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Frank Percifull, Former Sheriff, Dies Suddenly

Robert Lee and Coke county citizens mourn the death of Frank Percifull, former sheriff, who passed away suddenly Tuesday night at 10:45 from a heart attack.

He had been afflicted with a heart ailment for two years and the past winter spent several weeks in the hospital. This spring he had been taking things easy but was up and around every day. He spent a normal day Tuesday and visited among friends in town until he went home for supper.

He was stricken a short time after he had retired for the night. Doctors were summoned immediately, but he passed away before he could be removed to a hospital.

Hundreds came for the funeral services conducted at the family home here Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. Fr. John Meister of Sacred Heart Church, San Angelo. Burial was in Calvary cemetery at San Angelo. Pallbearers were Paul Good, Willis Smith Ollie Eubanks, R. C. Russell, H. C. Varnadore, T. M. Wylie, Sr., Ira Pruitt and G. C. Allen.

Frank Percifull was born Nov. 26, 1888, in Erath county, Texas, a son of the late A. J. Percifull and wife. They moved to Coke county in 1900 and bought a place a short distance west of Bronte.

After reaching manhood Frank engaged in farming and ranching which business he followed all of his life. He served overseas in the first World War and saw considerable action with the Infantry on the battlefields of France. About 25 years ago he was chosen county tax assessor, but did not run for re-election. Frank and Joe Dodson built the large gin in Robert Lee, just east of Ivey Motor Co., but later sold it out to a Sweetwater concern.

On Feb. 19, 1928, he married Miss Emma McCrohan and they established their home in Robert Lee. They have two sons, Will and Frank, both at home. The former enrolled in St. Edward's University at Austin last fall but returned home in the winter because of his father's illness. Frank, Jr. is a high school junior.

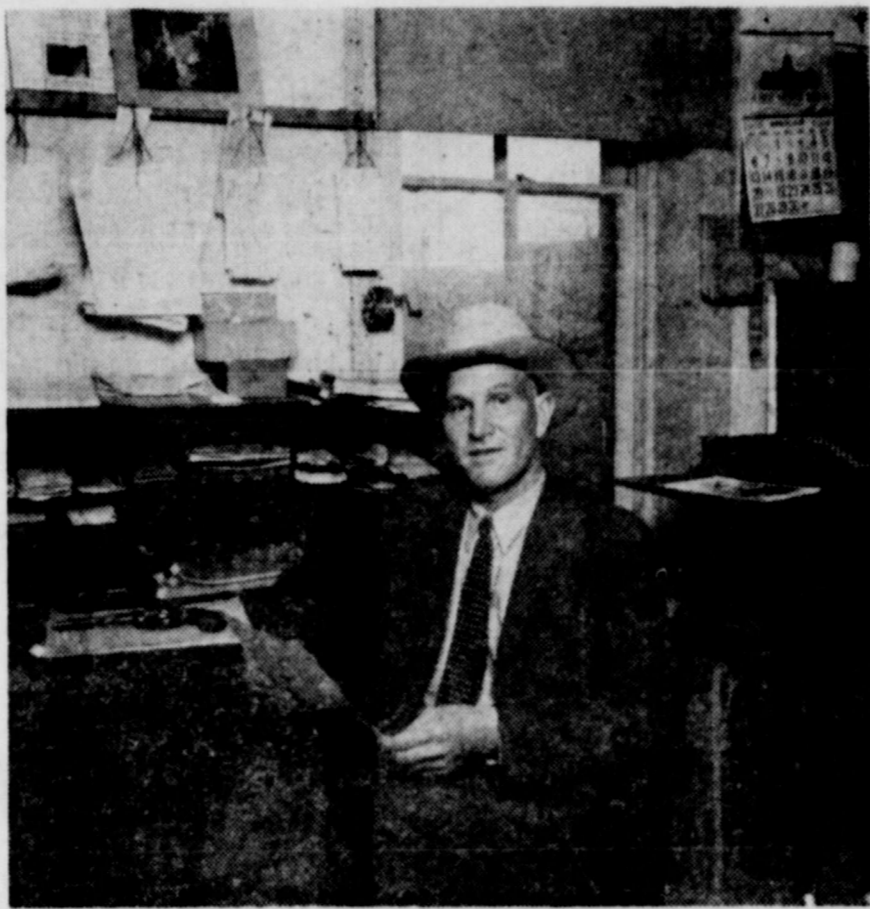
Frank was elected sheriff in 1932 and served 14 years, retiring from public office at the end of 1946. He was one of the most popular officials that Coke county has ever had.

In recent years he had greatly enlarged his farming and stock raising operations, and this season was farming 2,000 acres of land and running several thousand head of sheep.

Frank's word was as good as his bond. He gained the friendship of everyone who knew him because of his honesty and fairness in business, and his personal interest in the welfare of his fellowmen. He was always interested in the betterment of the community, and contributed to every worthy project. Frank was a genuine sports fan, and in his younger days was an outstanding base ball player.

