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## Hospital Bonds Will Not Raise County Tax Rate

Mounting interest is apparent over the special election Saturday, July 16, when voters will decide the county hospital issue. This is the second and final vote on the proposition.

Fifteen months ago a Coke county hospital proposal was submitted and carried by a majority of 162 votes. It authorized the commissioners court to issue \$50,000 in time warrants to construct and equip a hospital.

When bids were called for it was found the project was going to cost around \$80,000. Later a federal aid grant was approved for one-third the cost. Plans were revised with specifications made to fit federal requirements, and capacity of the hospital was increased to 12 beds.

Recently new bids were obtained and the low figure was \$73,388 for the building alone. An estimated \$15,000 will be necessary for equipment, making the total cost under \$90,000. That leaves about \$60,000 cost to the county, with a federal grant of \$30,000.

When the commissioners were ready to let a contract the other day, a remonstrance was filed by folks from the east part of the county, which made it necessary for another election.

This time voters will decide whether bonds not to exceed \$75,000 shall be issued for the construction of a hospital. Of course the full amount will not be necessary since a low bid has already been received.

A committee representing the Robert Lee Board of Community Development is preparing a statement on the hospital issue which will be published next week.

It has been pointed out that bonds voted for the hospital must be retired from the 25 cents permanent improvement fund. Thus it will not mean an increase in taxes, since the full 25 cents permanent improvement fund (usually referred to as court house and jail) has been levied in Coke county for many years.

### Absentee Ballots

Persons interested in putting over the county hospital bond issue at the election July 16, should obtain an absent voters ballot if they expect to be away from home on election day. Applications for absentee ballots should be made either by mail or in person at the office of Willis Smith, County Clerk.

Ivey Motor Co. reports the sale of two new Ford passenger cars this week. S. B. Cragin of Robert Lee received a 2-door model, while T. G. Sexton of Robert Lee purchased a 4 door sedan.

For Sale—Roasting ears, ready now, plenty for canning. Phone or see Lee Roberts.

Curtis Yarbrough, wife and little son of San Angelo spent the week-end with Robert Lee relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker and son, Fred Bruce, came from Ozona for a weekend visit in the parental Paul Good home.

Fred Henson, popular Robert Lee merchant, is ill this week with a recurrence of an old illness, and has been taken to Dallas for treatment.

J. D. Harmon this week purchased a Fleetline 2-door Chevrolet sedan from John D. Harvey, new Chevrolet dealer in Robert Lee.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

June 17, 1949

Mr. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Publisher  
Robert Lee Observer  
Robert Lee, Texas

My dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

It is my great pleasure to offer official and personal congratulations to Coke County and the Robert Lee Observer on their respective 60th anniversaries.

Texas has watched with a great deal of pride as Coke County developed and grew in economic stature during the last several years. Productive oil wells, paved highways, water and soil conservation programs and a new County hospital are to be counted among your most prominent assets.

Above all, the character and attitude of Coke County people continue to be worthy of their great Texas heritage.

Your newspaper has always played a leading role in those things that have made for progress in Coke County. To you and the people of Coke County go my heartiest best wishes for continued happiness, prosperity and community usefulness.

Sincerely yours,

## Coke on the Boom; Has Great Future

Coke County has experienced its greatest advancement during the past three years than at any time in its history.

Chief cause of the economic upturn has been the oil development. Starting with Sun's strike on Allen Jameson property near Silver, a highly valuable field was discovered which ultimately may see 150 high producing wells in the north-western part of the county.

The oil development spread. Some production was located north and west of Sanco, and Sun last year opened a promising new field west of Edith where six excellent wells are now producing high gravity crude oil.

Wildcat drilling continued in other parts of the county, but the only other important strike has been a mile west of Bronte where Hickok & Reynolds and Dan Auld, independent operators, and Humble are getting some excellent production from the Palo Pinto lime around 4,400 feet.

Operators have curtailed their drilling operations drastically during recent months. Main reason is the surplus of oil which is now above ground. Up until the first of year, there was an apparent shortage.

Most of Coke county is leased for oil, and a lot of bonus money has been received by land owners. Many blocks have been leased with

the expectation of drilling in the next few years. Rumors of two or more new wildcat tests in the county later this year seem well founded.

Oil has brought prosperity to many lease and royalty owners. It has furnished jobs for several hundred men at good wages. It has nearly doubled the taxing value of the county, thus providing a big increase in taxes for new improvements.

Robert Lee, Silver and Bronte have grown in population and these towns are finding it possible to build new homes and business houses.

Biggest projects which should be realized in the immediate future are the Coke county hospital, completion of the east and west highway from Robert Lee to Edith and new water supplies for Robert Lee and Bronte.

At the same time farm and ranch prospects are excellent, with a several years drouth broken up by abundant rains during the first half of 1949.

Yes, Coke county is on the boom.

### Luncheon Postponed

The bi-weekly luncheon of the Board of Community Development will be postponed one week until Monday, July 11, because of the 4th of July holiday next Monday.

Frank Dickey, Jr. is spending the summer at Yellowstone National Park where he is a swimming supervisor.



## Gov. Jester Extends His Congratulations

The Observer publisher is proud to have received the above congratulatory letter from Gov. Beauford Jester on the occasion of Coke County's and this newspaper's 60th Anniversary.

Coke county folks took a liking to Jester when he first entered the governor's race and they have given him a majority in every election.

We're going to invite him up if and when the pavement to Edith is completed.

## Coke County And Observer Reach 60th Birthdays

This week's Observer commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the organization of Coke County, and it is also the 60th birthday of The Robert Lee Observer.

The newspaper was founded in June, 1889, and the first few years was known as the Coke County Rustler. Early day files are missing. The paper has been published regularly and continuously since its beginning.

An edition of this nature should be twice as large if it would present a complete history of the activities of this community over the past sixty years, along with biographical sketches of the people.

This issue has not touched upon the history of Coke county, but has endeavored to emphasize progress of the past few years, while directing attention to the individuals who are responsible for our present period of outstanding achievement.

The publisher is grateful for the fine cooperation received from business and civic leaders. Advertising support lacks only a trifle of being 100 per cent. Some of our pictures are not too good, but we'll do better with our new camera in the future.

We realize some worthy projects and individuals have been overlooked. But we've worked diligently over a period of several weeks, and have done the best job we could with a limited staff and a small newspaper plant.

The publisher wishes to thank our old friend, Mr. E. W. Hamm, who assisted with the advertising solicitation and contributed many special business write-ups. We especially appreciate the fine work of our 16-year-old son, Tommy, who took most of the pictures and did the presswork, and the untiring efforts of our two capable office assistants, Chrystelle Mathers and Bertie Mae Gaines.

### Building New Home

Construction is well along on a new home being built by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCabe, Jr. It is located on a 2 3/4 acre tract, 3 blocks north of the school house, purchased from Arthur Tubb. The house has ground dimensions of 28 x 52 feet and is of frame construction. It has five room and an attached garage. Ray Gentry of San Angelo is the contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tinkler are the parents of a daughter born at 11 a. m. June 28 at a San Angelo hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and has been given the name of Barbara Ann. She has a sister, Nancy Sheryl, 2 years old. Grandparents are Mrs. Mattie Tinkler of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Phinney of Marble Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lloyd of Austin are parents of a daughter born June 25. The baby weighed 7 1/2 pounds and has been named Linda Sue. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Burgess of Robert Lee and Mrs. I. E. Lloyd of Eola. Mrs. Burgess is with her daughter.

Baker-Taylor have stacked their rotary rig near Wingate where they recently drilled a wildcat producer for Fred Manning, Ft. Worth independent operator. They expect to get another location in that block.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCabe, Jr. spent a few days last week in Del Rio with the Horace Scotts.

## Miles Wins 18-7; There's A Reason

Robert Lee was defeated at Miles last Sunday 18 to 7, but in some ways the contest wasn't nearly as bad as the score indicates.

In the first place, Robert Lee's star pitcher, Clarence Tinkler, was left at home because of illness, and two other absentees were Ike Lowenstein and Gene Bond.

Talman Millican, regular first sacker, did the throwing for Robert Lee and when he left the mound in the seventh inning Miles had only a scant lead of 8 to 7. Chilly Tinkler worked the remainder of the inning and started the eighth. He couldn't stop the Miles sluggers, and Troy McKinney took a turn at hurling.

It looked like the side would never be ret red. Fourteen batters came up during the disastrous eighth. They made seven hits, one of them a home run, and there were three errors and a walk, which netted nine runs. Millican wasn't in condition to pitch, but he proved that he will be valuable in the future when his services are required on the mound.

Robert Lee did some slugging, too, and the lead changed hands several times during the first seven innings. The contest started with John Conley slapping the first pitch over the right fielder's head for a three-bagger, and Chilly brought him home with a single.

Miles scored twice in their half of the initial frame, then the Lees went ahead with three counters in the second. With one out, Pete Hickman drove a hit to left and Ivey was safe on an error. Lawrence Higgins rapped a single through short. Conley came through with a two-bagger this time out in right field and McKinney singled.

Miles tallied once in the second and went ahead 5 to 4 with two runs in the third. Robert Lee tied the count at 5-all in the fifth. With two out Nolan Gotcher was safe on an error. Pete Hickman lined a beauty between center and right field, scoring Gotcher. It was a home run clout, and Pete came roaring home, but was called out for not touching third base.

Miles again went ahead by scoring once in their half of the fifth. Hits by Higgins and McKinney and an error in the infield gave Robert Lee two tallies in the sixth, and the score was 7 to 6 in Robert Lee's favor going into the seventh. The Lees had a great scoring opportunity in the seventh when Millican, J. C. Gotcher and Nolan Gotcher hit safely to fill the bases with none out. Hickman hit into a double play and Auten flied out to short.

Brandy Ray was pretty cocky over the victory. He don't know how lucky he was in getting the Robert Lee club off balance. Clarence Tinkler let Miles down with 4 hits when they played here a few weeks ago.

## SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Mrs. Ernest Adkins and Joy have returned from a ten days trip to Douglas, Ariz. They were accompanied by Mrs. Montgomery, who remained to spend the summer with her son, Thomas.

The young girls cleaned up the Tabernacle Monday, getting it ready for the Baptist Revival which starts Friday.

Bro. and Mrs. Fike took dinner with the Harvey Reids Sunday. That afternoon Bro. Fike was ordained at the Park Heights Baptist Church in San Angelo. Bryan Gartman, Mrs. Ernest Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman and Mrs. Robert Walker went from Sanco to the services.

Bro. Shanahan, former pastor at Sanco, will preach at the Revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wyatt and Roy Wyatt and wife went to San Angelo to be with their daughter and sister, Elgene, who underwent surgery Monday morning.

Leo Prine and wife began dressing chickens again last week. They have raised some fine broilers, and lost only one from a flock of 600.



## Mrs. L. C. Steffey Is 100 Years Old

Mrs. L. C. Steffey, former well known Robert Lee resident, observed her 100th birthday on Tuesday, June 7. She still owns her ranch property north of here but for the past ten years has made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Edna Burton at 1312 East Arlington, in Ft. Worth.

According to a news story in the Star-Telegram, Mrs. Steffey has fairly good health, considering her age. Her memory isn't too good, but she remembers a childhood at her birthplace, Fayetteville, Va., where she started to school at the age of 8 and gave up her formal education three years later. Despite a limited time spent in class rooms, Mrs. Steffey is a well informed woman.

She read the dictionary studiously until her eyesight dimmed and with her self taught vocabulary she read widely.

The way to live a long time, says Mrs. Steffey, is to work hard and enjoy living. Mrs. Burton adds that she believes her mother's long, healthy life has been due to a happy disposition and freedom from worry.

Mrs. Steffey has three sons, Ben of Sonora, Fred and Carl of Cisco, and the daughter, Mrs. Burton.

Mrs. Ed Roane of Robert Lee is an old friend of the Steffey's. Their families were neighbors before they moved to Coke county many years ago. Mrs. Roane visits Mrs. Steffey and Mrs. Burton once or twice a year, and sends them The Observer with her compliments.

## Soil Conservation District News

Clint Wilkins, a district co-operator with the County Soil Conservation District, is baling his Madrid sweet clover, oats, and wheat mixture. I believe this will make good hay Wilkins said. D. K. Glenn, H. G. Graf, L. A. Bridges and Delmir Sheppard are other district cooperators that are planning to bale their clover for hay.

Five miles of terraces were completed last week on the M. B. Wardlaw farm in the Green Mountain Conservation group. They are a part of the coordinated soil and water conservation plan being applied on his farm located one mile west of the Edith store.

Vernon Haggerton, who farms and ranches two miles south of Blackwell and a member of the Olga Conservation group, is planning to begin construction of approximately nine miles of terraces on his farm. He is also planning to protect all of his wheat and oats stubble and maintain it on or near the surface of the soil. He plans to till the land with a one-way set to leave the straw on the surface to protect the ground from rain drop splash, control excessive soil temperatures, and add organic matter to the soil. I believe the straw will increase the water intake during rains and decrease evaporation, Haggerton said.

Construction of four miles of terraces were completed last week on Mrs. T. M. Freeman's farm in the Green Mountain Conservation group. The farm is located at the Edith store.

Land owners that have combined their oats and wheat should

## Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Wallace and children of Cleburne are visiting this week at the Joe Garvin home near Edith and with relatives in San Angelo.

Mrs. Ethel Green, who spent several weeks in the home of her son, Garlan, at Clayton, New Mex., returned home this week. She arrived in San Angelo the last of the week and in company with Mrs. S. M. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Mathers and daughter, Letha, spent the weekend with the Roy Conners at Sanderson.

Ben Tubb reports an average yield of 15 1-2 bushels per acre from 22 acres of wheat and a 46 bushel average of oats from 10 acres. His grain crop was considerably damaged by hail.

J. H. Escue, Jr. and family of San Angelo were guests of relatives in Robert Lee over the weekend.

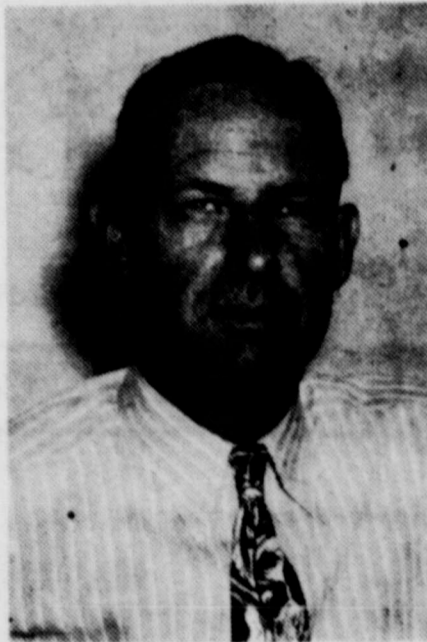
Cleo Meek of Albuquerque, New Mex., has been visiting in the home of his uncle, Millard Meek.

Rains and winds caused 50 per cent damage before B. B. Pierce, south of town, could get his small grain harvested. Buster combined 900 bushels of wheat from 80 acres, and 600 bushels of oats from 20 acres.

Russell Zoet and family visited here the first of the week with Mrs. Zoet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis. They were returning from a vacation visit with his folks up in the state of Michigan. The Zoets now reside at Galveston where Russell has a government position.

now plan to construct level broad base terraces within the next few weeks is the statement made by C. N. Webb, vice chairman of the board of supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

## Store Manager



Emory C. Davis, known to his many friends as Doo-Dad, is manager of Ivey Electric Company's fine appliance store in Robert Lee. Doo-Dad is a civic leader and a past commander of The American Legion post.

This world of ours is never more than a year from starvation.

## Want Ads

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

Notice—Do you want a well ordered home, modestly priced, within three blocks of Robert Lee court house square. For such a place see B. W. Shropshire. p

For Rent—Two furnished apartments, 3 rooms and bath. Frank C. Dickey.

For Sale—Modern 6-room house on 1 1-2 acre tract, well and electric pump, just off Robert Lee Road in Lakeview. Oren Fletcher. ft

For Rent—Cafe building, one mile east of Sun Camp at Silver, Texas, on Highway 208. H. J. Gartman, Sanco, Texas. Telephone 2202 Robert Lee.

## Royalties and Leases

Bronte may be another little Tulsa. List your lots and Royalties with me. You might have a living in your own backyard. I predict within the next 3 months there will be 15 wells drilling in Bronte and vicinity. Write, call or come. TAYLOR EMERSON, Registered Dealer, Phones 111 or 7504, or P. O. Box 178, Bronte, Texas.

