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Wildcat Test On Albert Rawling Southwest Bronte

Seven miles southwest of Bronte, Southern Minerals of Corpus Christi and Seaboard Oil Co. of Delaware have staked location for another Coke county wildcat. Southern Minerals will be in charge of the operation.

Projected to 6,500 feet with rotary, No. 1 Albert N. Rawlings will be 3,300 from the south, 7,393 feet from the east line of Casimera Rubio survey 23.

The wildcat will be 2.2 miles northeast of Seaboard and Southern Minerals No. 1 M. G. Reed, Coke county's first Ellenburger producer. It will be two miles east of Shamrock Oil Corp. No. 1 H. G. Wendland, another small Ellenburger discovery of last year.

The Wendland well is pumping a strong 17 barrels daily and production from No. 1 Reed is said to be a trifle larger. Offsets drilled near the Wendland and Reed producers were barren.

Exploration and Drilling Co. has a contract for the Albert Rawlings test and equipment is being moved in.

HONOR ROLL

The following pupils were named on the Honor Roll in the Robert Lee public schools for the first 6 weeks of the second semester:

1st grade—Jimmy Bell, Jo Ann Hood, Bernice Francis Seltz, Ronald Snoddy, Jerry Dale Sparks, Truman Welch, Don Weathers and Jane Wylie.

2nd. grade—Freddie McDonald, Mary Francis Wiley, Carolyn Childress, Joydell Kinsey, Sandra Kay Baker, E. B. Creech, Darlene Lofton, Jamie Lee Schooler and Fatima Ann Stroud.

3rd. grade—Charles Calder, Doris Sparks, Gwendolyn Copple, Sue Goodwin, Diane Mitchell, Charlene Robertson and Betty Dean Creech.

4th. grade—Jim Cox, Atha Hall, Byron Russell, Nevada Lee Williams, Sheridan Davis, Sharon Hester, Joyce Hester, Jo Alice McDonald, Carolyn Simpson, Patricia Smith, Dorothy Vowell, Sandra Nelle Welch, Ida May Woods and Virginia Jones.

5th. grade—Joy Adkins, Arthur Allred, Barbara June Casey, Mary Jo Clawson, Voleta Mae Harwell, Alice Ross, Bill Simpson, Wanda Jane Lackey, Jackie Sparks and Herbert Cooper.

6th. grade—Leslie Nell Wink, Jeffie Harmon, Mildred Jumper, Kaleta Jones, Johnnie Lou Rives, Billie Earl Hester, Bonita Robertson, Betty Mitchell, LaRue Walker, Doris Cooper and Douglas Martin.

7th. grade—Joyce Bagwell, Wanda Lvon Reid, Martha Sue Richardson and Clea Joyce Wojtek.

8th. grade—Johnnie Beth Snead and Milburn Wink.

9th. grade—J. A. Brown and Joan Hester.

10th. grade—Don Fields and Tommy Kirkpatrick.

11th. grade—Lurlyne Pettit and Martha Taylor.

12th grade—Mary Ann Calder, Bonita Childress, Betty Jean Clawson and Edna Mae Wallace.

Earl Roberts was confined to his home several days this week because of illness.

G. E. Davis was down town Wednesday after recovering from a two weeks illness of influenza.



Methodists Plan Pre-Easter Revival

Pictured here is the Rev. C. A. Greenwaldt, of the Inter-Board Council of the Southwest Texas Methodist Conference, who will be in Robert Lee eight days beginning next Sunday to conduct the pre-Easter revival at the Methodist Church.

Brother Greenwaldt transferred to the Southwest Texas Conference in 1942, served two years as associate pastor at Laurel Heights Methodist Church in San Antonio and served a pastorate at Stockdale, Texas, before he took over the leadership of the youth work in the Conference. But his popularity is not with the young people alone, because he has a warm heart and a message for everyone.

Revival services will begin Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. Evening services will be held throughout the week at 7:45 o'clock. The final service on Easter Sunday evening will feature the local choir in the Easter Cantata, "Be Thou Exalted," under the direction of Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough.

In addition to the evangelistic services, Brother Greenwaldt will speak before the school assembly Monday morning, and will speak to members of the church organizations through the week. In addition, he will be visiting with the Pastor in the homes of the people during the week.

Boy Scout Building

Robert Lee Boy Scouts recently purchased the old city hall building for \$500. Later the Scout committee heard numerous suggestions that a new concrete tile building would be more satisfactory. The old city building was then re-sold at a small profit and plans are now under way to secure funds for the new building to be located on the south side of the livestock show grounds.

Street Clean Up

Robert Lee's main street is being cleaned this week with Highway Department equipment helping with the job. Engineers say the street will drain naturally if it is kept clean. Holes in the asphalt paving are being repaired and in the near future the paving will be treated with a new seal coat.

Boyd Copple and wife left Wednesday for Santa Rosa, N. Mex., where the former has taken a job on a 30-section sheep ranch. Their many home town friends wish them success in their new home.

F. C. Clark and his son-in-law, Bill Craddock of Colorado City, are spending a few days fishing at Possum Kingdom in North Texas.