Frank Percifull gave much to the community he loved, and his memory will be cherished during the years to come.

Besides his widow and two sons, he is survived by two brothers, Dr. Tom Percifull of Christoval, and Jess Percifull of Bronte; and three sisters, Mrs. Forrest Clark of Bronte, Mrs. Felton Brashier of Ranger, Tex., and Mrs. C. I. Pomeroy of Logan, N. Mex.



FRANK PERCIFULL

Senior Class Plans Commencement Activities

Commencement activities of the Robert Lee high school opened this week with the annual senior play on Wednesday night.

Friday night the Junior-Senior Banquet will take place at the high school auditorium.

Other events include the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday night, May 23, at the Baptist church, and Commencement Exercises at the high school Friday night, May 28. Mr. Chas. D. Freeman, of the Sun Oil company's regional office in Dallas, has been invited to give the commencement address.

The seniors will leave early Saturday morning on a trip to San Antonio, Galveston, Houston and Austin, and expect to return home Tuesday night. E. L. Higgins will drive the school bus and chaperones will include Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough and Jiggs Hudson of the high school faculty, and County Judge Bob L. Davis.

The list of graduates has not been announced but is expected to be made public next week.

Methodist Conference In San Antonio Next Week

The ninetieth session of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference will convene in San Antonio May 18th and will be held in Travis Park Methodist Church, with Bishop A. Frank Smith as the presiding officer.

The Robert Lee Methodist Church will be represented by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Estes, and one lay delegate, Mr. T. B. Hick, alternate, Mrs. J. H. Estes.

In connection with the conference will be a boys conference of two delegates from each congregation, to which has been elected Tommy Kirkpatrick and Joe Thetford.

It is reported that Bishop Paul Kern will preach each day. The Methodist conference is not only a business convention to look after the affair of the Church but also a great spiritual occasion.

At the close of the conference the ministers will receive their new assignments for the ensuing conference year.

The many friends of Mrs. Elmo Bell will be happy to learn that she is much improved at Shannon hospital where she was critically ill for two weeks.

Light Rain in Coke

Coke county received only light rains the first of week, while some sections of West Texas were well soaked. Nearly half an inch fell in Robert Lee and a few miles west of town Monday night, but most of the county report a quarter inch or less.

Harris Leases Bronte Hospital

Announcement is made this week that Dr. John R. Harris has leased both the Karen-Gayl hospital and Bronte Pharmacy from J. M. Rippetoe. Dr. Harris has assumed complete charge of the two institutions and will employ a registered man to handle prescriptions at the drug store.

Mr. Rippetoe found it necessary to make this move on account of ill health. He has suffered a recent nervous breakdown and will take a period of rest and is determined to regain his health before resuming his business activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Rippetoe wish to thank the folks for their sympathy with Mac's desire to regain his health. At the end of a year he hopes to be able to return.

Dr. Harris has been with the hospital since it opened a year ago and has been very successful. He is in a position to carry on the excellent surgical and medical attention that has been highly appreciated by the people of Coke county.

Notice

I hereby announce that I have withdrawn as a candidate for Coke County Commissioner from Precinct No. 3.—A. B. Sheppard.

The A. W. McKinney family spent Sunday with Mrs. McKinney's mother in Christoval.

Sanco Consolidation Election Carries

Special elections at Sanco and Robert Lee last Saturday resulted in a vote favoring consolidation of the two school districts. Robert Lee voted 80 to 2 for the proposition, while at Sanco the vote carried by the narrow margin of 36 to 34.

In a similar election early in the year Sanco residents voted a tie, 35 to 35.

Sanco children have been attending the Robert Lee schools for several years. School boards of the two districts will meet soon to make plans for ratification of the consolidation.

Capt. Lewis Discharged

Hugh Lewis, Jr., arrived home the first of the week from Lederman General Hospital at San Francisco. He has received his army discharge with the rank of captain, and is apparently through with army surgeons and hospitals. Hugh received a severe leg wound in the Philippines three years ago and has since undergone a number of operations. The last operation was for the purpose of splicing the nerve in his leg. He has discarded his crutches and is getting around pretty well with the use of a brace. His many home town friends welcome him back and are happy that his disability has been so well taken care of.

Special Tax Notice

If you have not rendered your school taxes for 1948, please do so at once. The assessment roll should be made up promptly in order for the school board to have it in making the budget. I will be in the office Friday and Saturday, May 14-15.—J. L. Ross, Assessor. Robert Lee Independent School District.

Reed Discovery Ready to Test

Seaboard and Southern Minerals No. 1 M. G. Reed, 10 miles southeast of Robert Lee, was preparing to test Thursday afternoon, but a report was not available when The Observer was printed.

The wildcat struck oil in the Ellenburger from 6,184 to 6,200 feet on Wednesday of last week, with an estimated production from 16 to 20 barrels of high gravity oil per hour.

Later operators drilled to 6,212 feet and found salt water. Casing was run to the bottom and cemented. A test Wednesday night indicated the cement and casing were tight, and perforations were to be made 6,184 to 6,200 feet on Thursday.