For Sale—22 1-2 ft. trailer house, 1947 model, cost \$1,900, like new. Will sell for \$800. See it at 3008 Myrtle, San Angelo. p

Musical Instruments — Pianos, Kimball, Ivers & Pond, Janssen; Noble Accordions. We sell or rent. The beautiful Hammond Solovox may be seen at the Clyde Stayton residence. Armstrong & Reaves Music Co., 37 N. Chadbourne, San Angelo, Phone 9753. See Lewis Craig, Mgr. tf

## JULY BUILDING VALUES

2 x 4's and 2 x 6's.....\$6 75  
1000 Bu. Grainery 12 x 14...199.00  
90 lb. Roll Roofing.....2.85  
1 x 8 KD YP Shiplap...8.95 & 9.95  
1 x 8 KD YP 105 Drop  
Siding.....8.95 & 11.50  
Dupont Utility Farm Paint  
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**KIMBELLS Flour 3.35**  
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**Crustene 3 lbs 57c**

PICKLES, SOUR OR DILL quart 25c

HUNTS PEACHES Tall Can 19c

White Sweet Cream Style Corn, No. 2 can 2 for 29c

Green Cut Beans No. 1 can 3 for 27c

YELLOW ONIONS 3 lbs. 13c

**Cheese, Longhorn lb. 35c**

Swift's Premium

**Frankfurters 1 lb. cello. 43c**

Swift's Premium

**PICNICS Cured lb. 45c**

Circles

Ready To Eat

**Cooked Picnics lb. 49c**

**Roberts Grocery**

### Pharmacy Grad



Mrs. Mary Lou Weathers of Robert Lee received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy at the University of Texas this month. She was one of five in the large Pharmacy class to graduate "with highest honors."

Mary Lou was valedictorian when she graduated from high school here a few years ago. She later took pre-med work at Texas Tech. She is a daughter of Mrs. Daisy McCutchen of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Weathers wrote the state board examinations in Austin last week and is home for a rest before accepting a position.

A little want ad will sell it.



Hayrick Lodge  
No. 696 A. F. & A. M.  
Meets second Tuesday  
night in each month.  
Visitors welcome.

John H. Brown, Worshipful Master  
Marcus Turner, Secretary

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Fresh Beef and Pork  
For Sale

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**Braswell & Bryan**

Robert Lee, Texas

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FOR SALE AT

Mathis Field, San Angelo

Sizes 20 x 24, 20 x 32, 20 x 48,  
all lumber, 8 ft. ceilings, good  
floors, ready to move. See

**J. H. NABORS**

At Bruce Cameron & Son Office,  
Mathis Field  
San Angelo, Texas

### Texans To Vote On Ten Amendments

The state legislature has passed resolutions to submit ten constitutional amendments at a special election Sept. 24.

Other resolutions are pending, but they will have to be submitted next year, since the deadline for adequate advertising for the Sept. 24 election has past.

The ten proposed amendments are being published in The Observer and will also appear in newspapers of the other 252 Texas counties for four successive weeks.

The ten amendments now being published are the following:

1. Repeal of the poll tax as a requirement for voting.
2. Permitting women to serve on juries.
3. Authorizing fire prevention districts to be set up by local option elections, with a tax limit of 3 cents per \$100 valuation.
4. Providing annual sessions of the Legislature and annual salaries of \$3,600 for members.
5. Authorizing city-county health units on local option elections, with tax limit of 20 cents per \$100 valuation.
6. Authorizing civil service systems for appointive county employes in counties over 75,000 population—on local option.
7. Providing district judges shall try cases in county seat of county in which case pending.
8. Permitting waiver of jury trials in lunacy cases.
9. Authorizing creation of county hospital districts on local option election.
10. Authorizing statewide retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and employes of counties of the state.

### County Ag Agents News Column

Boys from Coke county attending the 4-H Encampment recently at Buchanan Dam were Marvin and Bill Simpson, Billy Glenn Car-wile, Clyde Sherrrod, Dalton Copple, William Jo Harmon, Clinton Hood and Weldon Schooler.

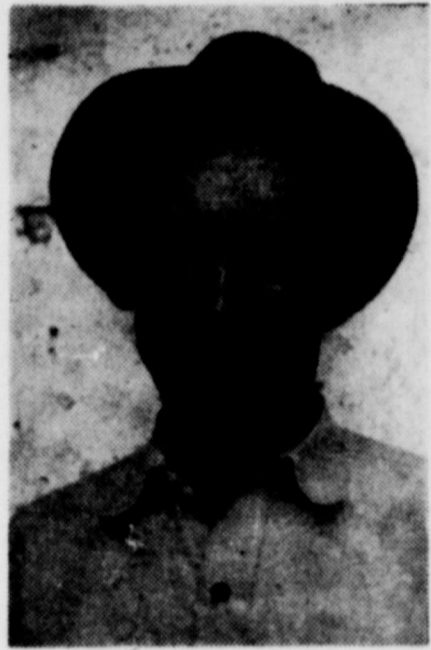
Weldon was second high individual in rifle shooting while the Coke county team was third in this contest. Billy Glenn, Dalton and Marvin made up the team.

There is one feature about Coke county 4-H boys that is notable. Senior boys such as Weldon Schooler, LeDrew, J. B. and Wayne Arrott and several others who have finished high school, but still within the 4 H club age, are acting as sponsors for the younger boys. Weldon looked after the seven boys at encampment with the consideration of a veteran on the job.

### Good Business Men



C. S. Brown, Chig to most everyone, is one of the main cogs in the Brown & Clark service station.



F. C. Clark, known to his friends as Freeman, is the other partner in the flourishing business.

### From Our Readers

Dear Editor:

Please keep the good ole home town paper coming. I enjoy reading it so much. You see we once put the little sheet out, too. I was then Mrs. A. W. Puett. We put out a 50th edition of The Observer ten years ago. Enclosed find \$2.00.—Yours respectfully, Mrs. Augusta Yarbrough, Safford, Ariz.

### To The Observer:

We are sorry for neglecting to send in \$2 for a year's renewal subscription to The Observer. We like to get all the Coke county news. The weather here is getting warmer now, but we can always find plenty of nice things in our valley. The melons are being shipped out now and there is really a nice crop.—Respectfully, J. K. Lofton, Blythe, Calif.

## We're Proud of COKE COUNTY

It has just about the finest kind of people you'll find anywhere, and Coke is coming to the front with many fine improvements. We extend congratulations in particular to Mr. J. W. Cumbie, founder of this store, who has been a resident of Coke county more than a half century.

**ROACH'S**  
Department Store

## THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

<b>PICKLES</b>	<b>Sour or Dill</b>	<b>full quart</b>	<b>23c</b>
<b>HONEY</b>		<b>quart</b>	<b>89c</b>
<b>American Sardines</b>	<b>flat cans</b>	<b>2 for</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>PICTSWEET PEAS</b>	<b>No. 2 can</b>	<b>2 for</b>	<b>29c</b>
<b>PRUNES</b>	<b>No. 2 1/2 can</b>	<b>In Heavy Syrup</b>	<b>23c</b>

<b>Nu-Maid</b>	<b>Sliced</b>	<b>Seven Bone</b>
<b>OLEO</b>	<b>Bacon</b>	<b>Roast</b>
Plain	pound	From
<b>lb. 25c</b>	<b>49c</b>	<b>Choice Beef</b>
		<b>57c lb</b>

<b>Fresh Ground Beef</b>	<b>lb.</b>	<b>45c</b>
<b>Tomato Juice</b>	<b>46 oz can</b>	<b>19c</b>
<b>PIG FEET</b>	<b>Jar</b>	<b>35c</b>
<b>Grape Juice</b>	<b>quart</b>	<b>39c</b>

We will be closed all day Sunday, July 3

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## Our Best Wishes

For Coke County and  
The Robert Lee Observer

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Made-to-Measure Suits and Pants

**City Cleaners**

Dee Ballew, Owner

Robert Lee

### Will Expand Rural Electric Lines in Coke

While 120 miles of rural electric lines are serving 200 farm and ranch families in Coke County, plans now being perfected will more than double the present REA system.

Carroll Land of San Angelo, manager of the Concho Valley Rural Electric Co-op, of which Coke County is a part, reports that a contract will be let in July for approximately 100 more miles of rural electric lines, and plans are now in Washington for approval of that much more.

Rural electrification got a small start in Coke County before the war, but several years of delay were experienced because of material shortages. A large number of customers were connected up only during the past year.

Lem Cowley, well known Robert Lee farmer and ranchman south of town, is a director of the Concho Valley Co-op, and has been nominated to succeed himself in that office.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual REA picnic in July at the Veribest Park on the Concho River.

### FLOYD R. HIGGINS Ice, Icecream

Another man sees the benefit in advertising in The Observer. He is Floyd R. Higgins, one of Robert Lee's best young business men, who has picked something especially fitting for hot summer days, and even winter days also, which is Banner Ice Cream. He also sells ice that the parched tongues may partake of a cool drink and be refreshed.

Young Mr. Higgins has only been in the Ice Cream and Ice business a short time, however, his strict business like manner shows he does not need any special drilling. He is attentive to all customers and gives immediate service.

### KANNADY Plumbing Shop

Robert Lee, Texas

Phone 144

Plumbing Repairs  
and Contracting  
ALL JOBS GUARANTEED

Dick Kannady  
Proprietor



MRS. RUBY L. PETTIT  
Treasurer

No better person, man or woman, than Mrs. Ruby Pettit, could have been selected to look after one of the most essential offices in Coke or any other county. She has very pleasing personalities and is most attentive to the duties of her office.

### KEMP CLEANERS At Bronte

Kemp Kleaners, while they are young, have had much experience in the cleaning business, and are rated among the best in the business. They, with our other Anniversary Edition patrons, extend their heartiest congratulations for the future success of all Coke County and its many business firms throughout the entire county.

Again it is a pleasure to say that another splendid lady assists her husband in his business and Mrs. Kemp is ever ready to assist with a pleasing personality, as well as Mr. Kemp. They are most excellent young people.

It is a pleasure for The Observer to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Kemp on their new plant and modern building which was destroyed by fire last year.

### HENRY BERRY Jewelry

Henry Berry, another young man who is among our Anniversary advertisers and who extends greetings to Coke County on its Sixtieth Anniversary, is an exceedingly fine young man, and in due time he will make his mark in business.

Mr. Berry is a good watch repair man and nothing is left undone to give the very best service. His stock of jewelry is small, but what he has is of the best.

### WOJTEK BROTHERS In Theatre Business

Three Wojtek brothers, Victor, Frank and Otto, are numbered among the community's most successful young business men. They operate the Alamo Theatre and the Roller Skating Rink in Robert Lee and the Texas Theatre in Bronte. The latter is a brand new structure, completed within the past year.

Wojtek Bros. have the best sound and projection equipment on the market and their theatres are comfortable both in the summer and winter.

They show a variety of films, often getting late releases soon after they have been shown in the large cities. Westerns seem to go over big with Coke County audiences, and you can just about figure on one good western picture each week. The Alamo and Texas theatres have three program changes weekly.



Methodist Leader

The Rev. Ross T. Welch is beginning his second year as pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist Church. He is a native of Sterling County.

Sardines are cheaper than the olive oil in which they are canned.

### ROBERT MASSIE CO.

Everything In Furniture

Ambulance Service Funeral Home

San Angelo, Texas

### S-W BRAND

Phenothiazine Drench

AND

Phenothiazine Salt

Manufactured and Distributed by Southwestern Salt & Supply

Phenothiazine effectively controls worm losses, and it can be administered in several ways. Animals can be dosed individually by drench or as a group by food administration. In whatever form used, Phenothiazine kills more kinds of worms, in more kinds of animals, than any other known drug.

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34**  
Proposing an Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing the Legislature of the State of Texas to provide for the establishment and creation of hospital districts; providing for the Governor's proclamation and submission to the electorate.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**  
Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said Article a new Section to be designated as Section 60, reading as follows:

"Section 60. The Legislature shall have the authority to provide by law for the establishment and creation of hospital districts in the counties of this State under such conditions as the Legislature may fix by law, and to provide for the support of said districts by a tax on the ad valorem properties situated in said counties; providing, however, that before any such district shall be created it shall be approved by a vote of the people in said district."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the State at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon (or in counties using voting machines the said machines shall provide for) the following:

"FOR THE Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing the Legislature to provide for the establishment and creation of hospital districts"; and  
"AGAINST The Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing the Legislature to provide for the establishment and creation of hospital districts."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment, and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22**

Proposing an Amendment to Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Judge of the District Court shall conduct its proceedings at the county seat of the county in which the case is pending, except as otherwise provided by law; providing for election proclamation and submission to qualified electors of the State.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Section 7 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. The State shall be divided into as many judicial districts as may be or hereafter be provided by law, which may be increased or diminished by law. For each district there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof, at a General Election, a Judge, who shall be a citizen of the United States and of this State, who shall be licensed to practice law in this State and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a Court in this State, or both combined, for four (4) years next preceding his election, who shall have resided in the district in which he was elected for two (2) years next preceding his election, who shall reside in his district during his term of office and shall hold his office for the period of four (4) years, and shall receive for his services an annual salary to be fixed by the Legislature. The Court shall conduct its proceedings at the county seat of the county in which the case is pending, except as otherwise provided by law. He shall hold the regular terms of his Court at the County Seat of each county in his district at least twice in each year in the manner as may be prescribed by law. The Legislature shall have power by General or Special Laws to make such provisions concerning the terms or sessions of each Court as it may deem necessary."

"The Legislature shall also provide for the holding of District Court when the Judge thereof is absent, or is from any cause disabled or disqualified from presiding."

"The District Judges who may be in office when this Amendment takes effect shall hold their offices until their respective terms shall expire under their present election or appointment."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on September 24, 1949, at which time all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing that the District Court shall conduct its proceedings at the county seat of the county in which the case is pending, except as otherwise provided by law"; and  
"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing that the District Court shall conduct its proceedings at the county seat of the county in which the case is pending, except as otherwise provided by law."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment, and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32**

Proposing an Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto another Section following Section 15, providing that the Legislature may provide for trials in lunacy cases without a jury; further providing for the submission of this Amendment to the voters of this State in the form of a ballot; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Article I of the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended by adding another Section thereto following Section 15, to be designated Section 15-a, to read as follows:

"Section 15-a. The Legislature shall have the authority to enact all laws necessary to provide for the trial, adjudication of insanity and commitment of persons of unsound mind and to provide for a method of appeal from judgments rendered in such cases. Such laws may provide for waiver of trial by jury in cases where the person under inquiry has not been charged with the commission of a criminal offense, and shall provide for a method of service of notice of such trial upon the person under inquiry and of his right to demand a trial by jury."

Sec. 2. That the foregoing Constitutional Amendment be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in September, A. D. 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that the Legislature may provide for trials without a jury in lunacy cases"; and  
"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that the Legislature may provide for trials without a jury in lunacy cases."

Each voter shall scratch out one (1) of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one (1) expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment, in counties or other subdivisions using voting machines, the above provision for voting for and against this Constitutional Amendment shall be placed on said machine in such a manner that each voter shall vote on such machine for or against the Constitutional Amendment.

Sec. 3. That the Governor of the State of Texas issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35**

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Texas by adding to Article XVI thereof a new Section to be numbered 63 and authorizing the Legislature to provide for a statewide system of retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and employees of the several counties of this State; providing that participation therein by counties shall be voluntary, and authorized by the qualified voters of such county, and providing that administration of said system may be committed to the same body set up to administer the statewide municipal retirement system authorized under Section 51f of Article III.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section, to be numbered Section 63, which shall read as follows:

"Section 63. The Legislature shall have the authority to provide for a statewide system of retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and employees of the counties of this State under such a plan and program as the Legislature shall authorize; provided, that participation therein by counties shall be voluntary, and shall first be authorized by vote of the qualified voters of such county. Administration of such system may be committed to the same body as may be set up to administer the municipal retirement system provided for by Section 51f of Article III."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout this State on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949; and at such election the ballot shall have printed thereon the words "FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing a statewide system for retirement and disability pensions for appointive county officials and employees," and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing a statewide system for retirement and disability pensions for appointive county officials and employees." Each voter shall strike out one of said clauses on his ballot, leaving the one unmarked which expresses his vote upon the proposed amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution for proposed amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. If at said election, a majority of the votes cast are "FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing a statewide system for retirement and disability pensions for appointive county officials and employees," the foregoing proposed amendment published as required by the Constitution for proposed amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such proclamation, notice and election.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1**  
Proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution, repealing the provision making the payment of a poll tax a qualification for election; requiring the Legislature to pass a general registration law for voters; providing for the necessary election, proclamation and publication by the Governor, and making an appropriation.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. Section 2, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is amended hereby so as to read hereafter as follows:

"Section 2. Every person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided in this State one (1) year next preceding an election and the last six (6) months within the district or county in which such person offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; provided that before offering to vote at any election a voter shall have registered as an elector before the first day of February next preceding such election. This provision shall be self-enacting. The Legislature shall pass a general registration law requiring registration of voters at a time not later than the first day of February for each election to be held for that calendar year, and the Legislature shall have power to prescribe a registration fee. The Legislature may authorize absentee voting."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the State at an election to be held on the 24th day of September, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon in counties using voting machines the said machines shall provide for) the following:

"FOR the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas eliminating the provision in said Constitution making the payment of poll tax a requirement for voting, and providing for a general registration law"; and  
"AGAINST the amendment to the Constitution making the payment of poll tax a requirement for voting, and providing for a general registration law."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment; and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15**  
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new section to be known as Section 48-b, authorizing the Legislature to provide for the establishment of health units, and authorizing a tax in support thereof.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended, by adding a new Section to Article III of said Constitution to be designated Section 48-b, reading as follows:

"Section 48-b. The Legislature shall have the authority to provide for the organization of county-city health units and the operation thereof and to authorize counties and cities to authorize cities and counties to vote a tax in support thereof."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment; and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 3. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing the Legislature to provide for Civil Service in certain counties upon a vote of the people therein.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said Article a new Section, to be known and designated as Section 62-c, reading as follows:

"Section 62-c. The Legislature is authorized to provide for the creation of Civil Service Systems for county employees in the respective counties of this State, but any system so authorized and established shall be approved by a vote of the people in said county. Any Civil Service System established by virtue of this Section shall apply to appointive offices only, and the limitations on term of office heretofore provided by Section 30 of this Article shall not apply, but the duration of such offices shall be governed by the provisions of such Civil Service System. This Section shall not apply to counties having a population less than seventy-five thousand (75,000) people."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the State at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed or written thereon (or in counties using voting machines the said machines shall provide for) the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for Civil Service in counties upon a vote of the people therein"; and  
"AGAINST The Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for Civil Service in counties upon a vote of the people therein."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment, and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5**  
Proposing an Amendment to Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution relating to sessions of the Legislature and what may be considered thereat and an Amendment to Section 24 of Article III relating to compensation of members of the Legislature; specifying the time when the Amendment shall take effect if ratified; and providing for the submission of the proposed Amendment to a vote of the people.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Section 24 of Article III of the State Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 24. Members of the State Senate and House of Representatives shall receive from the State Treasury an annual salary of Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600) to be paid in twelve (12) installments on the first of each month."