Robert Lee Dist. Names Two New School Trustees

Robert Lee Independent School District's annual election last Saturday brought out 142 voters, and resulted in the election of two new trustees.

Because of recent consolidations it was necessary to select a new board of seven trustees. All the old members were nominated for re-election and six other names were printed on the ballot.

The vote was as follows:

Wilson Bryan	113
Bryan Gartman	100
Frank McCabe	98
Delmir Sheppard	93
Chester Harwell	84
Mrs. Marvin Simpson	80
Floyd Harmon	80
Melvin Childress	78
L. E. Wink	67
E. C. Davis	55
A. B. Sheppard	46
Alvin Roberts	44
Roy Ross	36

The first seven will be declared elected and they will draw lots for the one, two and three year terms. New trustees will be Bryan Gartman and Floyd Harmon, succeeding L. E. Wink and E. C. Davis. The latter served as secretary the past two years.

Bryan Gartman resides in the old Sanco district, while Floyd Harmon lives just across the line west from the Wildcat district. These districts consolidated with Robert Lee last year and asked for representation on the school board.

Official canvass of the ballots will be made by the county commissioners court next Monday and new trustees will officially go into office May 1. However, new trustees of the Robert Lee district were expected to sit in at regular board meeting scheduled for Thursday night of this week.

Three new school board members elected at Silver were Fred Jameson, J. L. Legg and Robert Walker.

At Bronte Cecil Kemp and Mac Powell were re-elected. Brookshire and Oak districts, in the edge of Rannels county, voted strong to unite with Bronte. Each has an area of about 25 square miles.

Prospects Good For Bronte Test

An immediate test for oil in the Bronte townsite is in prospect this week. T. W. Murray of Texarkana is the prospective operator, and his location is No. 1 L. T. Youngblood in block 43. The location is on property just east of the Bronte Tractor Co. building, in the heart of the business district.

Information from reliable sources say Murray signed a contract to make the test if he can raise \$15,000 bottom hole money, giving him that much of a guarantee if the hole is dry. Reports Thursday indicated \$12,000 of the amount had already been pledged. Murray is associated with J. K. Wadley, well known independent oil man.

Placid No. 1 Robert Forman, on the north side of the highway a mile west of Bronte, was squeezing with cement to shut out water. The Forman test was shot with 40 quarts of nitro glycerine last Wednesday and unloaded with a big spray of oil and water.

J. K. Wadley No. 1 Sam Gray, 2 miles north of Bronte, was drill-

BCD Meeting Monday

Next Monday night is the regular meeting of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development, starting at 7:30 at the court house. A membership committee named two months ago has not made its canvass as yet, and activities of the organization are curtailed because of the apparent lack of interest. Cumbie Ivey, president of the BCD, has suggested it might be better to disband since a Lions club has been organized and could handle all the functions of a community club. The matter will likely be discussed at the Monday night session.

2-Day Easter Vacation; Seniors To Visit Gulf

Robert Lee schools will be dismissed next Thursday and Friday for a brief Easter vacation.

During the vacation period members of the senior class will take their trip which includes a tour of the southern part of the state. The group will visit San Antonio and the Alamo, Austin, Houston and Galveston. They plan to leave Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Willis Smith, chairman of the football banquet committee, has turned over \$23.23 to the high school athletic fund. This sum was left over after paying costs of the football dinner, and this disposition of the money was done with approval of all the football mothers.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin states the \$23.23 will be used toward paying the balance on the football jackets. This makes it possible for the athletic fund to finish the year without going into debt. All bills have been paid, and the athletic programs carried on the past year have entirely paid their own way, Goodwin added.

It is a fine showing for the school officials, since in some previous years it was necessary for the school district to make up athletic fund deficits.

Six weeks examinations have been under way in the high school this week, leaving only six more weeks in the present term. May 20 has been set as the closing day of school this spring.

Mrs. Bruce Clift and Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell were in Bronte on Thursday afternoon of last week when the former gave a review of "The Big Fisherman" before the Women's Progressive club in the home of Mrs. O. H. Willoughby.

The Matthew Capertons have moved to Bronte where the former is engaged in the automobile business with his father and brother. They had been living here with Mrs. Caperton's mother, Mrs. O. V. Looney.

R. Gaines is much improved this week after suffering a serious heart attack several days ago.

Mrs. V. H. Simpson was called to Monahans Saturday by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Burch.

ing Thursday at 3,450 feet.

Humble No. 2 Nannie Ash recovered 40 feet of gas-cut drilling mud in a drillstem test Thursday from 3,790 to 3,840 feet and will drill ahead.

Hickok & Reynolds and Dan Ault No. 2 E. C. Rawlings was drilling close to 4,200 feet. Pay section in the Palo Pinto is expected around 4,400 feet.

Humble No. 1 Nannie Ash was completed last week as a pumper for 130 barrels of 47.4 gravity oil plus 41 per cent water in 24 hours.

Sun Working Five Drilling Rigs Now; Reduced From 11

Sun Oil Company's operations in Coke county have been curtailed materially since the first of the year. Four rotary drilling rigs are now working in the Silver area, and only one test is going on in the new field west of Edith.

