gather at the sixteenth annual stock show to compete for 161 fine beef calves which will be given to the boys who catch them.

The 161 winners will manage and feed their animals during the next year and then bring them back to compete in the Fat Steer Contest of the 1949 Houston Fat Stock Show.

In addition to the calves they catch, the boys have an opportunity to win a share of the many prizes which are offered them each year, including a scholarship, cash prizes and free vacation trips.

Scrambles for the 4-H Club members have been scheduled as following: two Scrambles on Jan. 31; one Scramble on Feb. 11; and two on Feb. 14.

Mrs. Lee Latham is improving nicely from an appendectomy last Saturday night at the hospital in Bronte.

## Folks You Know

Sheriff Paul Good looked after official business at Ozona last Saturday, while Mrs. Good accompanied him and visited their daughter, Mrs. Fred Parker, and family.

Members of the Brotherhood class of Immanuel Baptist church San Angelo will meet with men of the Robert Lee Baptist church Friday night of this week at 7 o'clock. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Jerry, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fields of Mertzon, is suffering from a throat infection at Clinic hospital in San Angelo. Coke county relatives visiting him at the hospital last Sunday included his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fields, also Hawley Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields and Mrs. Buster Fields and son, Don.

Zelda Caraway spent the weekend at Blackwell with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Caraway. Zelda is employed here at the City drug store.

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State and County Taxes Is

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Court House, Robert Lee, Texas

## Paul Good

County Tax Assessor and Collector

## Court House Filings

### Warranty Deeds

Luther Sparks and wf, Estella Violet, to D. N. Fields, lot 11, block 4, town of Robert Lee, \$200  
D Y Roberts et ux to A L Rogers, Lot 2, Deer addn, Bronte, \$800.

Leola Cooper to Bert Blaylock, NW 160 acres Survey 2, Cert 585 HE & WT Ry, also 80.9 acres, known as E one-fourth Survey 2, Cert 33. Consideration \$10,800. Three-fourths oil, gas and minerals reserved.

Ernest Lowrance and wf, Ollie Helen, to A. B. Sheppard, Lot 12, block 47, Robert Lee, \$3,000.

Mattie May Collett (Tunnell) to J. K. Griffith, Lot 5, blk 37, Austin N L & C addn to Robert Lee, \$200.

Taylor Emerson and wf, Alene, to L. L. Bagwell, lots 13-14, block 28, Bronte, \$925.

### Royalty Deeds

Kenneth W Brown to E M Wahlenmaier, one-32nd interest in 409 acres in Survey 232, blk 2, H&TC.

J. B Walker, Jr. and wf, Violet, to Scurlock Oil company, one-fourth interest in 160 acres Survey 1, Patent 365.

E H Schuch and wf, Cecile, one-eighth interest in 646.2 acres Survey 8, Cert. No. 1, abstract 1783 each to Margaret Schuch Childs Oren Lee Schuch and Alyce Schuch Bean.

I A Bird and wf, Mary Maud, 7 tracts involving 3,264.5 acres, one-eighth interest each to Mary Jo Pentecost and Evelyn McKinley.

Billie Hanks to Fred Nutt, one-sixteenth interest in 80 acres abs 1235 Sur 7, and 80 acres abs 1527 Sur 1.

Fred Nutt to Billie Hanks, one-sixteenth in 160 acres, Norris Sur No. 1, abs 1080.

J. P. Taylor to S. E. Adams, 1-24th interest in 808.3 acres, H&TC Survey.

### Oil, Gas & Mineral Leases

A L Henderson to W B Collins SW quarter and NE quarter Sec 271, 1-H H&TC.

O.ivia Stinebaugh et al to J. R. Stewart, 640 acres, Sur No. 2 CG&SF Ry.

C E Adkins and wf, Nettie, to S. E. Adams, 277 acres, Bird and Scarborough surveys. Assigned to J Ralph Stewart. Assigned to Stanolind Oil Co.

Nannie Thetford and hus to L W Davidson Jr, N half & SE quarter Sec 234, blk 2 H&TC, 486 5 acres.

## Washington News Letter

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill amending the Articles of War as they relate to Courts Martial. There has been much criticism in the past, from both civilians and army officers, of the procedure set up for military trials of men in the service accused of offenses. Evidence of miscarriages of justice has shown up in some cases. The bill just passed is intended to improve the procedure and provide with more certainty that justice will be meted out.

While the new proposal does not go as far as the American Bar Association had recommended, the new system is sure to be more democratic than has been the case in the past.

The bill provides: That local commanders shall not have control over the members of courts by taking Judge Advocate General officers out of "line of command"; That officers as well as enlisted men may be tried by special courts for minor offenses;

That both the defense counsel and the prosecutor in general courts be attorneys;

That lesser penalties than those

now provided may be imposed in many cases;

That accused men may not be confined with prisoners of war, or otherwise punished (except to be confined) prior to conviction;

That the members of courts be instructed as are juries in civilian courts, that the accused be presumed to be innocent until proven guilty and that the burden of proof shall be on the government.

Finally, the bill establishes a much more comprehensive system of review of convictions. A new board will review all convictions and will consider questions of fact as well as of law. I am convinced this bill will go a long way toward insuring the service men fair and impartial trials.