"They shall also be entitled to mileage in going to the seat of government for each session of the Legislature, and returning therefrom, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty cents (\$2.50), for every twenty-five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel from a table of distances in each county seat prepared by the State Comptroller."

Sec. 2. That Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Two (2) regular sessions of each Legislature shall be held; and until otherwise provided by law, the time of the convening of the first regular session shall be noon on Tuesday in January of each odd-numbered year, and of the second Tuesday in January of each even-numbered year."

"At other times, when called by the Governor, the Legislature shall convene in special session."

"Appropriations for monthly recurring expenses and salaries paid by the State shall be made for a period of not more than twelve (12) months."

"At the second regular session of each Legislature, only proposals to amend the Constitution and to make appropriations to pay monthly recurring expenses and salaries and such other measures only as four-fifths (4/5) of the Membership of each House may determine shall be considered."

Sec. 3. The Amendments proposed herein, if ratified by the people, shall become effective January first, A. D. 1950.

Sec. 4. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at a General Election to be held throughout this State on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949, same being September 24, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendments relative to sessions of the Legislature and to compensation of its members."

Each voter shall express his vote on the proposed Amendment in the manner provided by law.

Sec. 5. The Governor of this State shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5**  
Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the Legislature to provide for the creation and establishment of rural fire prevention districts.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said Article a new section, to be known and designated as Section 48-d, reading as follows:

"Sec. 48-d. The Legislature shall have the power to provide for the establishment and creation of rural fire prevention districts and to authorize a tax on the ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed Three (3) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the support thereof; provided that no tax shall be levied in support of said districts until approved by vote of the people residing therein."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the state at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon (or in counties using voting machines, the said machines shall provide) the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the creation and establishment of rural fire prevention districts"; and  
"AGAINST The Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the creation and establishment of rural fire prevention districts."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment; and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the state not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

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Rev. Fred Blake, who soon will round out five years as pastor of the Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

**FARMERS COTTON GIN**  
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The Farmers Gin at Bronte is one of the leading business concerns of the county and it was the only cotton gin to operate in this section last season.

J. D. Luttrell, manager, says the gin machinery is being put in the best possible condition in expectation of a record run this fall.

By far more acreage is being planted to cotton this year, and the present moisture supply indicates a good yield.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, by amending Section 19 of Article 16, so as to provide that the qualification of no person to serve as a juror on grand juries and on petit juries shall be denied or abridged on account of sex; providing that existing provisions of the Constitution shall be construed in conformity herewith; providing for the submission of this amendment to a vote of the people of Texas; providing the time, means and manner thereof; and making an appropriation for such purpose.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Section 19 of Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 19. The Legislature shall prescribe by law the qualification of grand petit jurors; provided that the qualification of no person shall be denied or abridged on account of sex, and no person shall be exempt from service on grand juries or petit juries on account of sex."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the amendment to the State Constitution qualifying women as grand and petit jurors."

"AGAINST the amendment to the State Constitution qualifying women as grand and petit jurors."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Section 3. The Governor shall issue his proclamation calling said election and have the same published and said election held in accordance with this Resolution and the Constitutional Laws of this State, and return shall be made and the votes canvassed and counted as provided by law; and if said amendment is adopted by the vote of the qualified electors of this State, the Governor shall issue his proclamation as required by law.

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## 10 Years Ago

Items taken from Observer files of June, 1939.

There are no notches on the .38 calibre Colt thumb buster with which J. Frank Norfleet has made 93 arrests since 1919, according to the Ft. Worth Press and Hale Center American. All but six of his prisoners were tried and convicted.

Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker and two sons were vacationing in San Antonio and other points south.

The G. B. Shellbournes of Abilene were the parents of a son, Paul, born May 28.

J. D. Olsen and Miss Christine Newton were married May 28.

Edwin Gene is the name of the 8-pound son born June 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Davis.

Dan Middleton completed a 6-room rock veneer house on his ranch near Hayrick.

P. P. Fitzhugh was hired as vocational agriculture teacher in the Ro- Lee schools.

## Humble Advertises New Lubricating Oil

HOUSTON, June 30—At more than 2,000 retail stations in Texas, Humble Oil & Refining Company this week is introducing new Esso Extra Motor oil, companion product to premium Esso Extra gasoline.

The motoring public is hearing about this new detergent-type motor oil through one of the most aggressive advertising campaigns ever placed behind a product by Humble. Advertising is being carried in more than 400 Texas newspapers.

Service stations in cities, towns, and hamlets over the state are decorated for the occasion. On the driveways of these stations are more than 4,000 salesmen who have learned about the new product in a series of 30 educational meetings held in recent weeks.

The new Esso Extra Motor oil is the result of several years of research and more than one million miles of test driving under all kinds of condition, Humble sales executives announced. It contains a detergent agent which enables the oil to clean as it lubricates.

## Bronte-Robert Lee Masonic Installation

Bronte and Robert Lee Masonic Lodges held a joint installation of officers at Bronte last Thursday night. Bud Maxwell is the new master of the Bronte lodge. A roster of the Robert Lee Masonic officials follows:

O. B. Jacobs, Worshipful Master  
Bob L. Read, Senior Warden  
Melvin Childress, Junior Warden  
Bryan Yarbrough, Treasurer  
T. M. Wylie, Jr., Secretary  
R. S. Crum, Tyler  
John Brown, Senior Deacon  
Jeff Blair, Junior Deacon  
Bruce Clift, Senior Steward  
C. S. Brown, Junior Steward

## Almanac

- JULY
- 1—First zeppelin flight, 1900.
  - 2—U. S. Navy Nurse Corps established, 1908.
  - 3—Independence Day.
  - 4—P. T. Barnum, showman, born, 1810.
  - 5—Boston circus fire takes 167 lives, 1944.
  - 6—Construction of Boulder Dam began, 1930.
  - 7—Rhode Island charter granted, 1663.

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## Ed McDorman, 68, Was Heart Attack Victim

Services were held from the Robert Lee Methodist church at 10:30 a. m. Friday for Ed McDorman, former well known Robert Lee resident. The Rev. Ross T. Welch officiated, assisted by the Rev. Fred Blake. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery.

Mr. McDorman, 68, died at 6 a. m. Thursday in a Ballinger hospital a few hours after he suffered a heart attack. He had lived in Brownwood the past few years and was in Ballinger visiting a son.

He came with his parents to Coke county when he was a small child, and the family home was established on a farm southwest of Robert Lee, which is now owned by Marvin Simpson.

Mr. McDorman married the former Elizabeth Childress in Robert Lee. She died in 1923. In 1942 he married Mrs. Elma Cutbirth of Brownwood.

Surviving are the widow and nine children by the first marriage. They are Mrs. Dona Roberts of Robert Lee, Mrs. Nora Brooks of Ballinger, Mrs. Lois Lofton of Blythe, Calif., Mrs. Lelia Gilbert of Brownwood, Mrs. Davy Tanner of Brawley, Calif., and Lindsey of Robert Lee, Walter of Siloam Springs, Ark., Howard of Ballinger, and Billy who is with the Air Forces.

Also surviving is a brother, W. P. McDorman of Blackwell; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Taylor and Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, both of Robert Lee; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## NOTICE

To any and all persons interested in the Ross Addition to the Town of Tennyson in Coke County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of June, 1949 Mrs. Sudie Brown filed her application for cancellation of the dedication and subdivision of the Ross Addition to the Town of Tennyson in Coke County, Texas the land covered by and included in which is fully described in the dedication by H. B. Ross and wife dated January 27, 1909 of record in Volume 22, page 520 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas; and on the 13th day of June, 1949 the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas set said application for hearing to be held at the time and place set forth below, and directed that notice issue.

Hearing will be held on said application by said Commissioners' Court in the Courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas on the 11th day of July, 1949 at 10:00 o'clock, A. M. at which time and place any person interested in said lands is commanded to appear to protest, if he desires, against the cancellation of such subdivision and dedication.

Witness my official hand and seal this the 14th day of June, 1949. (Seal) Willis Smith County Clerk, Coke County, Texas and Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of said county.

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF COKE.

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID COUNTY, AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held throughout Coke County, Texas on the 16th day of July, 1949, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition of the issuance of not to exceed \$75,000.00 in bonds of said County and the levy of a tax upon all taxable property therein to pay the same for the purpose of the construction of a County Hospital in and for Coke County, Texas, in accordance with an order adopted by the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, on the 23rd day of June, 1949, which order is made a part of this notice and which order is in words and figures as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF COKE:

On this the 23rd day of June, 1949, the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, convened in special session at the Court house in Robert Lee, Texas, with the following members present, viz:

Jeff Dean, County Judge.  
J. W. Service, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1.  
Otis Smith, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.

T. R. Harmon, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3.  
Claude Ditmore, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4.

Willis Smith, County Clerk.  
and the following absent: None, constituting a quorum present, at which time the following resolution and order was adopted:

Commissioner Service introduced a resolution and order and moved that it be adopted. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and upon a vote being taken on said motion it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Service, Smith, Harmon, Ditmore.  
NOES: None.

The County Judge thereupon declared said motion carried and the resolution and order to have been adopted.

The resolution and order follows: WHEREAS, heretofore on the 20th day of May, 1949, the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, did adopt an order authorizing and instructing the County Judge to cause to be published as required by law a notice to bidders for the construction of a County Hospital in and for said County and of the intention of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, to issue interest bearing time warrants of said Coke County, Texas, in a principal sum of not to exceed \$75,000.00 to bear interest at a rate of not to exceed four (4%) per centum per annum, to mature in serial installment within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) years from this date, said warrants to be payable out of the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in Coke County, Texas, for the purpose of paying the

cost of the construction of said County hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Jeff Dean, County Judge of Coke County, Texas, did cause such notice to be published in the manner and for the length of time required by law, and

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of June, 1949, the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, convened at the time and place fixed in said notice for the purpose of receiving, opening and examining the bids filed in response to said notice; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place aforesaid, and prior to the opening of bids on said project there was presented to and filed with the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, a petition signed by Otis Smith and 212 other citizens of Coke County, Texas, requesting that the Court submit to a referendum vote the question as to the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying for the construction of said County hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court examined said petition so filed and found that it contained more than ten (10%) per centum of the resident qualified voters of Coke County, Texas, who owned taxable property in said County and who had duly rendered the same for taxation, and that said petition was in due form, and that same should be granted and approved; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, that said election upon the proposition of the issuance of the bonds of said County and the levying of a tax to pay the same should be, and the same is hereby approved and granted, and that it is the legal duty of the Commissioners' Court to call such election: NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

That an election be held in Coke County, Texas, on the 16th day of July, 1949, which is not less than fifteen (15) days from the date of this order, at which the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said County

in the principal sum of not to exceed \$75,000.00, to bear interest at a rate of not to exceed Four (4%) per centum from date, and to mature in serial installments to be determined by the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, the last installment of which to mature not later than twenty (20) years from and after the date of said bonds, for the purpose of the establishing and constructing of a County hospital in and for said County, and whether or not an ad valorem tax shall be levied upon all taxable property in said Coke County, Texas, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity."

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and other applicable

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County, who are resident qualified electors, who own taxable property in this County, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue said bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS  
THOSE OPPOSED SHALL HAVE WRITTEN OR PRINTED ON THEIR BALLOTS THE WORDS:  
AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

The polling places and Presiding Officers of said election to be held in said County shall be respectively as follows:

Voting Precinct No. 1 at the Court House Building in Robert Lee, Texas, with Roy Taylor as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 2 at the City Hall Building in Bronte, Texas, with D. K. Glenn as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 3 at the Church Building in Fort Chadbourne, Texas, with Lum Lasswell as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 4 at the School Building in Tennyson, Texas, with J. P. Arrott as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 5 at the Church Building in Divide, Texas, with Fred McCabe as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 7 at the School Building in Sanco, Texas, with J. L. Carwile as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 8 at the School Building in Silver, Texas, with R. B. Allen as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 9 at the School Building in Green Mountain, Texas, with Homer Carwile as Presiding Of-

ficer.  
Voting Precinct No. 10 at the School Building in Wild Cat, Texas, with M. D. Chumley as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 11 at the School Building in Olga, Texas, with R. V. Copeland as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 12 at the C. G. Munn Residence Building in Walnut, Texas, with C. G. Munn as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 13 at the School Building in Lometa, Texas, with J. C. Harwell as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 14 at the Church Building in Hayrick, Texas, with J. W. Labenske as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 15 at the School Building in Juniper, Texas, with Homer Cornelius as Presiding Officer.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the general election laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections when not in conflict with the provisions of the statutes hereinabove referred to.

Notice of said election shall be given by posting a copy of this election order in each of the election precincts in Coke County, Texas, and one at the Courthouse of said County, at a time not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said election, and by publishing a copy of said notice on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published within said County, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for election.

The County Judge is hereby authorized and directed to cause said notices to be published and posted, and the Sheriff of this County is hereby directed to post the same as hereinabove provided.

Passed and approved this the 23rd day of June, 1949.

JEFF DEAN, County Judge,  
Coke County, Texas.

ATTEST:  
WILLIS SMITH,  
County Clerk.

The silo is the best way to store abundant supplies of nutrients found in pasture and hay crops. In silage form, feed is available summer or winter.

If all the insects in Africa were weighed together they would outweigh all the animals in Africa.

# Congratulations

To The Observer and  
Coke County on Their  
60th Anniversary

## Snead Barber Shop



## New Product Meets Million-Mile Test

Engineers completed over a million miles of road tests before the new Humble Esso Extra Motor Oil was offered to motorists. The tests, scientists explained, duplicated every driving condition, and all makes of cars were used.

The testers reported that in every instance, the new Humble motor oil gave extra protection to automobile engines. Humble station salesmen are urging customers to drain dirty, diluted oil and refill with Esso Extra Motor Oil for extra protection. Adv.



# Sears Leads Again With New LOWER TIRE PRICES

EXTRA mileage EXTRA value now on Allstate passenger tires containing X-41, the new "Miracle" rubber! X-41 is tougher, has more resistance to road wear, cracks and bruises. Re-tire now with the new Allstate, priced at a saving to you.