Two 1,000 barrel storage tanks were in place and it was thought the well would be flowing to tanks by Thursday night.

Shamrock's No. 1 Wendland, 8 miles southeast of Robert Lee, was drilling Thursday morning at 6,000 feet. Operators expected to find the Ellenburger a little lower than the Reed test.

Algord's No. 1 Jack Lasister, 3 miles northwest of Sanco, was drilling below 5,800 feet in shale.

Al Hill's No. 1 Harris estate, east of Sun's block south of Silver, was drilling in sand and shale at 3,905 feet.

New Manager For M Store

W. C. Caffey recently took over as new manager of the M System Store in Robert Lee, succeeding Calvin Wallace, who will remain as an employee.

Mr. Caffey has been with the M System for a number of years and was manager of the Mertz store before coming to Robert Lee. His home is at Post, Tex. He has a wife and daughter, Sammie Kay, three years old. They have leased a house owned by Burl Childress in the north part of town.

James Preston of Longview moved here a few weeks ago to take charge of the M Store's meat department.

Mrs. Ben Tubb came home Monday from Shannon hospital and is making an excellent recovery from a recent operation.

Irven Escue and wife returned Monday from Farmington, N. Mex., where he went after equipment for the Stanolind Oil company.

Sun Hopes For Expansion In Arledge Field

Chief interest this week in Sun Oil company's operations in northwestern Coke county centers on the No. 3 Arledge test, 6 miles northwest of Sanco. The Arledge field was discovered early this year with a wildcat producer in the Marble Falls at 6,600 feet. Since being treated with acid the well flowed 94 barrels for its official 24-hour test.

However, No. 2 Arledge, a northwest offset, is not making much of a well and is pumping only from 3 to 6 barrels a day. It failed in the Ellenburger and was plugged back to the Marble Falls. The No. 3 test, a south offset to the discovery, was drilling Thursday at 5,736 feet in shale.

Sun is also experimenting with its No. 1 Central National Bank test south of the river from the Jameson field at Silver. A depth of 7,895 feet has been reached in the Ellenburger dolomite with no shows of oil or water. It is a diagonal offset to No. 1 J. B. Walker, discovery producer in the Pennsylvanian.

No. 2 Central National Bank set 5 1-2 inch casing to 6,537 feet and was waiting on cement. Operators plan to perforate below 6,272 feet and acidize. Very little oil showed in drillstem tests.

In the proven Jameson field No. 8 Homer Jameson was drilling at 5,895 feet in shale and sand. Homer Jameson No. 10 was 3,890 feet in shale and sand. No. 2 J. S. Walker was in shale at 3,593 feet and No. 1 H. L. Bloodworth was drilling at 4,975 feet in shale.

Sun's No. 1 Ellwood estate, on the Spade Ranch in Mitchell county, was drilling at 6,780 feet in shale and sand. There have been no oil shows and operators will now explore the Ellenburger.

School Hires Seagraves Man

B. C. Goodwin was engaged as the new superintendent of the Robert Lee schools at a meeting of the board of trustees last Thursday night. Mrs. Goodwin was also hired to fill one of the vacancies in the local teaching staff.

Mr. Goodwin is at present serving as elementary school principal at Seagraves. He was accompanied here by the superintendent at Seagraves, who was high in his praise of Mr. Goodwin's ability.

It is understood that Jiggs Hudson has resigned his post here as high school principal and athletic coach, but his successor has not been chosen.

The newly elected superintendent is scheduled to return to Robert Lee this weekend to meet with the board in regard to school affairs.

Myrtle Hurley Will Be Acting Postmaster

Miss Myrtle Hurley has been designated acting postmaster at Robert Lee to succeed Mrs. Melrose Russell, who has resigned. The latter asked to be relieved by June 30.

Mrs. Russell was advised yesterday that an inspector will communicate with the newly designated acting postmaster to arrange a transfer. Miss Hurley is teaching at Barstow, Tex.

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South Is Candidate For Congressman

Charles L. South of Coleman was in Robert Lee last week meeting the voters in the interest of his candidacy for Congress from the 21st district. He plans to make an aggressive campaign.

South, who was elected to Congress in 1934, served in that capacity for eight consecutive years. During the last several years of his service, he was a member of the powerful Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House, formerly presided over by Hon. Sam Rayburn of Texas, which gave him an opportunity to effectively sponsor legislation of particular value to the 21st district, including the Wool Labeling Act, passed in 1940; making more money available for wool research; the equalization of freight rates; the cedar eradication program, and the farm purchase program, which has enabled thousands of deserving farmers to purchase farms at a low rate of interest.

South supported and now advocates a well balanced farm and ranch program, providing for soil conservation, storing of flood waters, and suitable crop rotation; the guaranteeing of a fair price for farm and ranch products, in keeping with prices which the producer has to pay for articles which he buys; the continuation and expansion of our Rural Electrification Program, which makes light and power available to the farm and ranch; making labor as well as capital fully responsible for its contracts, and the outlawing of jurisdictional and sitdown strikes. He insists that in order for labor to be entitled to a fair and adequate wage, which it should and must have, labor must give in return an honest and efficient day's work.