Two months ago Sun had eight rigs running at Silver and three in the Edith field.

Retrenchment is said to be due to the top heavy stock of crude oil in the country, the figure being something like 267 million barrels. The great surplus is said to have been caused by a mild winter in the north and eastern sections of the United States and imports of foreign oil.

Operators are trying to something about the latter. The oil surplus is being studied by congressional committee and an embargo on foreign crude is likely.

Production quotas have been cut drastically the past three months. During February Sun was allowed to produce only 23 days and the production for March has been reduced to 19 days.

Oil men don't know how long the present retrenchment policy will be in force. However, drilling rigs are said to be idle all over Texas and other oil producing states.

Sun No. 1 Central National Bank, Blanks Trustee-State Unit drilled to a 6,656 feet where it encountered salt water and no oil. Operators plugged back to 6,050 feet and set packer with 150 sacks of cement. A sand section from 5,920 to 6,010 feet was to be perforated Thursday with two shots per foot.

State River Tract Well No. 1 was drilling at 5,530 feet in shale. Hole is being angled to test formation under the Colorado River 200 feet south of the drilling rig.

Sun No. 6 Jewell Brannan was drilling Thursday in shale and sand at a depth of 5,576 feet.

No. 1 Billie Hanks, Sun wildcat two miles southeast of the nearest producer, pulled its 21st core Thursday. The formation was in light gray to tan lime, with no oil show. Total depth is 6,650. The test will be continued to the Ellenburger.

No. 3 Annie Cummings, a north-west outpost in Sun's new field west of Edith, was drilling at 5,345 feet in shale.

Buchanan Barber Shop Closes After 60 Years

Another landmark passed into history this week with the closing of the Buchanan barber shop.

J. N. Buchanan opened the shop in Robert Lee in 1889 when the county seat was moved here from Hayrick. He operated the business until his death a few years ago, and was succeeded by his son, Hubert.

Hubert is storing the fixtures and will leave this week for Galveston where he plans to take training for a position with the National Hotels company.

Sam Walker became ill here Wednesday forenoon and was rushed to the Bronte hospital for treatment. He is suffering from high blood pressure and other ailments. Mr. Walker carries several Silver pupils into the Robert Lee schools, and became ill a short time after arriving here.

10 Years Ago

(Items taken from The Observer files April 7, 1939.)

Mrs. Dorothy Davis and young daughter of Taft are here for a visit. Her father, W. B. Clift, met them at Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Melrose Russell and her young son, Byron Andrew, have returned from a San Angelo hospital. Young Byron was born March 24, and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

The senior class of Robert Lee high school left today on a trip to Carlsbad Caverns.

Joe Long Snead and family and Bob Lee Davis of Midland were weekend visitors in town.

Compliance checks amounting to \$35,000 have been issued here the past week to farmers and ranchmen.

In the school trustee election held Saturday Raymond Jay was re-elected and Bryan Gartman went in as a new member. H. A. Williams

was elected trustee at large.

Mrs. Jay Lee Chatham was honored with a housekeeping shower at the home of Mrs. Jim Clift. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Lowell Roane, Mrs. W. E. Dixon, Mrs. Johnny Hamilton and Mrs. Buster Pierce.

LaRue Millican, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Millican, spent the weekend with home folks and returned Sunday to San Angelo where she has been attending business college the past 12 months.

J. S. Craddock received a letter from the Highway Commission regarding the Colorado City-Robert Lee highway and the contents gave assurance that everything possible was being done to have the work started.

Mickey Rooney and Spencer Tracy were starred in "Boys Town" at the Alamo theater.

Local food prices: Potatoes, 10 lbs. 15c; sliced bacon, 23c; Gladiola flour, 50 lbs. 1.45.

Garden Club Meeting

Miniature flower arrangements were the center of interest at a recent meeting of El Valle Garden Club in the home of Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, with Mrs. Palmer Leeper as co hostess. Many novel and dainty arrangements were displayed, with Mrs. W. B. Clift winning 1st place and Mrs. B. A. Austin, second. A talk on Mums was given by Mrs. W. J. Cumbie and a dahlia quiz was conducted by Mrs. Jack Lassiter. Refreshments were served to 18 members and one guest. Mrs. J. F. McCabe, Jr., club president, was in charge of the business session.

The Observer acknowledges a renewal of the subscription of Mrs. Carl Haddock of Pharr, Texas. She said she had been in bed for two weeks following an injury, but is improved now. Mrs. Pharr adds that she enjoys The Observer, thus hearing about people she grew up with in Coke county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Escue, Jr. and daughter, Janice, came over from San Angelo for a weekend visit with Robert Lee relatives.

Robert Lee Wins 18-B Track Meet

Scoring heavily in each of the 14 events, Robert Lee roared away with the District 18-B track and field meet held at San Angelo college Saturday with 73 1-2 points, as compared with Mertzon's 37 1-2 second place total.

In the senior meet, new records were set in the 100 yard dash and 220-yard low hurdles by Joe Thetford, John Bruton in the shotput and Royce Smith in the pole vault. Robert Lee also set a new record in running the mile relay.