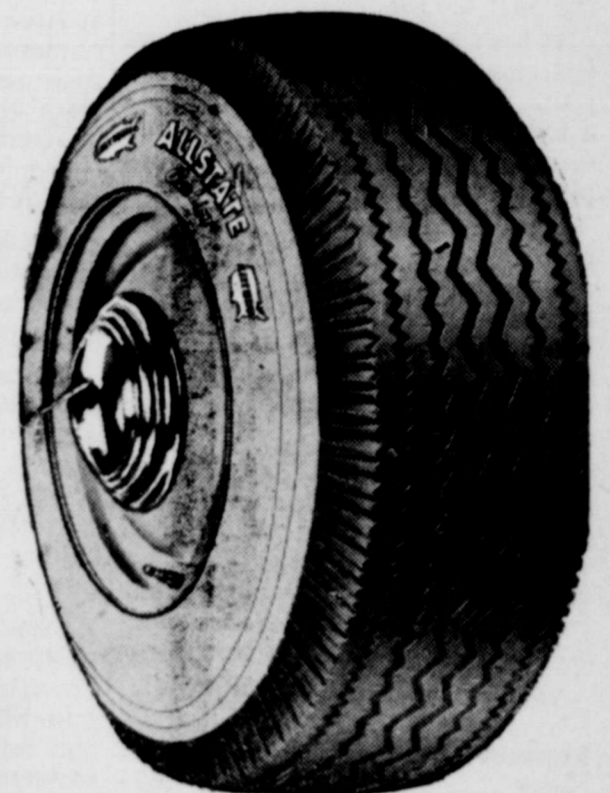
## ALLSTATE SAFETY TREAD LIST PRICE WAS 13.45



**Now** Get a complete set of 4 6.00 x 16 Safety Treads AND 4 NEW TUBES FOR LESS THAN **\$55** Plus Tax

NOW 6.00 x 16  
**12.25**

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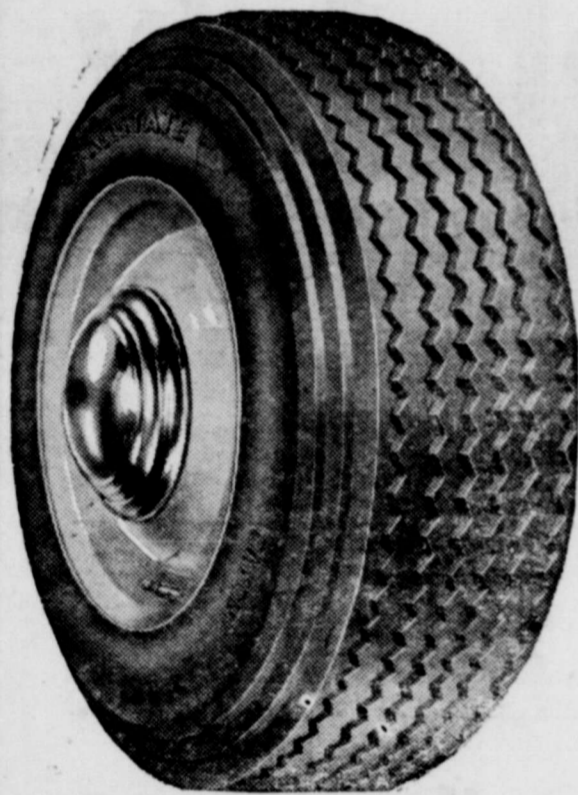
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**Now** Get a Complete Set of 4 6.00 x 16 Premium Tires AND 4 NEW TUBES FOR LESS THAN **\$60** Plus Tax

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NOW For 1st Time  
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★ TIRES MOUNTED  
No Extra Charge

★ 10 PCT. DOWN  
Sears Easy Terms

★ Liberal Trade-In  
On Your Old Tires

Buy Your Tires on Sears Easy Pay Plan. Small Down Payment! Ask About It!

## New Lower Prices-Save Even More

12 MONTHS GUARANTEE

## Crusader Tires



Regularly 11.45  
SAVE 3.10  
6.00x16 **8.35** Plus Tax And Your Old Tire

Sears leads the way with LOWER PRICES for your holiday-motoring enjoyment and trouble-free travel. Factory-Fresh, brand-new Crusader tires are 12 months guaranteed for service, and lifetime guaranteed for workmanship and materials. Extra tough sidewalls, longwearing tread makes them the safest tire we know of in the low priced field. Re-tire now. Save at Sears.

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Phone 7141 FREE PARKING

## Nathans To Play Here Next Sunday

Concho Basin league games next Sunday will see Nathan's Jewelers of San Angelo playing in Robert Lee, Bronte at Sonora and Miles in Veribest.

Brandy Ray's club over at Miles has been coming fast and is now tied for first place with Veribest. We predict Miles will knock the Plow Jockeys off their high perch.

Bronte is sure to have its hands full at Sonora, and no telling what will happen in Robert Lee. Nathan's have the weakest club in the loop, but Robert Lee has been unable to field its full strength in any game the past month.

It isn't known whether or not Clarence Tinkler will be ready to pitch. He had his teeth extracted a few weeks ago, and now is having serious trouble getting his new plates to fit properly.

Teams finishing in the first four places will engage in a playoff after the regular schedule is completed. Robert Lee still has to meet Nathans, Veribest and Bronte, and will have to win two of these contests to insure themselves a berth in the playoff.

Robert Lee has considerable potential strength if it could be put together. The absence of two or three of the best players in any game puts the club at a disadvantage. A good practice session during the week would also help.

Concho Basin league standing:

	W	L	PCT
Veribest	5	3	.625
Miles	5	3	.625
Robert Lee	4	3	.571
Bronte	4	3	.571
Sonora	4	4	.500
Nathan's	1	7	.125

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our friends for the nice flowers and kind words of sympathy following the death of our beloved baby and grandchild.—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Duke and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Martin and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stayton are enjoying a week's vacation. They hope to locate a nice spot for fishing.

## Folks You Know

Arlyn Simpson returned the first of the week from a two weeks' period of active training in the Navy. During the period he made a trip from New Orleans to Bermuda on a destroyer. Arlyn is in the Naval Reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King and daughters, Zona Mae and Joyce, motored to Sundown for a couple of days visit last week with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, and son, Tommy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. and children, Jo Alice and Freddie, departed early Tuesday on a two weeks' motor trip to California. They will visit relatives at Arcadia, near Los Angeles, and numerous places of interest. On their return home they plan to meet the Victor McCabe family at Ruidoso, New Mex. The McCabes left Wednesday for a vacation at the popular resort.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith and daughter, Nancy Ellen, came over from San Angelo for a Sunday visit in the parental E. O. Higgins home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Durnell and daughter, Wella Byrd, of Houston were guests here Sunday night of Mrs. C. W. McCutchen. Mrs. Durnell is a former resident of Robert Lee, her father, W. B. Hamilton, having served as sheriff at one time.

Mrs. Mary Lou Weathers has accepted a position in the Weeks Prescription Pharmacy in San Angelo. She recently graduated with high honors in pharmacy from the University of Texas, and enjoyed a short visit at home with her children and her mother, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen. Mrs. Weathers began her work in San Angelo Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields are enjoying a week's vacation. The former is employed on a Baker-Taylor drilling rig and Mrs. Fields is office secretary of the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

Patty and Dixie Taylor, Nelda Ann Sheppard, Joe Thetford and Mrs. Ross Welch returned Saturday from spending a week at the Methodist Youth Camp near Kerrville.

## Pneumonia Claims Infant

A son, Gary Gerome, was born at 2:45 a. m. June 24, at the Bronte hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Martin of Robert Lee. The baby, which weighed 4 pounds, 7 ounces at birth, contracted pneumonia and passed away at 2 a. m. Sunday, June 26.

Funeral services were conducted from the Church of Christ here Sunday at 4 p. m., with Bro. Burt Wells officiating. Pallbearers were H. C. Schooley and O. M. Davis. Serving as flower girls were Rheba Jane Schooley, Joyce Duke, Barbara June and Dian Casey.

Surviving are the parents, the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Duke of Robert Lee, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Martin of Burnet. The young mother is the former Hazel Marie Duke.

## Buys Grocery-Station

Steve Masey has purchased the grocery and filling station formerly owned by M. A. Cox, at the east edge of town on the Bronte highway. Mr. Masey took possession of the business last Saturday. He will carry a good line of groceries, picnic supplies, cold drinks, candy and will operate a complete filling station and tire shop in connection.

Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker and daughter, Sandra, accompanied T. C. Hennington and wife on a week's vacation trip to the Ozark Mountains of northern Arkansas. The Henningtons, who operate the Y-Courts cafe in Robert Lee, have property there.

Jeff Blair and family moved the past week to the Palmer Leeper property just east of the high school athletic field.

## ALAMO THEATRE

"Motion Pictures Are Your Finest Entertainment"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JULY 1-2

Jane (the outlaw) Russell-Bob Hope in

**THE PALEFACE** in Technicolor Also Cartoon and News

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY, JULY 3-4-5

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Our Holiday Treat To You **ROMANCE ON THE HIGH SEAS**

In Technicolor With Jack Carson-Janet Paige

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Also Bugs Bunny

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, JULY 6-7

Rosalind Russell-Leo Genn-Claire Trevor in

**THE VELVET TOUCH** Also "Congo Bill"

## NOTICE

The undersigned has purchased the Cox Grocery and Station at the east edge of Robert Lee, and will appreciate your patronage.

Will carry a full line of fresh groceries, cold drinks, etc., and offer complete motor service.

We are open nights and Sundays.

# W. S. Masey

# The 4th of July

Make Our Store Your Headquarters For  
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## PAPER PLATES

9 inch  
Each 1¢

Wooden  
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2 pound box 79c

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OLEO  
Pound 33c

Armours  
Treet 12 oz. 39c

Plenty of Paper  
Cups and Napkins

Peach or Apricot

**Preserves, 1 lb 19c**

Charmin

**Tissue 2 rolls 19c**

Cherry Bell

**Flour, 50 lbs. 2.99**

C. L. Green

**Meal, 10 lbs. 59c**

Chum

**Salmon, tall can 39c**

Jack Sprat

**Fruit Cocktail 17c**

Blackeye

**Peas 2 No. 2 cans 23c**

We will be closed July 4th

# Frank's Food Store

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You wouldn't think it possible for any combination so compact to deliver so many big-set advantages. Here's an automatic phonograph with the same reproducer used by big radio stations for their recordings. The G-E Electronic Reproducer is famous for giving the finest record reproduction ever heard. Plus standard radio as only General Electric can give it to you. Model 118. **69.95**

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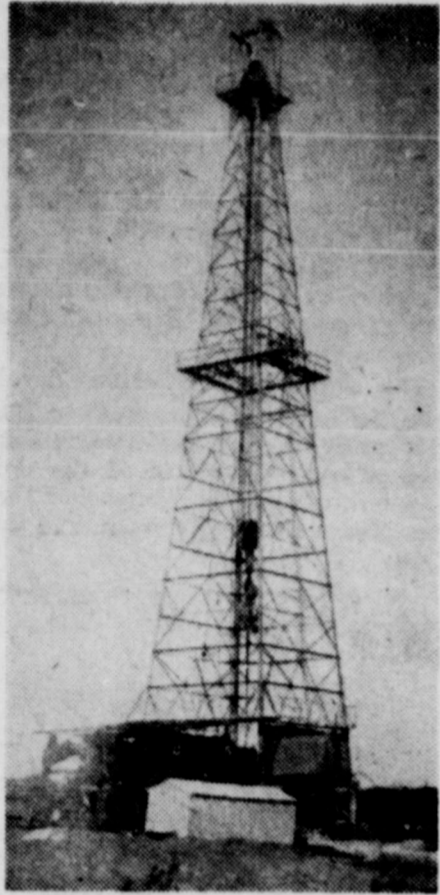
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## Drilled Sun Discovery Well Near Silver

This J. C. Hawkins rotary drilling rig brought in No. 1 Allen Jameson to open Sun's highly important oil field near Silver.

A small amount of oil had previously been produced in Coke County near Blackwell.

No. 1 Allen Jameson was completed in December, 1946, and was the start of a big oil development which will bring enormous wealth to the county.

## J. A. Knight One Of Coke County Founders

From Observer Anniversary Edition, April 21, 1939

J. A. Knight, one of the founders of Coke County, worked at the first cotton gin on the Snyder ranch, powered by a steam engine, over 40 years ago. It was called the Yellow Wolf Gin, burned mesquite wood and turned out eight bales a day. Farmers came, some a day's journey, and if business was good, they camped for the night and got a chance to visit around the campfire.

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

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

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

Note: Mr. Knight was formerly in the hardware business in Robert Lee and was county relief administrator. He now resides at Madera, Calif.

## ROACH'S DEPT. STORE In Robert Lee

Roach's Department Store in Robert Lee is headquarters for all kinds of apparel for men, women and children, also shoes, yard goods, patterns, gifts, etc.

The store was started 26 years ago when W. J. Cumbie purchased a grocery stock from the late Judge W. H. Bell and added a dry goods line. Mr. Cumbie was a former county tax assessor.

The store and building are now owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach, with Mrs. H. L. Scott taking an active part in its management.

Yellow fever, elephantiasis, malaria and dengue are the four maladies carried by the mosquito.

## IVY ELECTRIC CO. Doodad Davis, Mgr.

To say that the Ivy Electric Company is above many such places in kind, is putting it in a mild form indeed. Upon entering the company's place of business here at Robert Lee, one feels that he is in some large city. The fact is that it is good enough for any city.

Mr. "Doodad" Davis is manager and is one of the best to be found in any city. He is attentive to business, exceedingly polite and serves with an everlasting smile that "won't come off." He is assisted by Mrs. Robbie Turner who has been with the company about 22 months; and who is equally as gracious with her customers as is Mr. Davis. Ivy Electric Company is indeed fortunate in having these splendid people connected with it.

They carry complete lines of General Electric Home Appliances, do Plumbing and Electrical Contracting. They carry a complete line of Household Hardware and the Mariposa line of tablewear.

## LEEPER SUPPLY CO. Palmer Leeper, Owner

Palmer Leeper isn't exactly an old-timer in Robert Lee, although it will soon be four years since he opened

his farm and ranch supply store here. However, he is an old-time West Texan and for many years was connected with Western Windmill Co. at Sweetwater, one of the big wholesale concerns in this part of the country.

Palmer and his wife, Jo Ella, reside on their well improved ranch north of Sanco, and they are good boosters for Robert Lee and Coke County. Mr. Leeper started the fire truck fund two years ago with a liberal donation of \$100.

Leeper Supply is headquarters for the popular Aermotor windmills and Westinghouse appliances, in addition to a wide variety of hardware items and farm and ranch supplies.

## RADIO JIM Repairing

Radio Jim "On the Corner" repairs radios and all things which come under his line of work. He carries a line of Crosley Radios, Ranges and Refrigerators and says: "They can't be beaten."

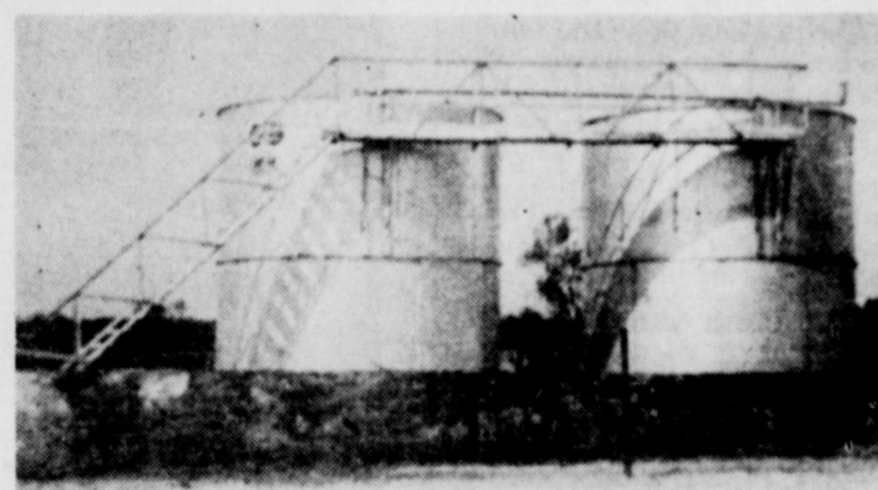
The public is here given a special invitation to see the "Old Reliable" line which he carries and to bring in your needed repair work and let him get it in good shape so it can be used again.

Just don't forget the location on the corner.



## HOUSES FOR SUN EMPLOYEES

Sun Oil Co. furnishes housing for its permanent employees. Part of a group of eight dwellings at the Jameson camp at Silver is shown above. They are two-bedroom homes, with breezeway and attached garage, and cost about \$7,500. Seven similar homes have been scattered over the field for the switchers, while the Gas Department has 21 houses and a large bunkhouse for single men at Tubb camp at Silver.



## OIL TANK BATTERY

This is one of the tank batteries which Sun Oil Co. constructed on the Willie I. Tubb lease at Silver. Each tank has a capacity of 1,000 barrels. Crude Oil flows into these tanks, and is carefully gauged as to daily production. The oil is then pumped or syphoned to the Scurlock gathering plant where it is pumped into a pipeline leading to Colorado City.



## WHAT, A PUMPER?

Yes, there is an occasional pumper in Sun Oil Company's field in the northwest part of Coke county, but not very many. The small engine uses natural gas for fuel. The pump stroke is 42 inches.

## Sun Oil Officials



H. D. Smith is superintendent of Sun Oil Co. production activities in Coke and adjoining counties. The area office is located at Silver.



J. B. Hamilton of Midland is district superintendent of Sun operations in West Texas and New Mexico.

## BROWN & CLARK Service Station

It is a known fact that outside of Texas, people who know the Texans, will say every time that they are among America's best and are the most congenial to be found anywhere. Messrs. C. S. Brown and F. C. Clark of the Brown & Clark Filling Station here, are not only well known among this lot of splendid people; but they are as fine a pair of gentlemen as can be found in any village, town or city, barring none.

These two gentlemen are as attentive to business as any to be found and their friends are legion. The service these splendid men give is not found in every phase of business. They know how and are ever found giving their best to all customers.

The smiles that won't come off are the smiles you get when you drive up and say: "Fill 'em up with some of that Good Gulf Gas; and, let me have some of that Good Gulf Oil."

"Chig" and Freeman have spent most of their life here and are known, not only in this section, but in all parts of Texas, and Texas is a big State, and a good one. Jessie Eads and Donald Mauldin are employees at this station and they are fine young men.

## BILBO DRUG Homemade Ice Cream

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo, having been here for quite a number of years, it would be out of place to say they need any introduction. They are very proud of their "home made" ice cream and well they should, as many years ago there was no other kind.

They handle a complete line of drug sundries, magazines, and most other things that go with a first-class drug sundry store.