"Our federal government has gone on a spending binge which will soon end in national bankruptcy, if not stopped," he states. "Despite the fact that our national debt now amounts to \$2,000.00 for every man, woman and child in the nation, Congress is appropriating money at an annual rate equal to \$1,000.00 for every American family of four persons. Equal, also to the total value of all crops, livestock, poultry and eggs, raised and produced in the entire United States for the four years, 1936 to 1939, inclusive. It should be remembered that it is not the amount of our resources which makes and will keep us strong but the manner in which such resources are used and conserved. It is idle to talk about any substantial reduction of our tax burden, until government expenditures are brought under

Political Announcements

Rates:

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| District | 20.00 |
| Congressional | 20.00 |
| State | 20.00 |

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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
HOWELL E. COBB
CHARLES S. SOUTH

For State Representative

W. H. RAMPY

For County Judge and School Supt.:

BOB L. DAVIS
JEFF DEAN

For County Treasurer:

RUBY L. PETTIT

For District and County Clerk:

WILLIS SMITH

For Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor:

PAUL GOOD

For County Attorney

FRANK C. DICKEY

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

H. C. VARNADORE
J. C. STRICKLAND
J. W. SERVICE

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

OTIS SMITH

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

T. R. HARMON
A. B. SHEPPARD
RALPH GARVIN

some semblance of control.

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"We must continue to keep a strong Army, Navy and Air Force, with special emphasis on scientific research and airpower, so long as doubt, fear and distrust exist. I do not favor the giving away of any military secrets, the atomic bomb for instance. At the same time we must not lose sight of the fact that the only thing which can ever bring true happiness and lasting progress to the human race is world peace, toward which we must constantly strive."

State General Revenue At All Time High

The General fund of Texas will stand at \$64,690,420 after Comptroller, Geo. H. Sheppard transfers over ten million dollars from the clearance funds today. The net balance at the end of April was fifty-four million plus.

Due to tremendous increases in nearly all sources of revenue to the Available School Fund, Sheppard has reduced the amount taken from Omnibus to make up the fifty-five dollars per capita. This leaves more for General Revenue. Crude Oil tax is running at almost eight million per month, an undreamed of figure two years ago.

Carbon Black, Cement, Sulphur, Natural Gas, Auto Sales, Cigarette and Insurance Company Occupation Taxes all exceed last years receipts and contribute to the General Revenue surplus.

Carrie Catherine Rabb was hostess at a slumber party Tuesday night honoring Edna Mae Wallace on her 16th birthday. Other guests included Tiny Hurley, Esther Allen, Nelda Ann Sheppard, Betty Jo Mauldin and Bonita Childress

Mike and Turney Casey attend a Chevrolet dealers meeting in Dallas last week and brought home a new 1948 pickup which will be used as a service car for their garage business.

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Soil Conservation District News

Ten farms and ranches in the River Soil Conservation Group northwest of Silver were made a part of the Coke County Soil Conservation District program at a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, Chairman R. B. Allen reported. Other members of the board are C. N. Webb, Bryan Yarbrough, W. C. Shamblin and W. E. Burns.

Plans approved for a complete conservation program include F. A. Whitt, R. W. Walker, D. M. Millican, Russ Mathers, R. B. Allen, C. E. Mathers, E. E. Stagner, J. B. Walker, Jr., J. B. Walker, Sr. and W. L. Carr.

Applications were also approved for planning on the farms of C. E. Adkins, G. H. Denman, B. D. Gartman, Coke Austin, Gartman Estate, Carl Hurley and Sam Fowler, in the South Sanco conservation group.

A. V. Sheppard, work unit conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, is rendering planning assistance to groups of land owners as they organize their groups and request assistance, the supervisors stated.

Assistance will be rendered any group of land owners in Coke county Soil Conservation District that request assistance, R. B. Allen reported. The Board of Supervisors believe that land owners will be able to plan and apply a better soil and water conservation program on each farm by working together as a group. Control of outside water, finding seed sources for scarce seed, and maximum use of equipment made avail-

able by the district, Allen points out.

A good cover of grass on range land acts as a sponge during rain, C. N. Webb, says. During the recent showers, Webb checked the moisture penetrations and found on land with sparse or no cover the moisture penetrated about 5 inches; whereas on same type of soil about 6 feet away under a good cover of buffalo grass the moisture penetrated about 10 inches. In an area of low rainfall it is necessary that we get as much water in the ground as possible; and the best way to obtain maximum use of rainfall, is by getting a good cover of grass on our rangeland, Webb points out.