The locals also placed well in the junior high and gradeschool events. Bronte was third with 32 points and Gerald Sandusky of Bronte set a new record for the high hurdles.

Following is a list of Coke county winners:

Senior Meet

100 yd dash—Thetford of Robert Lee, 1st; Stevens Bronte, 2nd; Sandusky, Bronte, 4th. Time, 10.7 seconds, a new record.

200 yd. dash—Havins of Robert Lee, 1st; Stevens, Bronte, 2nd; Clark, Bronte, 3rd. Time, 24.2 seconds.

440 yd. dash—Smith, Robert Lee, 2nd; Stevens, Bronte, 3rd.

880 yd. run—Bobbie Seltz, Robert Lee, 2nd; Arrott, Bronte, 4th. Mile run—Brown, Bronte, 2nd; McGallian and Percifull, Robert Lee, 3rd and 4th.

Discus—John Bruton, Robert Lee, 1st; Bill Blair, Robert Lee, 2nd. Distance, 105 ft. 10 inches.

Shot Put—Bruton, 1st; Bobby Hood, Robert Lee, tied for second. Distance, 41 ft. 3 inches, breaking previous record of 39 ft. 10 inches.

440 yd. relay—Mertzon, 1st; Robert Lee, 2nd. New record of 49.7 seconds. Bronte had the best time of 49.3 seconds but was disqualified.

Mile relay—Robert Lee, 1st (Blair, Havins, J. Cue Varnadore and Smith) new record of 4 minutes and three-tenths second.

Broad jump—Thetford of Robert Lee and Stevens, Bronte, tied for second and third, Sandusky, Bronte, 4th.

High jump—Smith, Robert Lee, 1st; Blair, Robert Lee, 2nd; Thetford of Robert Lee and Stevens, Bronte, tied for 3rd. Height, 5 ft. 7 1-2 inches.

High hurdles—Sandusky of Bronte, 1st; Blair, Robert Lee, 2nd; Rusk, Bronte, 3rd. Time, 17.5 seconds, a new record.

Low hurdles—Thetford, Robert Lee, 1st; Sandusky, Bronte, 2nd; Rusk, Bronte, 3rd; Havins, Robert Lee, 4th. Time, 24.8 seconds, a new record. Buddy Havins was timed at 23.9 seconds in the preliminaries.

Pole vault—Smith, Havins and Percifull, took 1st, second and third for Robert Lee. Height, 10 ft. 4 inches, a new record. Old record of 10 feet set by Havins in 1948.

Junior High Events

50 yd. dash—Lofton, Robert Lee, 3rd.

100 yd. dash—Lofton, 4th.

High jump—Sparks, Robert Lee, 1st; Bloodworth, Robert Lee, tied for 2nd; Sheppard, Robert Lee tied for 4th.

Broad jump—Sheppard, 2nd; Lofton, 3rd.

Grade School

50 yd. dash—Bill Havins, Robert Lee, 3rd; Don Duncan, Robert Lee, 4th.

100 yd. dash—Gentry, Bronte, 1st; Havins, Robert Lee, 2nd.

Broad jump—Robertson, Robert Lee, 2nd; Havins, Robert Lee, 4th.

High jump—Robertson, 1st; Gentry, 2nd; Lord of Robert Lee tied for third.

440 yd. relay—Robert Lee, 3rd; Bronte, 4th.

A little want ad will sell it.

New Roof for Church

The Robert Lee Methodist church was covered with a new composition roof last week. Harrison Roofing Co. of San Angelo took the contract at \$400 and the job is guaranteed. Re-decorating the interior for the church auditorium is planned for the immediate future.

Installs New Generator

West Texas Utilities has completed preparations for installing a new 20,000 h. p. turbo generator at its Abilene power plant. When the unit goes into operation this summer, it will have taken more than four years to have completed the project. The new generator will provide additional electric power for the industrial and agricultural development of West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay of Childress were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. They were accompanied by Mr. Kay's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Kay.

J. M. Rippetoe, wife and daughters of Bronte were Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. Mamie Littlefield. The ladies are sisters.

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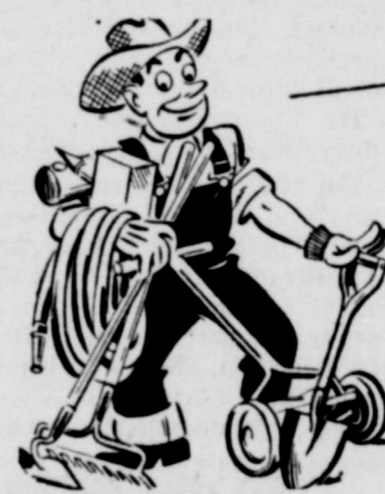
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Court House Filings

Warranty Deeds

P E Berndt to W J Gideon, lot 2, blk 16, Bronte. \$60.

Jimmy M Weddington et al to Lou Whiteside et al, NW quarter of SE quarter Sec 291, 1-A H&TC.

John Brown and wife to Will Percifull, W half lot 3, blk 44, A & N LC addn Robert Lee. \$2,750.

W B Bessent to Lee Hallmark, 210 acres out of E edge George Allen Survey 1, ex one-half royalty. \$12,300.