In the Capitol corridors are many statues of the great men of American history, including representatives from each of the 48 states. For Texas, the likeness of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin were chosen years ago and are located in Statuary Hall. Oklahoma very appropriately picked the late Will Rogers. It is said the cowboy humorist once wisecracked that if his statue should ever be placed in the Capitol, he wanted it located at a spot where he could "keep an eye on Congress." Sure enough, his wish was granted, and his huge bronze statue now faces a door opening into the House chamber. There it is admired by thousands of visitors.

### ORDER OF HEARING

State Of Texas  
County Of Coke

On this the 12th day of January, 1948, the Commissioners' Court of Coke county, Texas, convened in regular session at a regular term of said court at a regular meeting place at the Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, with all members present, to-wit:

Bob L. Davis, County Judge; H. C. Varnadore, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; Otis Smith, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; T. R. Harmon, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; Ben Brooks, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; Willis Smith, County Clerk; and among other proceedings passed the following order to-wit:

WHEREAS, this Court has heretofore determined the advisability and necessity of constructing a county hospital and clinic and equipping same and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable that Coke county issue time warrants in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

I  
That a hearing be held on the

9th day of February at the regular term of said Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas, at Robert Lee, Texas, to determine whether the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, shall have the authority to issue time warrants in the amount of not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a county hospital and clinic and equipping the same.

### II

Proper notice of said hearing will be posted and published and ample opportunity will be given both opponents and proponents at said meeting to discuss the issuance of said warrants for the purpose as indicated in Section I above.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Court voted, AYE: H. C. Varnadore, Otis Smith, T. R. Harmon, Ben Brooks; and the following voted NO: NONE.

Bob L. Davis  
County Judge  
H. C. Varnadore  
Commissioner Pct. No. 1  
Otis Smith  
Commissioner Pct. No. 2  
T. R. Harmon  
Commissioner Pct. No. 3  
Ben Brooks  
Commissioner Pct. No. 4



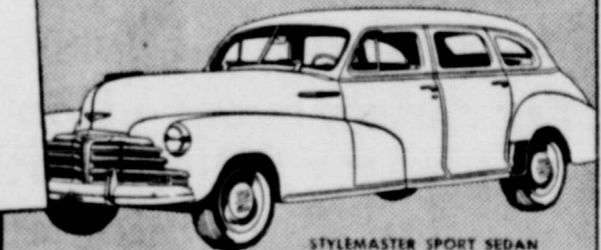
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## Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shelton and children of Abilene were weekend guests in the A. B. Sheppard home. Mrs. Shelton is a sister of Mr. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Dal Wilson of San Angelo were guests here Sunday evening in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Varnadore.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlan Green left this week for Abilene where the former enrolled at McMurry college. He is majoring in business administration and needs only about one more semester of work to get a degree.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jameson of Fritch, Tex., came down last Saturday to attend the Mathers barbecue at Silver and remained for a week's stay with relatives and Coke county friends. Edwin bought along a few of his good coon hounds, but the weather turned too cold to do any hunting. While in town Tuesday Mr. Jameson visited The Observer office and renewed his subscription at the special rate of three years for \$5.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson are now occupying the new modern apartments recently completed by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay.

Billie Sue Brown and Nathan Dauthit and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hunt of Lubbock spent the weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Mr. Sam Karasis and Miss Dorothy Jean Adams of San Angelo were married in Robert Lee last Friday by Justice R. S. Crum.

Mrs. G. B. Shellburne, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key, writes as follows from Kerrville: "Enclosed find check for another year's subscription to The Observer. I surely do enjoy getting it, for it is just like getting an extra letter from home each week."

Billye Landers, student at Hardin-Simmons university at Abilene, came Saturday for a visit in the parental J. B. Robertson home. She was accompanied by a friend, Miss Ora Lee Alexander, of Abilene a senior student at the university. The girls were delayed in their return to Abilene when bus schedules were abandoned the fore part of the week because of icy highways.

Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey Sunday night were Don Waggoner, Louis Theaux and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coggin. All of the guests are engaged in work in the Coke county oil field.

### Political Announcements

Rates:	
Precinct Office.....	\$10.00
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NOTE: The above prices include one write-up of not to exceed 250 words; additional wording will be charged for at the rate of 2 cents per word. This price does not include a subscription to this publication.

The Robert Lee Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons, subject to the 1948 Democratic primaries:

For Congress, 21st District:

O. C. FISHER  
(Re-election)

HOWELL E. COBB

For County Judge and School Supt.:

McNEIL WYLIE

BOB L. DAVIS  
(Re-election)

For County Treasurer:

RUBY L. PETTIT  
(Re-election)

For District and County Clerk:

WILLIS SMITH  
(Re-election)

For Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor:

PAUL GOOD  
(Re-election)

For Supervisor, Precinct No. 2

OTIS SMITH

### WANT ADS

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For Sale—Two piece living room suite, in fair condition. A. E. Rose, first house west of Baker's grocery.

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Trellis Peas, No. 2 can 2 for 19c

Jack Sprat Hominy, 300 cah 2 for 17c

Cream of Texas

Spinach, No. 2 can 3 for 25c

Pine Cone New Whole

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White Corn & Lima Beans

Succotash, 2 No. 2 cans 25c

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All-Green Asparagus, No. 1 can 19c

La Choy Bean Sprouts, No. 2 can 15c

Whole Green Beans, Allen No 2 can 15c

Peas, Plymouth or Phillips, No 2 10c

Bleach '33' quart bottle 13c

R. & W. Grapefruit Juice, 2 cans 15c

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