Guests in the Pat Rives home on Sunday included their son, Edward, of Odessa, O. A. Warrington, wife and sons, Edward and Paul Butts, and Allen Meyer of San Angelo, Conley Owen and family of San Angelo, Edward Ashley and wife of Knott, Glen Waldrop, wife and two sons of Sterling City, the Barton Waldrops, Mrs. J. A. Waldrop and Miss Gladys Waldrop of Hayrick and the Tom Rives family.

Mrs. Will Whiteside and daughter, Mrs. Maurine Stewart, of Blackwell and Temp Whiteside and wife of Silverton visited Robert Lee friends Sunday and visited the Coke county oil fields.

A. N. McIntyre has resigned his position in the Robert Lee M System store and is moving to San Angelo where he will be employed by the 7-Up Bottling company. Mac has made a lot of friends here who wish him continued success.

Mrs. A. E. Latham is recovering at a San Angelo hospital where she has been a patient several days with a wrenched back and hip.

Folks You Know

Sam Chapman is resting more comfortably at the Bronte hospital where he was taken early in the week because of a severe gall bladder attack. Mr. Chapman is a well known driller on one of the Ray-Harris oil drilling rigs.

Cumbie Ivey will go to Oklahoma City May 24 to attend a preview showing of the new 1949 Fords. Dealers from several southwestern states have been invited to the event.

Mothers Day guests in the home of Mrs. S. M. Conner were Russ Mathers and wife and granddaughters, Anita and Ronell, of Silver, Garlan Green and family of Abilene, Mrs. J. S. Augustine and children of Sterling City, Bill Green and wife, J. D. Green and family and Mrs. Ellen Ballew of Ballinger. Mrs. Conner and her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Green, accompanied Mrs. Augustine home and returned to Robert Lee on Tuesday.

Bud Davis of Portland, Oregon, is visiting his mother, Mrs. S. B. Plumlee. He has been away six years. Bud will go on to Dallas and was accompanied to Texas by his cousin, Dick Morgan, who also resides in Oregon.

G. B. Peays and wife of Lubbock visited over the weekend in the parental Tom Peays home.

Delbert Harmon and family came over from Hobbs, N. Mex., for a Mother's Day visit in the parental G. A. Harmon and J. C. Cobb homes.

Recent guests in the Howard Eaton home were Mrs. Eaton's brother, Floyd Cox, and family of San Angelo.

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Sardines 29c

In Mustard or Tomato Sauce

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Star Kist Tuna, solid pack, white meat can 43c

Everlite Flour 25 lbs 1.69 50 lbs 3.29

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Adams Orange Juice, 46 oz. tin 25c

Curtis Grapefruit Juice, 46 oz. tin 2 cans 25c

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Peas, Rollin West, No. 2 tin 2 cans 29c

Corn, Milfords Cream Style White No. 2 tin 20c

Pitted Red Pie Cherries, No. 2 can 25c

Grape Juice, New York Concord, pt. 19c

White House Apple Jelly, 14 oz. glass 19c

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Riteforks Wooden 12 ct. pkg. 10c

Vienna Sausage No. 1-2 tin 15c

Mustard Libbys 9 oz. jar 10c

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Pickles CHB Whole Sour 24 oz. glass 37c

Pickles CHB Whole Dill 24 oz. glass 37c



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Remains of Frank Tubb to be Buried In Nat'l Cemetery

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb have been advised by the War Department that the remains of their son, Frank M. Tubb, who lost his life in World War II near Hongkong, China, would be shipped back to the United States and interred at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery at Louisville, Ken.

Frank was a radio-gunner on a B-25 which bombed an enemy ammunition ship in the harbor near Hongkong. Fragments from the explosion damaged the light bomber which later crashed into a mountain and exploded.

Collective identity of four members of the crew was later possible among them being those of Frank, but it was impossible to identify them individually. Collective remains of the four men now repose in an Army Mausoleum at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The American Graves Registration Service exhausts every possible clue which might lead to the individual identification of deceased personnel, however, if further research fails to establish their individual identity, the remains of the group are returned to the United States for final interment in a national cemetery.

A later communication said the remains of this group would be returned simultaneously to the United States within the next few months for final burial in Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky.

The War Department letter stated further: "This plan for the disposition of groups, with respect to which only the collective identity is known, is in keeping with the provisions of Public Law 383, 79th Congress, as amended by 80th Congress. We believe that you will agree that the burial of this group of honored dead in one of our national shrines, where perpetual care can be given their graves, is both fitting and proper.

"In due course, the superintendent of the above National Cemetery will communicate with you in regard to burial arrangements. Information as to the time of interment will be furnished sufficiently in advance to afford attendance by you and other members of your family desiring to participate."

The late Corporal Frank M. Tubb was born and raised in Robert Lee. He was born March 26, 1923. He graduated from Robert Lee high school in 1940 and was active in school athletics. Frank attended junior college in San Angelo during the 1940-41 semesters and enlisted in the Air Corps in 1942. He took special training in radio while stationed at Scott Field, Ill.