## Sun Oil Company Started Oil Boom In Coke County With Allen Jameson Strike

Sun Oil Company has made extensive Coke County development since striking oil in December, 1946, on Allen Jameson property, a half mile east and one mile south of the school house at Silver.

From the discovery well offsets spread to the south, west and northwest, and today Sun has 59 producers in the Silver area. Sun also tested a wildcat territory, known as the Arledge field six miles north of Sanco, where they have two small producers and a gas well that has been shut in.

Then Sun moved into another new territory, 3 miles west of Edith, where their No. 1 P. W. Millican opened another field. Six producers in the Millican area gives Sun a total of 67 producing wells in Coke County.

From all indications it is thought from 50 to 75 more producing wells may be developed around Silver. There will be additional development on Arledge property at some future time, while extent of the Millican field is still unknown. Following dry holes to the east, south and west the last three producers west of Edith were in a line bearing to the northwest.

Because of the crude oil surplus Sun's drilling operations have been drastically curtailed since the first of the year. Six months ago they had 11 big rotary rigs working, now there are three. Two rigs are drilling at Silver and one at Edith.

H. D. Smith, area superintendent at Silver, reports they will be allowed only 17 producing days during July and August. There has been a continual reduction since the first of the year. Daily allowable production in the Jameson field at Silver is 111 barrels. South of the river at Edith it is 140 barrels, and the Millican field is allowed 120 barrels daily.

Sun is getting its Coke County oil from the Strawn section of the Pennsylvania lime at a depth from 5,900 to 6,400 feet. Some tests have explored the Ellenberger to 7,100 feet, but there has been no production at the lower depth.

Sun has an enormous investment in Coke County, having made many permanent improvements pointing toward a life expectancy of the field from 25 to 30 years. They are completing a gas plant to utilize gas now being flared. The plant will cost \$2 million dollars.

Sun's investment in addition to other oil properties have nearly doubled the county's taxing valuation, thus providing additional funds to be used in public improvements. Oil operations have also furnished employment for several hundred men, and these are good paying jobs.

Sun has 24 permanent employees connected with the area office at Silver. They include a superintendent, chief clerk, two petroleum engineers, four foremen, a geologist, eight pumpers, four field clerks and two roustabouts. This is for the production department only. The gas department has a separate organization.

Sun is a large Philadelphia corporation with far reaching interests. They control the Todd ship building industry, an enormous concern which operates on both the Atlantic and Pacific coast and the Gulf.

Oil operations in the southwest are handled by a divisional office in Dallas. A West Texas and New Mexico office is maintained at Midland. The Coke county field is Sun's biggest producing area in West Texas.

## KEY FEED STORE

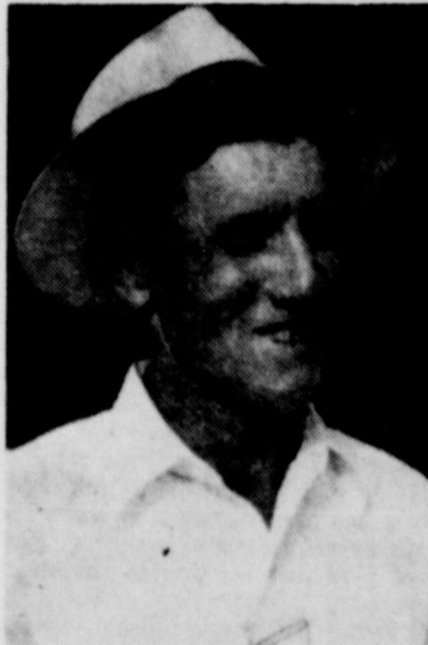
David Key is the owner of the feed store bearing his name in Robert Lee. He carries a big line of feed of all kinds, grain, seeds for planting, poultry and livestock remedies, etc. Mr. Key is one of the town's younger business men and is making a fine success of his undertaking. He purchased the store from Mrs. A. E. Latham nearly three years ago.

## LUMBERMAN



Fred McDonald, Jr., is one of Robert Lee's most active business men. He owns the lumber yard and cotton gin and carries on extensive farming and livestock operations. Fred is interested in oil properties, too.

## City Commissioner



Fern Havins is a member of the Robert Lee city commission and a top ranking citizen. He recently disposed of his garage business and will devote more attention to bulldozing and dirt moving.

## LARGE OAKS FROM SMALL ACORNS GROW

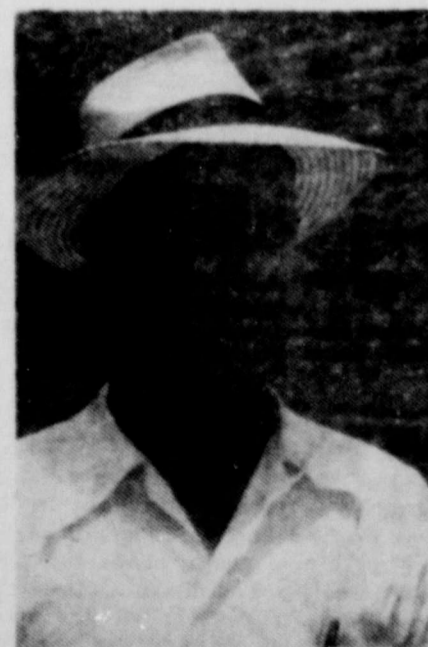
Large Oaks from Small Acorns Grow: This is literally true in more ways than one. Right here at Robert Lee there are a number of businesses which are referred to as: "Small Businesses."

In this, our Anniversary edition, every one of our readers are asked to read every congratulatory advertisement in this issue; and, not only the larger ads, but let us call your attention to a special page in which you will find a number of "Small Ads." Were any of these businesses to close the doors and move away, we here at Robert Lee would miss that particular place of business and the owner or owners.

Some of these days these "Small Businesses" will be large and for them to move away then would be a great detriment to our wonderful little town. And the same can be said about our present large businesses. Were they to leave now that would be a calamity.

Want you, dear reader, try to read every ad in this issue? They represent your town and you need them. Thank you so much.

## Locker Manager



Eli Hatley is manager of the cold storage locker plant in Robert Lee. He is doing a good job and has excellent assistance from his wife.

## SILVER NEWS

Carl Norberg, who has been a roust-about and relief pumper here since last March, left last week for his home in Philadelphia. He and Ike Lowenstein, who is taking his annual vacation, were to drive through and go by way of Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, where they would see several baseball games. They will also attend games in Philadelphia and New York.

Ike will return here while Carl will re enter Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., next month where he will take up mining.

Mrs. James E. Payne returned last week from Houston where she attended the state Business and Professional Women's convention. She is a member of the Colorado City club and attended the convention as a delegate at large as a member of the state board.

Mrs. Payne reported 820 delegates registered for the largest state convention of the federation.

Principal matters for discussion were the Jury Service for Women Bill that will be submitted to the people of Texas on Sept. 24th to become a constitutional amendment; and the electing of qualified members for the new 21 member State Board of Education which will control all public school affairs of the state.

Recent visitors in the Fred Jameson home were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pierce, Colorado City, parents of Mrs. Jameson, and her sisters, Mrs. J. A. Thompson and family of Loraine, Mrs. Charles Robertson and family of Colorado City and a brother, Louis Pierce of Bisbee, Ariz.

Charlotte Wayne McCabe has returned home after a two weeks' visit with her grandparents, the W. D. Jamesons at O'Donnell.

Bob Odom returned last week from a few days visit with his parents, the B. H. Odoms at Saltillo, and his brother, Claude and wife of Dallas.

Janice Jones of Colorado City is here visiting her cousin, Mrs. Dalton Millican and family.

Coleen Smith of Colorado City visited with the J. Jameson girls last week.

Visiting in the H. W. Keener home on the weekend were T. J. Keener of Bangs, father of H. W., and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hall and baby of San Angelo.

Mrs. Eugene L. McGuire, Kay and Nancy, of Texarkana, are here for a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. Pete Ritchey, and family. Mr. McGuire will join his family here Saturday.

Visiting the Fred L. Jones the first of the week were Mrs. A. C. Jones, mother of Fred, and other relatives of Jal, New Mex. Freddie Lee accompanied his grandmother home for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Miller, Kay and Carol, of Crossville, Illinois, are here visiting his parents, the M. D. Millers. An employee of Sun Oil Co. since 1935, Mr. Miller is now superintendent of Sun Pipeline Co. of Illinois. He and his family will be here for a two weeks' vacation. The group all visited in Lockney last weekend with the M. D. Miller's daughter and family, the Chester Mitchells.

Mrs. R. B. Allen and Esther are spending a few days with R. D. Allen and children of Vancouver.

Mrs. Lonnie D. Evans and Larry have returned to their home in Winslow, Ariz., after a two weeks visit here with the former's parents, the R. B. Allens.

Mrs. Bill Vanderland and children of Odessa spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr. and family.

Young Chip and Arlo Payne visited with their grandparents in Bangs recently.

Mrs. Upton Mathers left Friday for Winslow, Ariz. where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Ryon.

Arriving Wednesday to begin work as a roust-about with the Sun Oil Co. Gas Department was Drew Kennard of Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kennard. He is a spring graduate from Texas University and took his degree in Mechanical Engineering.

A "Nonsense" party was held at the home of Pat Preston, June 25, at 8 o'clock.

Many foolish games, stunts, and swing games were enjoyed. Then refreshments were served to the following: Donna, Susie, and Billie Jameson, Barbara Keener, Colleen Soles, Mary Anne Snyder, Beth Newell, Doug Gilbert, David Gassiot, Don Asher, James Jackson of Robert Lee, Ray Harmon and Dean Garrat of Colorado City, Glen and Monte Wilkes, Jay Weldon Phillips, Bill Gassiot of Odessa, Kenneth and Billy Preston, and the hostess, Pat Preston.

Adults attending the party were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Jameson and Mr. and Mrs. Preston.

## Fine Improvements At Ivey Motor Company

Ivey Motor Co. is making outstanding improvements which will provide this Robert Lee firm with one of the finest and most up-to-date Ford sales and service plants in this section of the state.

Front of the large garage building has been enclosed with huge plate glass windows and glazed tile, making a very attractive appearance. The showroom was enlarged to provide space for a half dozen automobiles, while some work remains to be done on the interior. The office will be changed to the rear center of the showroom and parts department shifted to one side.

Cumbie Ivey, owner of the business, purchased the Ford franchise and plant from Jess Craddock five years ago, and has been very successful in his operations. He has been promised an increase in allotment of new Fords this year, due to the recent growth of Coke county's population.

Mr. Ivey is a native of Bronte, as is his wife, who helps with office work. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hickman.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness, their words of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers at the time of our recent bereavement.—The Ed McDorman Family.

## Death of Mrs. Savage

Mrs. Sallie Savage passed away June 20 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lena Stokes, in Brownfield. She was 92 years of age and had been in failing health several months. Mrs. Savage was a long time resident of the Silver community, moving to Seminole a few years ago where she made her home with a son, Sam, and family. Two other children survive, Miss Lula Savage of Seminole and John Savage of Clyde. Funeral services at Brownfield on June 21 were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers of Silver. Bro. H. L. Bloodworth of Lamesa was one of the officiating ministers.

## Visit From Sun Officials

Jack Pew of Philadelphia, vice president in charge of production for Sun Oil Company, inspected the company's holdings at Silver Saturday. He was accompanied by J. L. Manes, head of industrial relations of the Dallas regional office, and J. B. Hamilton of Midland, district superintendent.

## SILVER GROCERY

### Upton Mathers, Owner

A thriving business located on the Silver Y is the grocery store and station operated by Mr. and Mrs. Upton Mathers. They carry a fresh line of groceries and frozen meats, and their station sells Magnolia products. Upton is a native of Silver, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers. His wife is from Winslow, Ariz., where Upton worked for the Santa Fe.

## Sun Cafe At Silver

Present operators and owners of the Sun Cafe at Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark, purchased the business only a few weeks ago, but they are old hands in the restaurant business. They came from Big Spring.

The cafe is near the Sun Oil Company camp and is one of the most popular gathering places in the oil boom community.

Cleanliness and polite treatment is the motto at Sun Cafe which is open from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m.



## Soil Conservation District Supervisors

Coke County Soil Conservation District Supervisors pictured above are left to right: C. N. Webb, Tennyson; W. C. Shamblin, Blackwell; R. B. Allen, Silver; W. E. Burns, Edith; and Bryan Yarbrough of Robert Lee. Ben Brooks, member of the Physical Committee, is between Burns and Yarbrough.

They are being assisted by J. B. Walker, Bob Reaves, Wm. Millican, Ben Brooks, V. V. Wojtek and O. T. Colvin, who serve on the Physical Committee.

Mrs. R. S. Anderson, Mrs. Wor-

nock Hipp, Mrs. Sam Powell, Mrs. Delmir Sheppard and Mrs. Tom Peays compose the Social Committee.

The Historical Committee includes W. I. Tubb, Mrs. Mark Chumley, Charlie Copeland, Mrs. C. E. Arrott and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough.

W. L. Carr, L. T. Youngblood, L. R. Schooler, J. R. Arrott and Lowell Roane make up the Economic Conditions Committee.

This group of land owners developed the local Soil Conservation District program with technical assistance of representatives of the Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, Vocational Agriculture, and the PMA.

## INSPECTING COVER CROP



A. V. Sheppard, Work Unit Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, observing a cover crop planting of Madrid sweet clover and oats on the Clin Wilkins ranch one mile south of Bronte. Mr. Wilkins planted the clover and oats in February as a part of his Soil Conservation District program.

## GRASS WAS PLANTED HERE



K. R. Bluestem planted in pushed cedar on the C. N. Webb ranch. The District recommends the planting of adapted grasses for seed source along with good range management.

## EROSION DAMAGE



Uncontrolled road water caused this erosion damage in the Green Mountain community. E. J. Hughes, District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, measures the depth of the cut. The Coke County SCD is working jointly with the County Commissioners Court, the Texas Highway Department and the land owners in correcting this problem of community concern.

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## BUTANE SERVICE CO. Arnold F. Ball, Mgr.

Butane is one of the greatest assets to any community where there is no gas, or very poor methods of heating or cooking by some other method than the "Old Time" wood fire.

Mr. Arnold F. Ball is owner and manager of Butane Service Co. of Bronte and Robert Lee. He is a most affable gentleman and is ever attentive to business. He is of the kind that believes that any business must be looked after if it is to succeed.

Mr. Fagan Park who has been with this company three years, is looked upon by Mr. Ball and those who know him, as one of the most conscientious men ever to fill any position; and his method and manner has won many staunch friends for him.

Another employee, Mr. Sam Richards, has been with this good company for a little more than two years. However, he is considered to be of the same calibre as is Mr. Parker, and that in itself is most complimentary. He fills his position with interest to the buyers as well as to his employer.

Services of this company are available to the public 24 hours every day in the week including Sundays. This is a special feature for the consumers and it goes without saying that every user of Butane Gas is most appreciative of this splendid service.

## CLIFT FUNERAL HOME Robert Lee and Bronte

When the Hand of Providence has reached into your home and taken a loved one, the first person necessary and the one called upon, is your undertaker. Naturally you want the best, the one who sympathizes with you in your darkest hour.

W. B. Clift, an undertaker with sympathetic feelings, and one who goes a long way out of the usual channels in his efforts to give the best service to be had, is an undertaker of wide experience and a gentleman of the highest type.

Mrs. Clift is ever attentive to personal and telephone calls in time of need and is an inestimable lady who will also go out of her way to serve in these cases.

The Clifts came to Robert Lee a considerable number of years ago and are numbered among the best citizens to be found in any town.

A special feature is the twenty-four hours ambulance service—which mean night and day service.

A grasshopper can jump 30-times its own length.

## TAYLOR EMERSON Oil Leases - Royalties

Mr. Emerson is one of the leading men of Coke County in the Oil Lease and Royalties business. He is an authority in his line and is open for consultations at any time.

Mr. Emerson is an experienced man in this business and gives every consideration to the best interests of his clients. He is well versed in Coke County oil developments. He says: "Tell 'em to see me and be satisfied."

## BRONTE ICE COMPANY W. W. Millikin

Many of Bronte's splendid people express themselves as being "pretty strong" for the Bronte Ice Co., of which W. W. Millikin is the owner.

Besides a nice line of groceries, meat and feed, the splendid ice cakes coming from Millikin's when the days are so hot, are things of beauty never to be forgotten. Mrs. Don Edmonston and Leonard Fletcher, the two store assistants, are ever eager to render their best service to all who enter this store.

## Congratulations

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TO THE FARMERS OF COKE AND  
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## KEENEY'S Variety Store

Frank Keeney, Prop.

Bronte, Texas

## Congratulations

To Coke County on Its  
Sixtieth Anniversary

The Adams Abstract Company has served the people of this county for many years, and we recognize the splendid progress that is being made and the possibilities of a more glorious future.

Under new management, our company will strive to render the kind of Title Service you are entitled to expect.

We Serve To Serve Again

## Adams Abstract Company

Phil Laws, Manager

## H & L Truck Does Oil Field Hauling

H & L Truck Company is another business concern in Robert Lee which came into being because of the oil development in Coke and surrounding counties.