C C Glenn and wife to J A Percifull, lot 7, blk 51, Bronte. \$7,000.

Oil, Gas Leases

W J Pairish to Jack A Strouble and B L Coulson, lots 2-3-4-5-6, blk 53, Bronte. \$1.10 revenue stamps.

Taylor Emerson to W W Bradley of Gregg county, lot 5, blk 80, Bronte. \$1.10 stamps.

Ava Maxwell to S E Adams, SW quarter and S half SE quarter, Sec 432 1-A H&TC, 240 acres. Assigned to W H Bryant.

Mrs. Ara Scott to W H Bryant, 480 acres. Darwin H Scott to Bryant, 1-5th interest, \$1,800.

Mrs. Ara Scott, guardian, to W H Bryant, 40 acres in Sur 429 and 430, 1-A H&TC. \$4,800. Also 3-5ths und interest, \$600.

Royalty Deeds

Nannie Ash to Gladys Mae Sims, undivided 3-8ths 241 acres out of Stanton Fields Survey No 1. Also 7-16ths interest to Merle Ash Billingsley and 7-16ths interest to Glads Mae Ash Sims in 110 acres out of Stanton Fields survey.

C M Cobb and wf to B F Phillips. 1-32nd interest in Sec 278, S half and NW quarter Sec 279 and SW quarter Sec 241, blk 2 H&TC, 1,280 acres. Also same interst sold to Phillips by John L Patterson and wife and M K Sparks and wife. \$5.50 revenue stamps on each transaction.

Soil Conservation District News

By keeping close check on the range grasses that my sheep utilized last year, I am convinced that Side Oats Grama grass is a better grass than Buffalo or Curley Mesquite, Raymond Schooler, a district cooperater with the Coke County SCD, reported. The sheep would graze around Buffalo and Curley Mesquite and pick out the Side oats grama grass. This has convinced me that if we are to protect our better range grasses, we are going to need to work out a deferred and rotation grazing system, Schooler said.

Construction of seven and one-half miles of terraces and a diversion terrace 1800 feet long was completed this week on F. A. Whitt's farm located two miles west of Silver. The terraces and the diversion terrace are a part of Whitt's complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan that he is applying. Whitt is a district cooperater with the Coke County SCD and a member of the River Conservation Group.

Delmir Sheppard, Ed Hickman, and Raymond Schooler seeded twenty-five acres of Madrid sweet clover last week. The clover will be used as a grazing crop as well as a soil building crop. The clover seeding is a part of each of the land owners complete plan they are applying on their farms and ranches.

A. V. Hughes completed the development of a complete soil and water conservation plan on his farm last week. The plan included terracing, contour farming, seeding of cover crops, protecting crop stubble, construction of a farm pond, and seeding of native and introduced grasses. Personnel of the Soil Conservation Service assisted Hughes with the development of his plan.

Mrs. Wanda Smith, bookkeeper at the Ivey Motor Co., has been awarded a membership in the Ford Dealers Accountants Club in recognition of her excellent reports made regularly to the Ford Motor Company. Mrs. Smith, the former Wanda Mauldin, has been with the Ivey company nearly three years.

Methodist Youth Meeting

The local Methodist Youth Fellowship will be hosts to approximately one hundred young people from the Methodist churches in the sub-district around San Angelo Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.

The program planned for their entertainment includes worship, a business session, recreation and refreshments. The chief speaker will be the Rev. C A. Greenwaldt conference youth director, who will be here conducting a revival.

Mrs. Cortez Russell will play for the group as they are assembling in the church auditorium. Miss Patty Taylor, sub-district secretary, will conduct the worship service which will include a duet by Don Lewis and Maudie Watson and a reading by Mrs. Ross Welch. The theme for the program will be "An Evaluation of Our Heritage."

Ivan Donaldson, Jr., of San Angelo, Conference Director of Recreation, will have charge of the recreation. Ladies of the local church will serve as hostesses and will prepare the refreshments to serve the young people before they

return to their homes.

The local MYF will also dedicate a large picture of Sallman's Head of Christ, their gift to the church. Funds for the purchase of this beautiful worship center, to be hung in the sanctuary, have been earned by the young people.

Folks You Know

Carrie Catherine Rabb is recovering from a recent appendectomy underwent at Shannon hospital and resumed her classes as a high school senior this week. Guests over the weekend in the home of their mother, Mrs. Otis Rabb, were Mrs. Garland Morris of Abilene and Wilfred Rabb of Odessa.

Archie Goad and wife of Fritch Tex., spent the weekend with their cousins, the Fred Campbells and Wayne McCabes, and other relatives.

Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good went to Ozona for a weekend visit in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker. Fred Bruce Parker, 2 years old, accompanied his grandparents home for a weeks visit.

Javan Vosburg and family and Edward Pierce and wife of San Angelo visited Sunday at Ballinger with the E. R. Vosburgs.

Bill Craddock and family of Colorado City were Sunday guests of Mrs Craddock's parents, the Freeman Clarks.