He married Miss Dorothy Jacobs of Festus, Mo., on Christmas Day 1943, and was transferred overseas in October 1944. Frank was stationed with the 500th bombardment Group on North Luzon and was on his eleventh mission when he was killed March 15, 1945.

Following the tragedy the legal next of kin were informed that no bodies could be recovered. They were shocked but happy to have the preceding information forwarded to them recently by their daughter-in-law, who continues to reside at Festus, Mo.

Remember back when

(From files of The Coke County Rustler, April 27, 1898)

E. C. Good was acquitted for the killing of James Hutchinson.

Prof. Hayley Pritchard is here and is getting up a writing school.

M. K. Sheppard of Olga was here this week attending court as a grand juror.

It is reported cattle have fell off \$5 a head the past few days.

G. W. Payne of Sanco was a juror in district court this week.

W. P. Walling reports fine rains and everything prosperous in his section of the county.

G. S. McClesky has gone out of the blacksmith business and moved his tools to his place across the river.

D. B. McCallum, whom we spoke of several issues back as being here looking for a mercantile location, arrived Saturday and has purchased a half interest in the J. W. Reed stock of dry goods and groceries.

On last Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock Mrs. W. H. Wyatt died from paralysis at the home of Judge L. H. Brightman in this city. Mrs. Wyatt had been of feeble health for some time and on Saturday last came to visit Mrs. Brightman.

Mr. R. A. Hurley of Eldorado has just returned from an extended trip to Old Mexico where he purchased 1,600 head of steers, 3s and up for Mr. H. A. Kreager of Tulsa, I. T.

K. M. Mayes, one of Bronte's stockmen, was in the city one day this week.

Court House Filings

Warranty Deeds

Mrs N I Cartledge to J C Strickland, lot 10, blk 27, Robert Lee, also lots 11-12, blk 32, \$832.

Mrs N I Cartledge to J C Strickland, lot 4, blk 6, Robert Lee, \$500.

Mrs N I Cartledge to Jack Lassiter, lots 10-11-12, blk 28, Robert Lee, \$800. Also lots 4-5 6, blk 14, \$1,400. Also lot 1, blk 4, \$500.

Fern Havins to Jack Lassiter, lot 12, blk 26, Robert Lee, \$750.

Royalty Deeds

R E and Daisy Hickman to G M McGarr, one-half interest in 479.6 acres.

May Wilkins to F E Modgling, one-fourth interest in 597 acres. \$8.25 Internal Revenue Stamps (\$1.10 per \$1,000.)

Delmir and Norma Sheppard to Lulu P Sheppard, one-half interest in 1,526 acres.

Oil, Gas Leases

Geo H Arnold guardian to Danciger Oil Co, 200 acres out of L B Harris Survey.

Mrs Letha Ware to Winston T Smith, all N half Sec 272 1-A H&TC, 323.5 acres.

A J Adkins to J P Taylor, 40 acres in northwest portion Scarborough survey.

E W and Bertie Smith to C L Echols, 294 acres.

W C Shamblin Jr to Paul L Davis, Sec 284 and S half 275, 960 acres.

W A Hampton to Seaboard Oil Co, 320 acres.

B M Neblett to Seaboard, 81.8 acres.

N A Moore to Seaboard, 521.8 acres.

O M Ratliff to Seaboard, J C Jaeger Sur 484, 160 acres.

J T Harmon to Ohio Oil Co, S half Sec 285, 320 acres.

Mrs Josie Saul to C L Echols, 80 acres.

Mona Beth Gartman to Stanolind, Sec 360 1-A H&TC, 712 acres.

M E Lasswell to S E Adams, 580 acres.

Nettie M Hale to L L Garrison, 124.9 acres.

Ava Maxwell to Union Oil Co, 122 acres.

W W McClure to Union Oil Co, 203 acres.

A C and Irma Johnson to Sun Oil Co, 200 acres. I. 65 IRS.



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Last Call For BABY CHICKS

Hamilin Hatchery will make their last delivery run for this season on Monday, May 31. If you need chicks put your order in now. Most any breed available during the remainder of this month.

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Casey Chevrolet Co.

Robert Lee Edges Veribest 4 to 3

Last week's results:

Ozona 10, Bronte 4.
Miles 6, Maverick 4.
Lowake 24, Sonora 2.
Robert Lee 4, Veribest 3.

Next Sunday's games:

Robert Lee at Maverick.
Lowake at Bronte.
Veribest at Sonora.
Miles at Ozona.

Robert Lee nosed out Veribest 4 to 3 here Sunday afternoon, giving the Oilers two victories and no defeats in the Concho Basin base ball league.

Sunday's game played before a good sized crowd was a mighty close affair, and as a result of an umpire's decision a protest was filed by the Veribest manager. The home team bumped old Oscar Peeples for a couple of runs in the first inning and another score in the third, but they were practically helpless from then on until the last of the ninth.

Peeples is a foxy pitcher and in his younger days was a top notcher. He's plenty good yet, and relies on headwork to make up for his former speed.