The company is engaged in oil field hauling. Its fleet of trucks include some enormous machines which are large enough to move drilling rigs and all kinds of oil field machinery. H & L has enough equipment to move two rigs at the same time.

Organized early last year by Dave Harris and A. E. Latham, the company has had a big run of business. Since drilling operations have been curtailed in Coke county, they have been handling considerable work in Tom Green and Scurry counties.

Dave Harris of Dallas, independent oil operator and part owner of the Ray-Harris Drilling Co., recently purchased Mr. Latham's interest in the H & L Company. Paul Isbell has been made superintendent and Jim Sexton is office manager and bookkeeper.

H & L provides employment for 20 men and is a fine asset to the community.

Frozen butter may be kept in the home freezer for as long as six months if it is good quality. Wash the butter well, get all the milk out, mold it, wrap in parchment paper and press all the air out that's caught under the paper. Then it's ready to pack in wax cartons.

## FORD DEALER



**Cumbie Ivey** is Robert Lee's popular and enterprising Ford dealer. He is also president of the Board of Community Development and a director of the Upper Colorado River Authority.

## Operate Truck Co.



**PAUL ISBELL, Supt.**



**JIM SEXTON, Office Mgr.**

## T. R. HARMON Commissioner

Mr. Harmon is one of the best ranchers and farmers to be found. He is in position to know the needs of the farmers in Coke County and he is ever on duty in their behalf. This speaks well for this splendid gentleman. He is genuinely true to his county duties. He represents Precinct No. 3.

## SNEAD BARBER SHOP J. C. Snead, Jr., Prop.

J. C. Snead, Jr., has been engaged in the barber business in Robert Lee for the past 25 years. He is a good workman and operates a first class shop.

Mr. Snead's hobby is fishing and deer hunting, and he usually finds time to enjoy a week in the open each summer and fall.

Seven Presidents of the United States reached the high office through the death of their predecessors—Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson, Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Coolidge, and Truman.

An irresistible force can never meet an immovable object since the terms are mutually exclusive.

## Land Owners Adopt Practices Aimed At Conservation of Soil

Organization of the Coke County Soil Conservation District two years ago was a constructive effort to stop erosion and preserve and build up the fertility of our farm and grass lands.

Land owners seized the opportunity to receive state and federal assistance and already eleven conservation groups have been organized. In these groups are 118 land owners and 90,517 acres of land is included. Plans have already been developed by 72 of the members, covering 64,150 acres.

Directors of the Soil Conservation District, recommend that members follow a complete coordinated plan of soil and water conservation, consisting of contour tillage, seeding of cover crops, protection of crop stubbles, range improvement, level terraces, diversion terraces, stock ponds and digging water wells and erection of windmills.

With the Coke County District organized and ready to function, A. V. Sheppard was sent here in February, 1948, from the Big Spring office to take charge as work unit conservationist.

His assistants are Leslie Wilkins, conservationist aid, and Weldon Birdwell, agricultural engineer. Mrs. Bob Fields is office clerk.

The Observer wishes to congratulate everyone who has had a part in getting the Coke County Soil Conservation District off to a most encouraging start.

Producers of eggs, chickens and turkeys must keep in mind the consumer demand for their production if market outlets are going to continue to increase their volume of business.

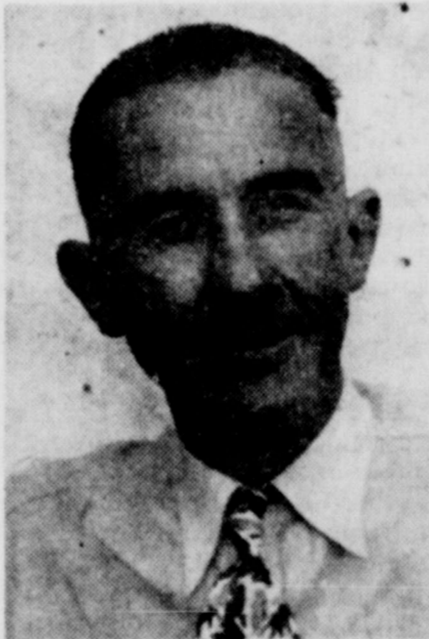
Only in one sport must a team travel backwards in order to win, that being Tug of War.

## THEATRE MAN



Victor Wojtek is engaged in the theatre business in Robert Lee and Bronte with his brothers, Otto and Frank. Victor is also a director of the Robert Lee State Bank.

## Back In Business



Earl Roberts returned to active business early this year when he purchased the M System grocery and market in Robert Lee.

## R. W. (Dick) KANNADY Plumber

Mr. Kannady and his family moved to Robert Lee from Eden a year and a half ago. They bought a home and have taken an active part in community affairs. Dick is a first-class plumber and he's busy most of the time. He would like to bid on your next job.

## RECOMMEND LARGE TERRACES



Broad base terraces in the Coke County SCD constructed with an elevated grader on the M. B. Wardlaw farm in the Green Mountain Conservation group. These terraces were 26 feet wide, 28 inches high and can be farmed with 4-row equipment. The district recommends large terraces of this type.

## POSTMASTER



H. S. Lewis, Jr., known to his friends as "Bub," is Robert Lee's new postmaster. He recently succeeded Miss Myrtle Hurley as acting postmaster and has been recommended for permanent appointment. Mr. Lewis has a long and brilliant war record and received serious leg injuries in the Philippine campaign. He is commander of the American Legion post.

## A. B. SHEPPARD Apartments

One of the outstanding housing projects completed in Robert Lee the past two years is the A. B. Sheppard Apartments.

Well located on the paved street two blocks east of the business section, Mr. Sheppard constructed three 2-family units and two single units, thus providing living quarters for eight families.

The Sheppard apartments are completely furnished and are attractive and comfortable in every detail.

In connection with the apartment buildings Mr. Sheppard operates a house trailer camp which is shady and convenient.

## FRED HENSON Grocery

No matter how large "The Other Grocery", Fred Henson, like the other splendid grocery stores here at Robert Lee, "sorter" dotes on the cleanliness of his store.

Mr. Henson handles Humble Oil and has a very splendid Trailer Camp for the convenience of those who need a "good night's sleep" and rest. He extends a special invitation to all to pay him a visit.

## Operates Food Store



Frank Dean Bryan is the owner and proprietor of Frank's Food Store in Robert Lee. He purchased the business three years ago and has been very successful.

"Selling Short" means selling something you don't own, but which you expect to buy.

Venom of the Black Widow Spider is 15 times as potent as that of the rattlesnake.

Ants are more closely related to bees than to termites.

## CITY SECRETARY



R. S. Crum is Robert Lee's city secretary and handles the tax assessing and collecting for the city. He was appointed to succeed the late Fred O. Green.



## WILLIS SMITH County Clerk

Mr. Smith holds the position of County and District Clerk. He is ever

faithful to his duties of the county and district which come first. Mr. Smith is a man of what may be termed "Of the Old School" and is never found wanting in his duties to the county.



## VARNADORE OIL CO. Three Partners

The Varnadore Oil Company is owned and operated by Clell Varnado, his brother, Morris and Wilton Scott. These young men deserve considerable credit for their faithful attendance to their customers and to their business.

Clell Varnado has been in business since 1946, Mr. Scott joined him in 1948. Morris Varnado has been a member since August, 1946.

The sound of Col-Tex Gas to these young men is as great as Christmas

greetings. Sun Oil never fails to bring a smile from each of them. Amaline likewise. Brunswick tires is another smile getter. They carry a complete line of accessories which they say is in line with any other dealer handling such products.

They are distributors for Oils in this territory including surrounding counties. Three trucks haul the oil and gas to Drillers and Farmers and Ranchers.

These young men have been at their present stand since last May 12th at the intersection of Colorado City Highway and Main Street here at Robert Lee.

## Banker-Ranchman Conservationist



Gerald C. Allen, in the drug business here more than 20 years, recently became executive vice president of the Robert Lee State Bank and is taking an active part in its management. Mr. Allen also operates a ranch near Hayrick and owns the Y-Courts, which provided 12 badly needed housing units when the oil development opened up in this county. Mr. Allen is active in promoting the Upper Colorado River Authority and for a number of years has served as UCRA secretary-treasurer.

## Bronte Banker



L. T. Youngblood is president of the First National Bank of Bronte and has wide business and farming interests in that locality. He's noted for his good work in soil and water conservation, and for many years has been president and manager of the Upper Colorado River Authority.

## Frank's Food Store

One of Robert Lee's leading business establishments is the grocery and market operated by Frank Bryan under the firm name of Frank's Food Store. He bought out the Red & White grocery from Mrs. Otis Campbell and handles an excellent line of merchandise. The market at Frank's store is in charge of Vaughn Davis. Frank is an old head at the grocery business, although young in years, and obtained his early training from the M System where he advanced to the managers position.

## Roy Taylor, Surveyor

Roy Taylor, county surveyor, has had a lot of official business the past year due to the oil play. Oil leases require late abstracts of title and the descriptions must be correct. When the oil boom struck Bronte a few months ago, and town lots leased for \$1,000 each, Mr. Taylor was called upon to straighten out numerous property surveys.

Roy's a former county clerk, a building contractor, and does a good job at everything he tackles. How he walks so fast, we don't know.

## Grain Crop Harvested

Fred McDonald, Jr. has completed the harvest of small grain on his farm south of Robert Lee. His sixty acres of oats yielded an average of 40 bushels, 50 acres of wheat made 17 bushels and 20 acres of rye averaged 13 bushels per acre. He had previously received a hail insurance settlement of 20 per cent on the oats, 28 1-2 per cent on wheat and 57 1-2 per cent on his rye crop.

Six geese are required to provide a pound of goose feathers.

## Coke County Dam Will Be Realized Sooner Or Later

Flood waters of the Colorado River will be harnessed some day by a great dam in Coke County. This prediction is of many years standing, but its fulfillment is more certain today than ever.

Interior Secretary Julius Krug, out from Washington a few weeks, stated in Houston that the Robert Lee Dam was the only solution for the cities of Odessa, Midland and Big Spring to obtain an adequate municipal water supply.

Plans for the dam a few miles above Robert Lee have been held up by the recent oil development, since the impounded waters would form a lake over a site which now has several producing oil wells south of Silver.

Set up to utilize and conserve our natural resources is the Upper Colorado River Authority which operates under a legislative enactment. Beginning two years ago the annual state ad valorem tax levied in both Coke and Tom Green counties has been diverted to the UCRA treasury.

UCRA was instrumental in promoting the Concho River flood control dam now under construction at San Angelo, and is pledged to contribute \$500,000 to that project.

Recently the UCRA directors voted to finance municipal water supplies for the towns of Robert Lee and Bronte. The Robert Lee project provides for a dam on Mountain Creek at the northeast edge of the city, while Bronte is to get its water through a pipeline from a proposed Oak Creek dam below Blackwell. Both projects would be paid off from water rentals.

Coke county has three directors on the Upper Colorado River Authority Board. They include L. T. Youngblood, Bronte banker, who is president and general manager of the UCRA, and G. C. Allen, Robert Lee banker and ranchman, secretary-treasurer. Both Youngblood and Allen have been connected with the UCRA from the beginning and have put forth years of hard work in its behalf. Cumie Ivey of Robert Lee was appointed to the UCRA Board a year ago by Gov. Beauford Jester. He succeeded the late D. R. Campbell.

Main office of the UCRA is in Robert Lee.

## Visitor From California

Mrs. Cumie Ivey honored her uncle, Albert Casner, of Holtville, Calif., with a dinner last Sunday, the occasion being his 79th birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hickman and Robert Hickman and wife of Bronte, W. A. Hickman and family of Blackwell, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Warren and Joe Bob of San Angelo, Foster Casner and wife Mrs. T. J. Casner and Mrs. W. J. Webster of Field Creek, and Mrs. Millard Casner and Gladys and Harvey of Abilene. The California visitor is an only brother of Mrs. R. E. Hickman and is back for a visit in his native Texas.

## Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay, Mrs. Robert McGuire and Charles Besant came down from Lubbock for a weekend visit. They were accompanied home by Mrs. B. W. Bilbo, who will visit her daughter, Mrs. McGuire, and Peggy Bilbo, who will be a guest of her sister, Mrs. Kay.

Bob L. Davis came over from Pecos for a Sunday visit with Robert Lee relatives. Bob is city secretary at Pecos and says things are booming in his town.

Mrs. James Mitchell of Ft. Worth is spending the week with relatives in Robert Lee and Bronte. Her husband plans to join her the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cole of Floydada are the proud parents of a daughter, Sherry Beth, born June 26. This is their first child. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson of Robert Lee.

## Operate Gas Plant



Harvey O. Evinger is superintendent of Sun's new gas plant at Silver which is rapidly nearing completion.



John Shimer is engineer of the gas plant. Both men have been on the job since construction started last year.

## Notes from the Oil Field



Sun No. 7 J. B. Walker was coring in lime Thursday at 6,003 feet. It hit the reef at 5,933 feet and casing was seated at 5,974 feet. No. 7 Walker is just south of the river in the Jameson field at Silver.

On the north side of the Colorado River No. 2 H. L. Bloodworth was coring in sand at 5,750 feet.

In the Millican field northwest of Edith Sun No. 5 Annie Cummings was drilling at 3,794 feet in shale.

In Nolan county, near Maryneal, Sun has plugged and abandoned No. 1 Mary S. Cook. The well was drilled to the lower Strawn at 6,766 feet with only slight shows. Operators decided against going to the Ellenburger, original goal of the test. Drilling equipment owned by Prince Bros. & Gehle has been dismissed.

The wildcat test on L. T. Youngblood property in the center of Bronte has been plugged and abandoned. The prospect was bottomed at 5,206 feet in the top of the Bend lime in the Pennsylvanian. No oil shows in any formation were reported. A one-hour drillstem test recovered 4,600 feet of salt water.

Humble No. 1 James L. Brunson, wildcat 3 miles southwest of Bronte on the north side of the Colorado River, reported good oil and gas shows in the Strawn around 5,200 feet.

Humble has begun No. 2 Sallie Odom in Coke county south of Blackwell, after finding production in the Strawn lime 3 miles to the southeast in the corner of Runnels county.

## Store Improvements

Some fine improvements are being made this week in the Earl Roberts Grocery. New display racks (Earl calls them floats) have been constructed, permitting a very attractive manner of displaying merchandise. Stock will also be re-arranged. The changes will add much to the appearance of the store and make shopping easier.

## Sun's Gas Plant Nears Completion

Sun Oil Company's new gas plant at Silver is expected to start operating about July 15, according to a statement made yesterday by Harvey O. Evinger, superintendent. This week will see completion of laying pipe for the gathering and injection systems.

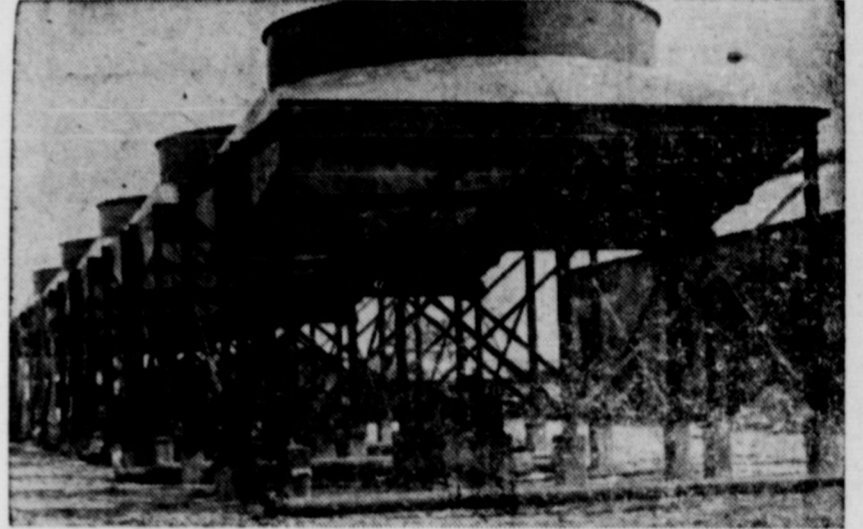
Twenty three permanent employees of the gas department are now on the job, and the total number will run between 25 and 30. Housing for gas department

workers is provided at Tubb Camp, a half mile north of the Silver school house. All of the 21 dwellings have been occupied or reserved and some will have to get quarters outside.

The plant costing a million and a half dollars will utilize 6 or 7 million feet of gas daily which is now being wasted. Butane, propane and casing head gasoline will be manufactured, with the dry gas being returned to oil bearing formations more than a mile under the earth's surface.

The gas plant is located on Fred Jameson property, two miles south of Silver.