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Editorial

Hardeman Speaks Up

Our congratulations to Senator Dorsey Hardeman for taking a firm stand against the so-called Basic Science bill in the legislature. Dorsey sent a letter to the Tom Green Eight County Medical Society and didn't beat around the bush. He says the state has had a basic science law for forty years, and suggested that the medicos direct their efforts to having it enforced.

The senator pointed out that during recent years the political dictatorship of the American Medical Association directed by its secretary, Morris Fishbein, has been embroiled in many useless and expensive lawsuits and court house activities in an effort to eliminate and stifle competition.

Senator Hardeman hit the nail on the head with this statement: "There are literally thousands of people in this great land of ours who are unable to obtain adequate treatment and hospitalization because of the terrible expense involved."

"What low income bracket family has not felt the effects of these excessive charges and expenses incurred in the birth of babies. With \$50 as the former standard fee for such it has now more than trebled. A \$150 per month salary cannot pay for such and the medical profession may as well get wise to

itself. These matters, if solved by the medical doctors, quickly and effectively, will defeat the entire idea and program of socialized medicine."

The senator charged that Morris Fishbein is now raising a slush fund of 3 million dollars, a large part of which is exacted from unwilling donors who fear retribution and retaliation. He suggests the huge sum might far better be diverted to a humane cause in the interest of the public health and then there would be no need for present political activities.

Farmers and ranchmen took over the Robert Lee Independent School Board of Trustees in last Saturday's election, defeating the only business man on the ticket. Very likely voters did not stop to think what they were doing and what the result will be. The Observer felt the board members should be distributed around, but folks went too far. There is a great convenience in having a board president and secretary located where they can easily be contacted. Every day almost school matters come up for immediate attention, making it necessary for the superintendent to confer with some of the trustees. What we are getting around to say is that Doo-dad Davis should have been re-elected. He hadn't been on the board very long and he worked hard to help make a better school. Business men bear the brunt of a lot of school activities, and they, too, have a right to be represented on the school board. They even have kids and pay taxes.

A new feature to appear in The Observer each week is "Speer Law Points." The author was a justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for nine years, a commissioner to the Supreme Court four years, served as counsel for the State Banking Department and assistant Attorney General. He has written more than 2,000 legal opinions and helped prepare twice as many more, all dealing with Texas law. Mr. Speer will be 90 years old this month, but his health is good, his eyes clear and his will to work is not on the wane. He says he has no desire to retire, but wants to continue writing law to the end. We believe Observer readers will find the column highly interesting.

Down in San Angelo they sold a bunch of those city lots that had been taken over for delinquent taxes, and the taxing districts not only got in their tax money but made a profit besides. Here in Robert Lee the county, school and city can collect quite a sum by cleaning up the delinquent taxes on a lot of unimproved property. There is a big demand for building lots. The matter has been presented to the proper officials, and action is awaited.

This week the publisher begins his fourth year as owner of The Observer. The first entry on our cash book back in April 1946 was \$2.00 from Charlie Thompson. Our friend Charlie was in this week on the dot to renew his subscription.

SILVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Walker honored their daughter, LaRue, on her 11th birthday with a party on Tuesday night, March 29th. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream, pink and blue cookies, cokes and Easter candy were served to the following:

Dick and Don Asher, Billie Preston, Bobby Hugh Odom, J. Weldon Phillips, Colleen and Adeline Sole, Bill and Earl Robertson, Mary Ann and Peggy Snyder, Jerry Gassiot, Syble Rose, Wanda, Bobby and Claudia Walker and the honoree Boneta Robertson and Leslie Nell Wink of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rogers and son spent a few days this week in Big Spring with the former's parents, the R. W. Rogers.

Visitors at the Church of Christ Sunday afternoon services were Ed Gray, Mrs. N. C. Brown, Mrs. Jennie Bilbo of Robert Lee and Brother Idus England and family of Abilene.

Esther Louise Allen spent the weekend in San Angelo with relatives and friends.

Folks, don't forget that Friday night, April 8th, at 8 o'clock at the Silver School is the place to go for some real entertainment. The play

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"Deacon Dubbs" will be presented. Also some special numbers have been arranged.

The O. L. Snyder family spent the weekend in Eastland and Gorman with Mrs. J. Snyder and Mrs. E. A. Mahon.

Syble Ruth Rose was a State Winner in the Junior Bible Memory contest at Texas Baptist Training Union convention in Abilene last week. There were 60 contestants in her age group for that particular contest from all parts of the state.

Mrs. L. H. Shore of Hereford came to Silver last week and accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Aaron E. Rose, and Syble Ruth to the three day Texas Baptist State Training Convention in Abilene, March 31, April 1st and 2nd Over 7000 Baptists from all parts of Texas attended this convention.

Training Union

During the week of March 21 to March 28 a Training School was held for members of the Training Union of Silver Baptist Church. Around 47 awards will be given for completion of the various Study Course Books. Training School average attendance was 41.

Mrs. S. E. Adams from Odessa came from Odessa to teach the Adult Manual. Mrs. W. O. McLeod stayed all week to teach the Intermediate Book, "Training in Christian Service." Mr. Aaron Rose taught the Junior Manual

and Mrs. Rose taught the Primary Book "Stories about Birds and Animals."

Silver W. M. S.