John Conley was safe on an error to lead off for the home club, and then stole second. He took too big a lead off the bag, however, and was tagged out. Bowman followed with a single

and stole second. Bond whiffed and Clarence Tinkler hit safely to center to score Bowman, and Green delivered a screeching two-bagger to left, scoring Tinkler.

In the third Conley was thrown out third to first. Bowman was safe on an error. He stole second and came home on Bond's hit to center. Robert Lee never got another man on base until the last of the ninth.

Johnson allowed a single in the first inning and another in the fourth. In the fifth frame Dickson reached first on an error, stole second and came home with the first Veribest run when Peeples drove a hit to center. They added another tally in the sixth with hits by Young and Johnson, aided by a Robert Lee error. In the seventh the visitors tied up the count at 3-all when Peeples led off with his second hit. Kick flied out to right, Parmer drew a walk and Moon flied to short. Young banged a two-bagger, scoring Peeples and Johnson fanned.

Clarence Tinkler relieved Johnson on the mound in the last two innings, and did a mighty fine job. In the eighth Probst popped up to short, Woods was out pitcher to first, and Dickson popped up to second. In the ninth Peeples flied out to Conley and Kick and Parmer fanned.

Bond opened the last of the ninth by striking out. Clarence Tinkler scratched an infield hit down the first base line. Green

and Johnson were both safe on errors by Woods. With the bases loaded and only one out, Chilly Tinkler dumped a perfect bunt down the third base line to bring Clarence home with the winning run.

The Veribest protest resulted from a decision in the sixth inning when Diddle Young came in with a run and knocked Ballew over. The Robert Lee catcher was so badly roughed up that he was unable to make a play on Johnson who attempted to score from second. Umpire Bill Tom Roach ruled that Young had interfered with Ballew in fielding the throw-in, that the ball was thus dead, and he ordered Johnson to go back to third. The umpire won the argument, and Veribest protested, so the matter will be decided by the league tribunal this week.

| VERIBEST (3) AB R H PO A E | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Kick, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Parmer, 2nd | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Moon, 1st | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 2 | Young, rf | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson, lf-c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | Probst, 3rd | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Weatherford, c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | Woods, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Dickson, ss | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Peeples, p | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | 33 | 3 | 7 | 25 | 8 | 4 | | | | | | | |

| ROBERT LEE (4) AB R H PO A E | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----|---|---|----|---|---|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Conley, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Bowman, ss-3rd | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bond, 3rd-ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | C. Tinkler, lf-p | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Green, 2nd | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Johnson, p-lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Higgins, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | J. L. Tinkler, rf-1st | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ballew, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | Ivey, 1st | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Ray, rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | 34 | 4 | 5 | 27 | 8 | 2 | | | | | | | |

Score by innings:

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| Veribest | 000 | 011 | 100 | —3 |
| Robert Lee | 201 | 000 | 001 | —4 |

Summary: Two base hits, Green, Young. Bases on balls, off Johnson 3. Struck out, by Johnson 5, Tinkler 2, Peeples 9. Umpire—Bill Tom Roach.

Make Good Showing In School Events at Austin

Robert Lee high school had three entries in the Texas Interscholastic League finals at Austin the last of the week and made good showings against keen competition.

Joy Millican was third in typing, after winning first handily in the district and regional meets. She is a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Millican of Edith.

Bill Blair took third in the high jump with a height of 5 feet 10 inches, after two Junction athletes tied for first when they cleared the stick at 6 feet. Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair, is a junior.

Royce Smith tied for sixth place in the pole vault. The height was 9 feet 9 inches. Walker of Junction won the event with 11 feet 3 inches. Royce is the son of County Clerk and Mrs. Willis Smith and is also a junior in high school.

The pupils were accompanied to Austin by Jiggs Hudson and Mrs. LaVerne Darter of the high school teaching staff.

Mrs. N. C. Brown returned last Thursday evening from a stay of several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBroom, near Quemado, N. Mex. Mr. McBroom has been a patient in the Veterans hospital at Albuquerque. On her way home Mrs. Brown stopped at Crosbyton for a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Smith.

Jack Goldsmith arrived last week from Akron, Ohio, to join his wife and little daughter who are visiting in the parental Roy Taylor home.

Enjoyed Ranch Visit

Entertained at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garvin last weekend were five seniors from the San Angelo high school. They were Joann Northcut, Frances Rodgers, Helen Jones, Barbara Dodson and Wanda Schaefer. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schaefer were also guests. The girls had a big time horse back riding, pitching horse shoes, kodaking and listening to the music of Eddy Garvin and Bill

Ivey, the "X King Playboys." They were served a chicken dinner with all the trimmings and plenty home made ice cream and cake.

Bill Hammond and wife have moved here from Eunice, N. Mex., and are located in one of the new A. B. Sheppard apartments. Mr. Hammond is an employee of Younger Bros.

Mrs. Carl Brock has returned to her work as secretary in the Triple A office after two weeks' illness.