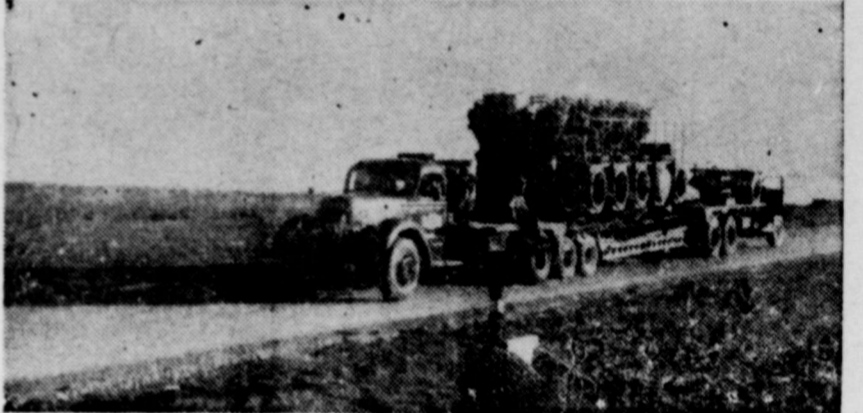
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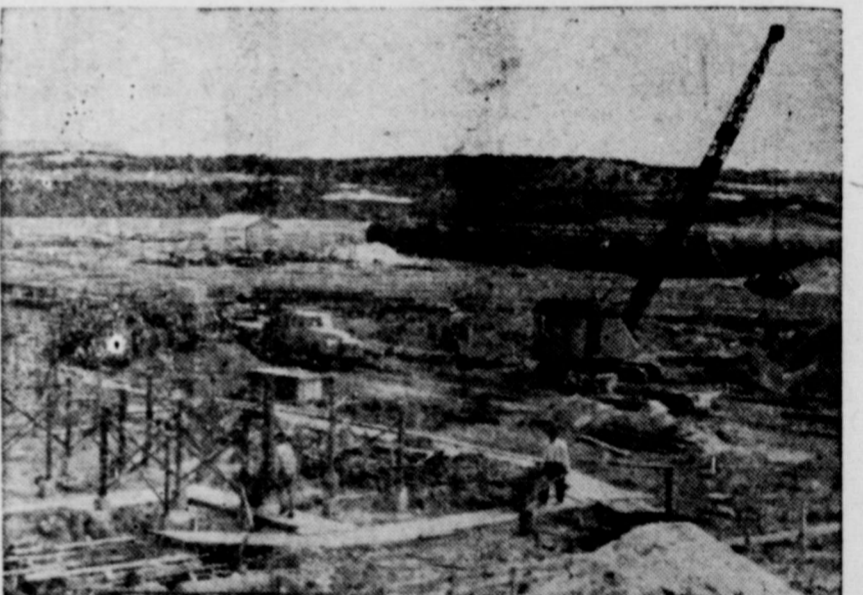
COMPRESSOR jacket water cooler unit.



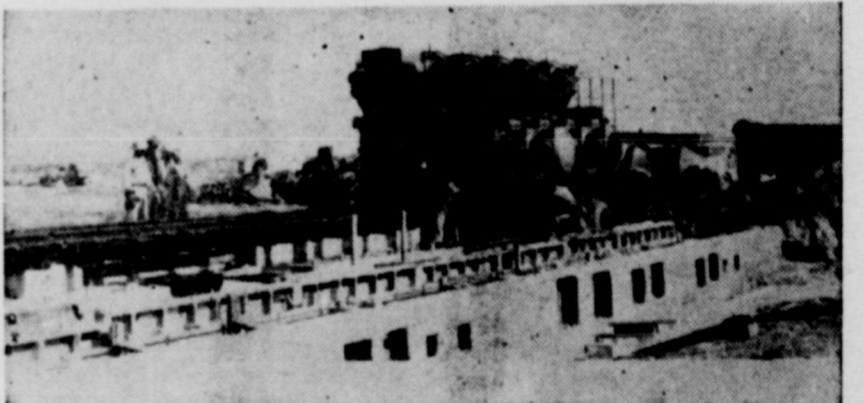
BOILER BUILDING (L) and generator building.



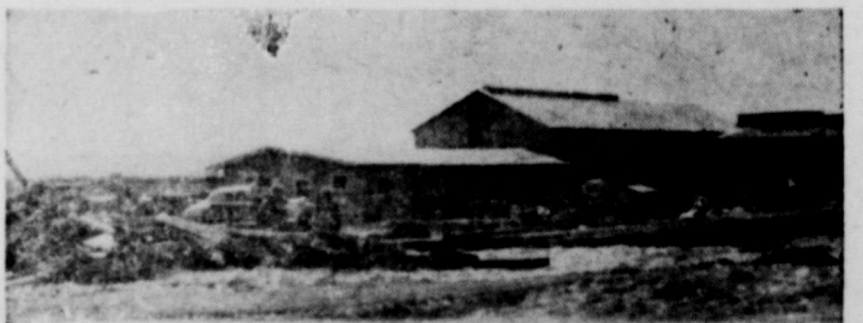
TWO HUGE TRUCKS, one backing up, move compressor engine 25 miles from Colorado City to gas plant site.



CLEARING SITE—L.P.C. tanks in background.



100-FOOT RAILROAD — Built to move 95,000-pound compressor engine.



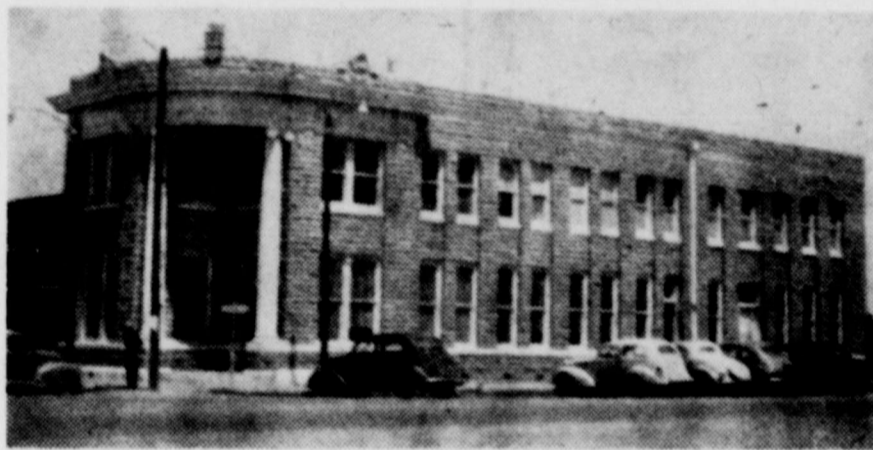
TEMPORARY OFFICE (L) and compressor building

# Congratulations

## To Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer

Coke County has always been a substantial stock raising and farming community, and it is especially fitting at this time to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the organization of our county and our county seat newspaper, The Robert Lee Observer.

It has been a pleasure to have served you over a long period of years, and we anticipate the future will hold for us all continued Happiness and Prosperity.



### OFFICERS

E. C. Rawlings	Vice President
Chairman of the Board	
L. T. Youngblood	President
J. T. Harmon	Vice President
Earl F. Glenn	Vice President
B. D. Snead	Cashier
Willie B. Millikin	Ass't Cashier

### DIRECTORS

D. K. Glenn	R. E. Cumbie
J. T. Harmon	Frank Kenney
E. C. Rawlings	Carrie G. Williams
L. T. Youngblood	

## The First National Bank

### BRONTE, TEXAS

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Bronte, Texas

That the First National Bank of Bronte stands among those at the top among other banks of West Texas goes without saying. Today it stands on "Solid Ground" and is ever alert to the needs of its constituents.

E. C. Rawlings is a pioneer rancher in Coke County. He has acquired extensive land holdings and other properties, among which are three producing wells on his land. Mr. Rawlings has reared a large family and is an outstanding banker and rancher of West Texas.

L. T. Youngblood, President, was a bookkeeper with the old State Bank at Blackwell, Texas. In 1912 he was made cashier, in 1918 he became President, and in 1922 he acquired the assets of the First State Bank at Bronte and operated both banks until 1933, when the Blackwell and Bronte banks merged. He is also a graduate of American Institute of Banking and holds an L. L. B. degree in law. He is also Chairman and General Manager of the Upper Colorado River Authority. By faith he is a Baptist and member of all Masonic bodies.

J. T. Harmon, Vice President, became associated with the First State Bank of Blackwell in 1918 as cashier and in 1927 he was made president of that bank. He served as such until 1933 when the two banks consolidated, was associated with the First National Bank at Bronte as active vice president until 1947 when he retired on account of his health but is still vice president and director. He is also a land owner in Coke and Nolan counties and is engaged in the insurance business.

B. D. Sneed, cashier, started at Robert Lee in 1924 as bookkeeper and in two years was made cashier. He spent two years with the San Angelo National Bank, returning to Robert Lee, remaining there until 1934, and in 1940 was made cashier of the First National Bank at Bronte.

Earl F. Glenn, assistant cashier, graduated from Bronte High School in 1939 and from Texas A. & M. in 1943 when he went into the Army as Second Lieutenant, served overseas with the 11th Armoured Division, with the Third Army. He came

home on receipt of notice that the war was over. He started with the bank in June, 1946, as assistant cashier. He is also a member of the West Texas A. & M. Club.

Frank Keeney, a director of the First National Bank, is also a land owner and pioneer merchant of Bronte. His hobby, which is among the better things in life, is making friends with children.

Mrs. Carrie G. Williams has served twenty years or more at the Bronte Bank. In 1940 she was made postmaster at Bronte. She is also a land owner. She gave extra splendid service at the bank, and is a splendid postmaster.

The First National Bank was organized in 1906 as First State Bank, operated by J. B. Riley and other local people until 1922 at which time it failed. The assets were sold to L. T. Youngblood and associates, and, was reopened as Guaranty State Bank and was operated under that name until August, 1935, at which time the First National Bank was organized.

### BRONTE PHARMACY Eleven Years Old

Bronte's Pharmacy which has been in that city for eleven years stands high among such institutions. No better line of such articles carried by a drug store can be found in any store. Filling prescriptions is one of their specialties. This store carries a large line of patent medicines, stock supplies, and a line of the finest cosmetics to be found in any store.

Their soda fountain has no blemishes. It is immaculate and the ice cream served there gives that "More" taste. Mrs. Ripptoe assists her husband and to express facts in the case, no better combination can ever be found than Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ripptoe.

### BRONTE SERVICE STATION Magnolia Products

To say that Bud Kirkland is sold on Magnolia products over at Bronte is putting it mild indeed. Bud was a ready buyer of space in this Anniversary edition. He said all I want to say is that: "Magnolia Products cannot be beat."



JEFF DEAN  
County Judge

Judge Dean has only been in the County Judge's office a short time, however, he governs his actions on the bench with decorum, gives every attention to all matters coming before him and has a very pleasing personality. The Judge will fill his office with justice to all, and will ever be found in serving his people and Coke County to the best of his ability.

### County Officials Express Appreciation to County

That they may express their appreciation to Coke County and to The Robert Lee Observer, that fact is known herein in their individual expressions, which was expressed in personal interviews to one of The Observers associates.

Sixty years is a long time and it can truthfully be said that the present incumbents of the county offices have rendered as fine service as any ever to hold office in the county.

The Observer was born at the same time as Coke County and it is in keeping with the county that The Observer and Coke County celebrate their anniversary at the same time together as they are servants of the people and for the people.

At no time has water failed to flow over Niagara Falls. However, one-third of the flow has been checked by ice during several winters.

# Congratulations

On This Your

## Sixtieth Anniversary

We are sincerely interested in Coke County and its good people as neighbors of ours, and you may depend upon us to further your future progressive ambitions to the full extent of our ability.

**PENNEY'S**  
J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, Inc.

Store 1210

COLORADO CITY, TEXAS

*Congratulations*

*From R-E-A*

We are proud to have played an important part in the outstanding progress made by Coke County in recent years.

Now our 120 miles of rural transmission lines serve 200 families, and our future program includes a much wider REA service for Coke County farmers and ranchers.

Real community enterprises operating for the betterment of rural living, the rural electric cooperatives have created greater farm prosperity and a big market for growing Texas industry.

## Concho Valley Electric Co-operative, Inc.

Office: 20 North Main

San Angelo, Texas



## Caperton Chevrolet Co.

BRONTE, TEXAS



### Sales and Service Chevrolet Cars and Parts

We Service all makes of cars and trucks  
CONOCO GAS AND OIL

Congratulations to Coke County on Its  
SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

## Caperton Chevrolet Service

R. T. Caperton — Emitt Caperton — Matthew Caperton



# Butane Service Company

Is Happy To Extend

## Congratulations

To Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer  
1889 On Their Sixtieth Anniversary 1949

This is a home owned organization serving  
Coke County and adjoining territory

We service Home Plants, Business Plants,  
Commercial and Wholesale Gas for All  
Purposes.



The above pictures show a part of our large storage tanks which have a combined capacity of 75,000 gallons, and our big transport and smaller delivery trucks.

### Appliances

Serve Gas Refrigerators, Roper Ranges, all kinds of Hot Water Heaters, large selection of Space Heaters.

### Our Employees

Mr. Fagan Parker, in charge of service at Robert Lee, and Mr. Sam Richards of Bronte, who also operates our large transport truck.

# Butane Service Company

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ball, Owners

Robert Lee Phone 92

Bronte Phone 123

# Congratulations

## To Coke County and The Observer on Their 60 Years of Outstanding Service

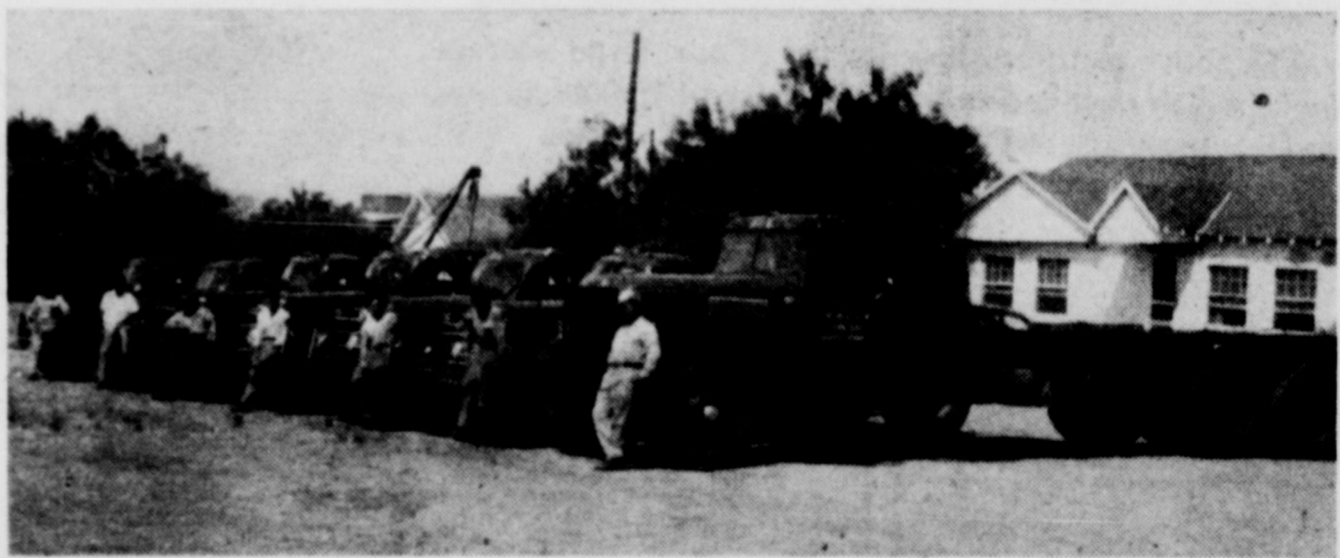
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We are happy to join in a community-wide recognition of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the organization of Coke County and the founding of The Robert Lee Observer.

We are fully aware of the outstanding progress which Coke County has made in recent years, and fully believe the next few years will bring many additional improvements and developments.

The owners and employees of this company trust our future relations with the people of this community will be as pleasant as they have been in the past.

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# H & L TRUCK COMPANY

Oil Field Hauling

Robert Lee, Texas

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## IN MY MEMORY'S STOREHOUSE

By Edwin W. Hamm

In My Memory's Storehouse lies remembrances of many splendid people whom I have been honored in knowing in all parts of the United States. There are moments in my life which will never be forgotten, coming from all classes of people, the multi-millionaires, the less richer people, the well-to-do and the poorest of poor.

I have held no man nor woman, higher than the rest. I love children. I was a child myself a "few years ago," they are the "Salt of the Earth." While here I have stopped to talk to these little ones, occasionally buying ice cream for one here and one there. The smiles given by those "little men and women were smiles that made me happy.

An old saying that we have made acquaintances is as true today as it was many years ago. However, I feel that regardless of secret affiliations, church attendances and on business, I have made many friends right here at Robert Lee, Texas, and to those friends go my best wishes for a happier life than ever before. And as the days come and go, I shall feel that at least once in a while some of you most excellent people will at least give me a single thought. And even though I am not aware of those thoughts, as they come to you, I shall ever cherish your acquaintance and your splendid friendship.

At the time this is written I have been at Robert Lee exactly eleven (11) days; but, in those eleven days I have spent some of the happiest days of my life. I have felt that I was not only with you but that you had given me the pleasure of being ONE OF YOU.

May the blessings of the Giver of All Good and Happiness, ever be with you all unto the end of time, and take you Unto Himself in the end.

## SHERIFF GOOD



Sheriff Paul Good is serving his second term and has made many friends during his time in office. He is attentive to his office and is never found wanting in doing his duties. Sheriff Good is a splendid gentleman and has the confidence of his many friends. No better man could fill the office of Sheriff of any county.