W. M. S. of Silver Baptist Church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. M. H. Martin for regular monthly Royal Service program, "Christ the Answer for Rural Churches." Following the program a business session was held and Mrs. Ray Miles was appointed Overseas Relief Committee Chairman. Quarterly reports were filled out and handed to the Secretary to mail.

An attractive refreshment plate with coffee, ice cream, cake roll and a nest of Easter Eggs was served to 8 members.

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SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Guests in the J. L. Carwile, Sr. home on Sunday were J. B. Cole and wife of Bronte and Ernest Adkins and wife.

Mrs. Herman Carwile and youngest daughter, Jane, of Carlsbad, N. Mex., visited relatives and friends here Friday night. They also visited in San Angelo with her father, W. R. Thomason.

Visiting in the Truman Gartman home Sunday were her brother and wife and T. A. Gartman, Jr. of Sterling City.

Teddy Pitcock and wife entertained a group of friends Friday night with an April Fool and 42 party. Those present included the Weldon Fikes family, the Ira M. Birds, Douglas Gartmans, Truitt Arbuckles, Junior Devoll and Henry Carwile.

Visitors at the Roy Wyatts Saturday night were the Truitt Arbuckle and Raymond Richardson families.

Callers Sunday afternoon at the Sam Fowler home included Roy Wyatt and children, Jane, Nettie, Robert and Bonnie Jean Gartman and Charles and Eva Fowler.

The John Allens left Sunday for Corsicana to attend funeral and reburial services for their son, Cecil.

The Horton Devolls went to Sweetwater Sunday to visit with their daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, the former Zella Devoll.

Paul Killam and wife and Mrs. Aubrey McKinley took the young peoples group from Sanco over to the Evangelical Methodist church at San Angelo Sunday night.

Charles and Waddy Fowler went to San Angelo Monday on business.

Zelda Caraway spent Sunday with her parents in Blackwell

Joe Starling of Midland visited among friends here one day last week. He is a former West Texas Utilities employee and resided here when Robert Lee was first wired for electricity.

WANT ADS

For Sale or Rent—5 room house and two lots. Inquire at Observer office.

For Sale—Ford tractor with equipment. New rubber and new motor. Fred McDonald, Jr. 36tf

Lost—17 inch Chevrolet wheel and tire. Dalton Millican, Silver.

For Sale—1941 International winch truck, Tulsa oil field bed and winch, 2-speed axle, good condition, fully equipped. Butane Service Co., Bronte, Texas. tf

For Rent—Three room nicely furnished house. Phone 95 or see Mrs E. T. Sparks. c

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Speer Law Points

FOREWORD

By OCIE SPEER

I have undertaken to write a weekly law letter for publication in the press. It is not for lawyers, courts or even students of law. I shall write upon such narrow subjects as will be of practical use to laymen. The law is a subject of such comprehensive scope as to compass volume upon volume. It is ever changing; old laws are repealed and new ones are being constantly enacted. This is as it should be, because laws are made for society, and social and economic conditions change with the years. The law is not static, it is dynamic. A code can not be written once for all times. It's process is by the trial and error method.

These letters are to be short and concise, not in the style of a jurist, nor yet of the lawyer briefing his case to the court. I shall be plain, not ornate. I shall choose my words with which everyone is familiar. The French writer Talleyrand wrote:

"Words were invented to conceal ideas." I want to publicize ideas not to conceal them.

In these letters I cannot undertake to answer questions. I am not counsel to my reader friends. You will find lawyers near whose advice will be specific. There is a law for every fact.

I shall attempt to be accurate in my statements of the law, as it is in Texas. The laws of the different states vary in many respects. I shall try to avoid procedural matters and deal only with substantial things. It is conceivable that any article of this series may be of value to the one reading it far in excess of his subscription to the paper publishing it. So, for once you may be getting something

for nothing. If you have legal problems, present or prospective, consult your lawyer precisely as you would consult your doctor if you had appendicitis, or go to your favorite cafe if you were hungry.

My medicine is preventive not curative. I am not competing with the lawyers, nor yet am I boosting them. My work is educational and not professional as a lawyer. I love

the law as a passion, and my brethren of the law share in this passion.

It is true Shakespeare once said: "First, let's kill all the lawyers." But no one has ever done anything about it.

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- 9—U.S. took over protection of Greenland, 1941
- 10—American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals founded, 1866
- 11—First submarine accepted by the U. S., 1900.
- 12—German plane "Bremer" makes flight to America, 1928.
- 13—Fort Sumpter surrenders, 1861.
- 14—Pierre Laval restored to power by Marshal Petain, 1942.
- 15—Abraham Lincoln died, 1865.

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Folks You Know

Mrs. W. J. Garrett and niece, Jamie Bilbo, came down from Big Spring for a weekend visit with relatives and friends. Jamie has a good position with the Big Spring daily newspaper. She is a journalism graduate of Sul Ross.

Marcus Turner and wife spent Sunday in Winters where the former gave a blood transfusion to a cousin.

Bill Ratliff and daughter, Billie Fay, of San Angelo and P. E. Mahon and wife visited Sunday at Blackwell with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Ratliff.