Bargain Days

We have lots of new summer merchandise for all members of the family. Don't overlook this group of Close-Out Specials which will be good for a short time only:

Ladies Dress Shoes

One lot Ladies Dress Shoes, straps and pumps, values up to \$5.50, for **1.98**

Men's Felt Hats

One lot Men's Felt Hats, sold regularly at \$3.50, selling out at **1.49**

Children's Shoes

One lot Children's Shoes \$3.28 values, closing out at **2.19**

Ladies Dresses

One lot Ladies Dresses, silks, crepes, sheer-jerseys, worth \$12.75, choice for **5.29**

One lot Men's Leather Work Gloves, at .98c to 1.29

One lot ladies and children's shoes \$3.50 values selling at **1.49**

One lot Boys Dress Pants \$2.45 values for **1.69**

Childrens Coveralls, sizes 3 to 8 regular \$1.98 values, at **1.49**

One lot Baby Dresses, \$1.98 values for **.98c**

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Folks You Know

Be sure and come to the school tax office Friday or Saturday to render your property for school taxes. This is important.

Mrs. Jeffie Garrett of Big Spring came for a visit over Sunday with Robert Lee relatives. Mrs. W. H. Bell accompanied her daughter home the middle of the week.

Mrs. Rufe Whitesides of Hico was looking after business matters in Robert Lee on Monday. She is planning to move back to Coke county next month after residing in Hamilton county the past eight years.

Mrs. T. A. McMillan has joined her husband in Robert Lee after spending several months at Winters with her daughter, who has been ill.

J. S. Ross and daughter, Mrs. Elmer Cole, left Wednesday morning for a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Dan Tillison, at Athens, Tex.

Pete Davis this week began his new duties as shop foreman with the Ivey Motor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark were happy the last of the week to have as a guest their 10-months-old granddaughter, Robbie Ann Craddock, of Colorado City. They took her home Sunday after three glorious days.

Visitors here Tuesday in the S. R. Young home included Mrs. Bill Paysinger and son, Robert William, of Batesville, Miss Kathleen Lindsay of Hollywood, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Perry and the Lester Jeschkes and the daughter, Judy, of Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Grush returned this week from a vacation trip to Alva, Okla.

Ivey Motor Co. this week received two new Ford Trucks. One of them is three ton, and the other a 2 1-2 ton. They are scheduled to go to Robert Lee buyers.

Mrs. S. M. Lewis was taken to the Bronte hospital last Friday for treatment. Her son, Henry Lewis, family of Borger have been with her.

Ray Mathis of Yakima, Wash., is visiting here with his sons, Joe and Jack Mathis.

Mrs. L. T. Walker of Longview has been visiting her husband, who is employed in the oil field at Silver. They plan to move to Silver the last of the month.

Mrs. J. A. Pettis of Andrews has arrived for an extended visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stayton.

Allen Roberts and wife and sons, Durvis and Marlin, came from Dublin Tex., for weekend visit in the parental R. C. Roberts home.

Notice

Owners of property in the Town of Robert Lee who have not been assessed for 1948, are requested to please stop at the City Secretary's office and make their rendition.—R. S. Crum, City Tax Assessor.

Bronte Hospital New

May 7—Mary Dean Cresap dismissed. Clyde Wilson dismissed. Allen Buttner admitted for transfusion and later dismissed.

May 8—Mrs. S. M. Lewis admitted.

May 9—Mrs. L. D. Watts of Blackwell admitted and daughter born.

May 10—Miss Addie Fletcher admitted. Sam Chapman of Robert Lee admitted.

May 11—Mrs. S. M. Lewis dismissed.

WANT ADS

For Sale—Wood boring bits Leeper Supply Co.

For Sale—2 bedsteads, 2 pair of springs and a nearly new Perfection 3-burner oil stove. Mrs. Hattie Day.

Cedar Posts—I have the cheapest and best cedar posts in town. My competitors say I sell cheaper than they can buy. B & H Cedar Yard. 1p

For Rent—New 5-room house, all utilities, near school, on pavement west. Maurice S. Cole. 1p

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Robert Lee, Texas

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MAY 14-15

John Payne-Maureen O'Hara in
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SUN., MON., TUES., MAY 16-17-18

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Tomatoes 2 cans 25c

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Fresh fruits and vegetables arriving daily—garden fresh blackeyes, green beans, bell peppers, tomatoes, onions, white and yellow squash, celery, lettuce, fresh corn, cucumbers carrots, etc.

Apple Butter, 1 lb. jar 19c

R. & W. Catsup 14 oz. 23c

San Ann Honey Ext. 2 lbs 59c

Phillips **Beans & Franks can 19c**

Hormels Cooked **Pigs Feet 14 oz. 43c**

Premium Crackers 1 lb. 25c

Hearts Delight **Diced Pears No. 2 1/2 can 23c**

Del Monte **Tomato Juice, 2 No. 300 19c**

Cooked **Pinto Beans 2 No. 2 cans 25c**

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in our market this week.—It's really tender. Nice selections of cured meats and cold cuts.

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