Bobbie Baker spent the weekend in the Claud Dean home near Weatherford.

Mrs. Marcus Turner returned this week to her position with the Ivey Electric Co. after an enforced vacation of more than three months on account of illness. During her absence Mrs. E. C. Davis has assisted her husband in managing the business.

Calvin Wallace and daughter, Edna Mae, and E. C. Davis attended a singing convention Sunday at Lake View.

Tiny Hurley went to Junction for a weekend visit with her parents, the Elbert Hurleys.

Kenneth, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob L. Davis of Pecos, is being treated at a San Angelo hospital for complications following the measles.

The Herman Carwile family of Carlsbad, N. Mex., visited among relatives here the past week while in Robert Lee they renewed their subscription to The Observer.

S. R. Young and wife were among those who attended the Baptist state meet in Abilene the last of the week.

Mrs. Q. B. Jacobs was returned home Sunday after being a patient several days at St. John's hospital in San Angelo. She is much improved.

Carl Brock and wife motored to Austin for a visit the last of the week with the Bill Lloyds. Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Lloyd are sisters.

J. F. McCabe, Jr. and wife made a business trip to San Antonio the first of the week.

Mrs. Billie Green is now employed in the AAA office here.

Mrs. Genie Baker entertained a group of 12 children last Tuesday at a party honoring the eighth birthday of her daughter, Sandra Kay. Games were enjoyed and the hostess served ice cream and cake. Sandra Kay received a number of nice gifts.

Robert Lee Takes Literary Laurels

Robert Lee sacked up the literary division of the District 18-B interscholastic league tournament held at San Angelo college last Friday.

The local entries piled up a total of 90 points with both grade and high school contestants, while Water Valley was second with 80 points. Third was Wall with 69, and Bronte was fourth with 63.

Robert Lee was awarded an elegant trophy for being the highest scoring team in the literary events, and is a strong contender for the trophy to be presented to the school scoring the greatest number of points combined. Robert Lee walked off with the track and field meet on Saturday, but soft ball and tennis matches remain to be played this weekend.

Following is a list of Robert Lee placings:

High School Events

Boys Declamation—John L. Bruton, 1st.

Girls Declamation—Lannell Landers, 2nd.

Spelling—Team of Edna Mae Wallace and Bonita Childress, 1st.

Boys Extemporaneous Speech—Ralph Calder, 2nd.

Typing—Bonita Childress, 1st; Bobby Earl Seltz, 2nd.

Ready Writers—Mary Ann Calder, 2nd.

Grade School Events

Boys Declamation—Stanley Adams, 2nd.

Story Telling—Darlene Lofton, 2nd.

Spelling—(4th and 5th grades) Voleta Harwell and Mary Jo Clawson, tied for second. (7th and 8th grades) Johnnie Beth Snead and Wanda Reid, 2nd.

Ready Writers—Johnnie Beth Snead, 2nd.

San Angelo Horse Show

Entries in the San Angelo Horse Show and Cutting Horse contest, scheduled for May 13-15, must be in by April 15. James F. Grote, secretary-manager, announced Wednesday a number of Coke county breeders plan to exhibit in the show. Entry applications and general rules and regulations may be obtained by writing the San Angelo Horse Show, Box 712, San Angelo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Keyes and daughter Koleta, visited in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell, over the weekend. They reside in Christoval.

Death of Raymond Hamilton

Raymond Hamilton, 43, died last Thursday at Winters from a brain hemorrhage. He was ill only two days. Mr. Hamilton was a life long resident of the Winters community and was an employee of the Highway Department. Surviving are his wife and three children, Durward, Farrell Dean and Neva Joyce. He was a brother of Johnnie Hamilton and an uncle of Genie Baker of Robert Lee. The Bakers and Hamiltons attended the funeral Friday afternoon at the Methodist church in Winters.

Death of John Carter

Word has been received of the death of John Carter, whose passing occurred last Friday night of a heart attack at his home in Baltimore, Md. Mr. Carter was born and raised in the Valley View community, southeast of Robert Lee, and was a son of the late H. C. Carter, well known early day Coke county preacher. John was engaged in the manufacturing business with two brothers at Baltimore. He is a brother of Claude Carter of Harlingen.

Mrs. J. C. Slaughter spent several days this week in Winters visiting her sisters, Mrs. L. F. Wilson and Mrs. J. R. Dry.

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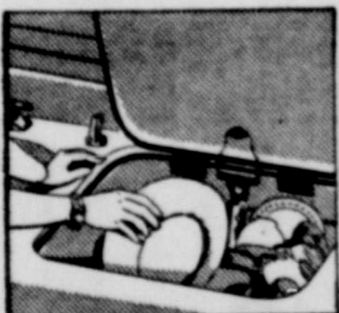
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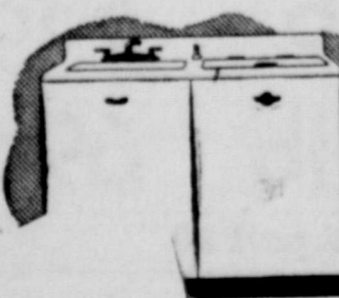
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