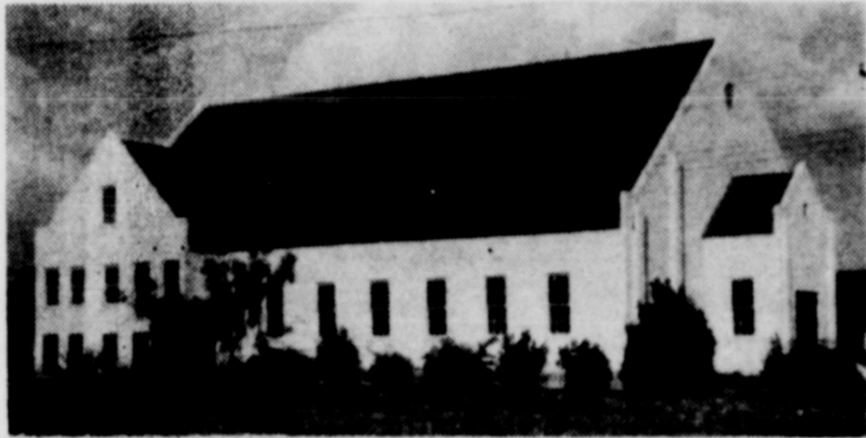
## PRUITT'S STORE Bronte, Texas

Pruitt's Store at Bronte, is another of those high-class stores where you are given a hearty welcome every time you enter the store. Mr. Pruitt and his two sons manage the business and it is not necessary to say that each of these gentlemen are ever alert to give the best service to be found in any store.

The public is extended a hearty welcome to call on this store. Pruitt's extend congratulations to Coke County on its Sixtieth Anniversary, and best wishes to the county's officers, one and all.

Third base is the "hot corner" of baseball.

## ROBERT LEE BAPTIST CHURCH



### BAPTIST CHURCH Organized in 1904

The Robert Lee Baptist Church was organized July 26, 1904, with 14 members. During its 45 years the Church has made steady progress with the town and community and now has a membership of 250.

The Rev. W. A. Knight, now of San Angelo, served as the first pastor, and L. D. Evans was the first Sunday School teacher.

The first building was completed in 1907. The present church edifice was completed in 1938 when the Rev. Fred DeLashaw was pastor. All debts were paid during the pastorate of the Rev. Harry Hames in 1944.

The Rev. Fred Blake, present pastor, came here nearly five years ago.

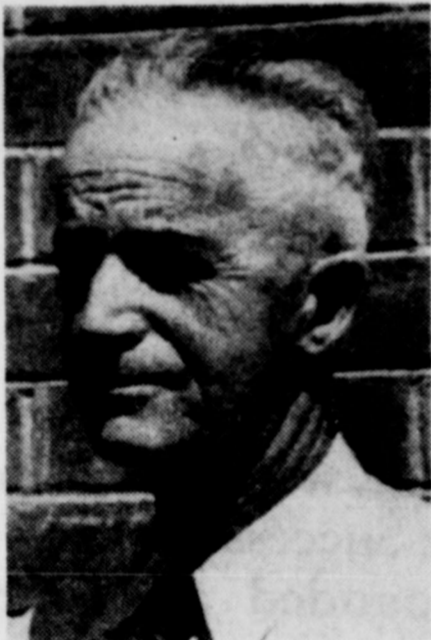
He made the following statement for publication in this issue:

"The Church has made its Spiritual contribution to the community, and this influence has been felt in many parts of the world as individuals move on to other places. At times the turnover has been rapid. During the past five years we have shown a gain of 175 members, with about 50 net gain. As these come to us they share their influence with us, then go on to share our influence with others.

"At present our physical equipment is inadequate to take care of the increasing attendance. Plans are under way to construct an activity building soon.

"The Church is happy to be a part of Robert Lee, and to do what it can to make our community all that it should be."

## CIVIC LEADER



W. B. Clift operates a funeral home in Robert Lee and one in Bronte. In addition he gives liberally of his time to church, fraternal and civic affairs.

Hygiene in the garden is as important to vegetables as cleanliness is in the home. Many diseases of vegetables are carried over on the stems, roots or leaves of the plants which have spent themselves in spring production. Such plants should be dug up, and not cut off at ground level.

## DRUGGIST



T. W. Farris moved to Robert Lee less than a year ago when he and his son purchased the City Drug Store. Mr. Farris is president of the Lions club.

After cleaning and moth-proofing your clothes, you can store them in trunks, chests or pasteboard boxes, first lined with paper. Be sure the containers are air tight. After placing the garments in the boxes, lay a piece of tissue paper over the top and sprinkle about four ounces of paradichlorobenzene crystals on the tissue.

## ROBERT LEE METHODIST CHURCH



## Subscriber 43 Years

Bill McCutchen renewed his subscription last week, after being on the list 43 years. George Cowan was editor of The Observer back in 1906 and he sent the paper the first year to young Bill and his bride as a wedding gift. Since that time the McCutchens have reared a fine large family and they are subscribers, too. One of their grandchildren, J. W. Service, Jr., was recently added as a new reader.

## Highway Marker



Pictured above is the large highway marker two miles out of Robert Lee on the Bronte Road. The inscription: "Coke County, Formed From Tom Green County, March 13, 1889. Organized April 23, 1899. Named in Honor of Richard Coke, 1829-1896, Governor of Texas 1874-76, Member United States Senate 1878-1896. County Seat, Hayrick 1889, Robert Lee Since 1890."

## Utility Manager



W. D. McAdams is manager of the West Texas Utilities office here. Everyone was glad when the company sent "Mac" to Robert Lee.

## GROCERYMAN



Genie Baker is making a fine success of the grocery and meat business which he opened two years ago when the Rawlings tourist courts were built. Genie's frown is unnatural. The sun was in his eyes when this picture was snapped.

A gardner in baseball is an outfielder.

## Some Things You Should Know About Your Home County

Interesting facts and statistics concerning Coke county are given herewith. Much of the material was obtained from an Economic Survey of Coke County prepared for the Texas & Pacific Railway by Bureau of Business Research, College of Business Administration, University of Texas.

### Location and Area

Coke County is in the central portion of West Texas and lies on both the Edwards Plateau and the rolling plains of Texas. Robert Lee, the county seat, is located on the Colorado River in the central part of the county.

Coke County has a total area of 585,600 acres, or 915 square miles.

### History

Coke County was created in 1889 from Tom Green County; the county was organized the same year and Robert Lee was chosen as the county seat. The county was named for General Richard Coke, who had been Governor of Texas and a United States Senator.

Robert Lee was founded in 1890 by L. B. Harris. The city was reportedly named for General Robert E. Lee, who came as far as old Fort Chaddourne in Coke County and was driven back by the Indians. Old Fort Chaddourne was on the old Butterfield Stage Trail.

### General

The climate of Coke County is mild during the greater part of the year and is healthful. Precipitation is the most important climatic consideration in the area. Rainfall varies from year to year and in many years is insufficient for the production of satisfactory crop yields. Periods of dry weather sometimes continue for several years.

The rate of evaporation of soil water is very high because of the comparatively high altitude, abundance of sunshine, and almost constant wind. The winters are cool and there are occasional short periods of very cold weather, or northers, which last only a few days. The summers are warm, but the constant cool breezes keep the heat from being oppressive.

Average date of the last killing frost in the spring is March 28, and the average date of the first killing frost in the fall is November 10. Length of the average growing season is 230 days.

### Rainfall

Average rainfall over the 20-year period ending with 1946 was 21.42 inches. Greatest rainfall in any year was 1941 with 41.18 inches. Only 10.63 inches was gauged in 1946, and very little more in 1947 and 1948.

Elevation of Coke County ranges from 1,800 feet to 2,250 feet above sea level.

The surface on the whole is rough. Mountains on the north and south sides of the Colorado River rise from 100 to 500 feet above their bases. The valley region between the mountains is fairly well dissected. The mountains in the south part of the county form the northwest part of the Edwards Plateau.

Approximately 90 per cent of the total area of Coke County is rangeland. Most of the soils in the county contain rather large amounts of calcium, and are therefore somewhat alkaline in their chemical properties. In general, phosphorous and nitrogen are deficient in the soils of the county. Most of the soils would be improved by an increase of organic matter.

### Farms and Land Use

The number of farms in Coke County increased from 721 in 1920 to 876 in 1935 and then dropped to 549 in 1945. The decline in the number of farm units has been attributed to the change from cotton and other row crop farming to seeding of feed to be grazed by livestock or harvested for livestock feed.

Size of the average Coke County farm in 1945 was 1,109 acres. There were 107 ranches in the county with more than 1,000 acres each, and these large holdings raised the average size of farms.

# Oil Field Lumber & Supplies Drilling Mud

*Congratulations*



It is a pleasure to extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes for the future Success of the Robert Lee Observer and Coke County on reaching their Sixtieth Anniversary.

We further wish to say to all within our borders that we believe in Coke County's Abundant Success for the Future. Our faith is well founded and our best judgment pours forth a confidence in this county found once in a lifetime.

## Crugin Lumber & Supply Co.

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

# Your Coke County Officials Extend

## Congratulations

**On the Occasion of the County's 60th Anniversary  
and the 60th Birthday of The Observer**

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Your County Officers work hand in hand with The Observer in promoting the advancement of our community. Coke County has made many outstanding improvements in recent years in the matter of Oil Development, Highways, Soil Conservation, Etc. With more Tax money made available by the new oil fields, we can anticipate many greater improvements in the years to come.

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<b>Willis Smith</b> County and District Clerk	<b>T. R. Harmon</b> Commissioner Precinct 3	<b>J. W. Service</b> Commissioner Precinct 1
<b>Jeff Dean</b> County Judge and Ex-Officio Supt. of Schools		<b>Paul Good</b> Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector
<b>Frank C. Dickey</b> County Attorney	<b>Ruby L. Pettit</b> County Treasurer	<b>Roy Taylor</b> County Surveyor

# Congratulations

To The Robert Lee Observer and Coke County on Their Anniversary

It is with profound Sincerity that we offer our Congratulations at this time. Long may Coke County and The Observer live and prosper.

WOJTEK BROTHERS

**Alamo Theatre**  
Robert Lee

**Texas Theatre**  
Bronte

WHERE THE BEST PICTURES ARE SHOWN



**B. C. GOODWIN**  
City School Supt.

B. C. Goodwin, notwithstanding the fact that he has only been here one year, has made great progress with the Robert Lee school system

and is to be congratulated for his splendid work.

The members of the School Board are greatly pleased with the splendid progress Mr. Goodwin has made. He leaves nothing undone when his school is to have his attention. He shows his great interest when the subject of his school comes up.

One thing gratifying is that more teachers can now be employed which, will in time, be of untold benefit. The school is now entitled to employ as many as eighteen teachers. The valuation has more than doubled coming from \$900,000 to \$1,800,000; and, that in itself is worth a very great deal to all concerned.

Plans are that a band teacher will be added in the near future. Plans are also made to build a Homemaking cottage for girls. One new building for vocational use has been erected.

Mr. Howard V. Maddox, a new teacher, will assume duties here on or about July 1st. He has been connected with Howard County Junior College at Big Spring.

## Cragin Lumber & Supply Congratulates County

Cragin Lumber & Supply Company is among the many who join in extending congratulations to Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer on their Sixtieth Anniversary.

This splendid company, while here only about two years, needs no introduction. Mr. Summer B. Cragin is assisted by Mrs. Cragin who is in charge of the office, and who is most proficient in her duties. She is, also like Mr. Cragin, blessed with a splendid personality. They report a splendid business.

One of their features is Oil Field Supplies, drilling mud, cement and oil field timbers. They also handle fittings and tools.

A visit to their place of business will convince the most skeptical that they know their business, that they are of the highest type business people and are strong boosters for Robert Lee and Coke County.

## COKE COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION Ell Hatley, Manager

That the Lockers of the Coke County Co-Operative Association are worth "Their Weight in Gold" can be proven by a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley escorting you into the locker room.

The lockers are clean as clean can be made. Meat in these lockers is cut, double wrapped to prevent heat and placed in your locker ready for you to take home. Air does not get to the meat when wrapped in this manner. There are 340 lockers with a few left to be rented. These lockers are of the best material.

The writer of this article has visited many lockers but none he has visited can surpass the Coke County Lockers. Added to this is the splendid treatment from both the Hatleys who know the lockers and what splendid benefit they are to their renters. Nothing is left undone that should be done. The Hatleys have been in the locker supervising business for

five years and the Locker Association is to be congratuated in having these splendid people in their employ.

Peaches, strawberries and other fruits and vegetables are kept in these lockers and kept to perfection.

## FARRIS CITY DRUG

Any community with a Drug Store is fortunate indeed; and, especially one where you can get prescriptions filled while you wait and take the medicine back home with you.

Such is the case here with Farris City Drug, where prescriptions are filled at once and filled as written by your doctor. Then too you will find a complete line of drug sundries at Farris City Drug.

Like any other first-class drug store, you will find a complete line of such other articles found in any drug store. The fountain service is exceedingly good and the best of everything used goes into the drinks you get there.

Farris City Drug is to be congratulated upon its splendid store.

## We Are Proud

Of the Progress of

# COKE COUNTY

And

# The Robert Lee Observer

May your Good Work Continue and Each Succeeding Anniversary be Better Than the One Before.

See us for Aermotor Windmills and Westinghouse Appliances, Hardware and Farm and Ranch Needs.

**LEEPER SUPPLY CO.**  
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

# Congratulations

To The  
**Citizens of Coke County**  
And The  
**Robert Lee Observer**

We are proud to have had a part in serving the citizens of Coke County for the past forty years.

We are appreciative of your past patronage and we will endeavor to serve you well in the future.

**Robert Massie**  
Furniture Company

**Robert Massie**  
Funeral Chapel

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

*Congratulations*

To Coke County  
ON ITS  
60th Anniversary

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May There Be Many  
HAPPY RETURNS  
Of Future Anniversaries

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Farris City Drug Store  
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

## Your Undertaker

Is the One Person You Need when the Hand of Providence comes into your home. We are prepared to render prompt, sympathetic service. Also day and night ambulance service.

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Let Us Extend Our

**Heartiest Congratulations**

To Coke County on its

**Sixtieth Anniversary**

and may each succeeding year be more glorious and bring greater happiness to every Coke county resident.

**CLIFT**

Funeral Home

Robert Lee and Bronte

# Robert Lee State Bank



We are happy to join with other business firms and individuals in extending Best Wishes to Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer on their Sixtieth Anniversary.

May prosperity ever be a constant follower, and may the Progress of the Future be many times greater than the past which has been exceedingly good.

Again we congratulate both.

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## Robert Lee State Bank

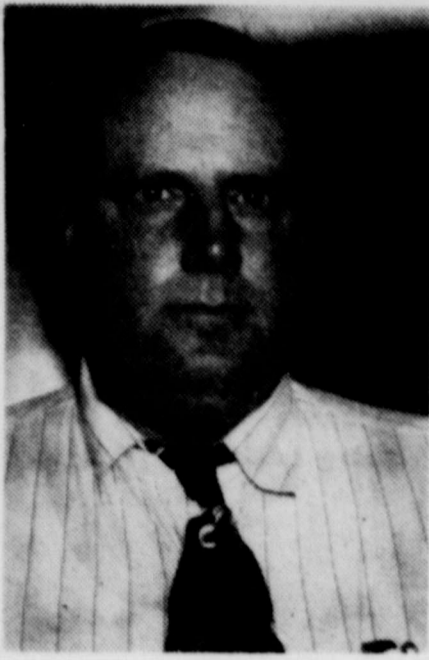
R. C. RUSSELL, President

G. C. ALLEN, Vice President

T. A. RICHARDSON, Cashier

VICTOR WOJTEK, Director

WILLIS SMITH, Director



**S. E. ADAMS**  
A Life Timer Here

S. E. Adams, one of Robert Lee's and Coke County's best business men, does not need any special introduction, however, he is a real booster for the entire town and county and is proud of both.

Mr. Adams has lived here all his life and is a most excellent gentleman. He is jovial and that smile he has is enough to make wilted leaves turn green and live again.

Mr. Adams is in the Insurance business, selling life, fire, and casualty insurance. He represents some of the best companies in the insurance field. "Skinney," as he is affectionately known, is also engaged in Coke County oil properties in a big way.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Numbered among the Churches of Robert Lee is the Church of Christ. The present building is one which took the place of an old edifice some years ago. It is a small building but those good people who are members and who attend regularly are proud to admit their membership because of the fact that they are staunch believers in Jesus Christ.

This church has been in existence about forty years, it boasts of a membership of fifty-five members notwithstanding the fact that the church does not have a regular pas-

tor.

Some of Robert Lee's best people are members of this church. Services are held at 10:30 A. M. every Sunday morning. A pastor officiates on the second and fourth Sundays.

When a cyclone some 25 years ago destroyed the old building it only put into the hearts of the members to erect a new building, which they did and dedicated to the services of the One whose name it carries.

### CITY CLEANERS

Dee Ballew, Mgr.

It is indeed a special privilege to be given the honor of writing about young people in business. It is a very high honor when such as young Mr. Dee Ballew, Glen Barton and Mrs. P. E. Mahon have given us such pleasure.

These splendid people, who keep the City Cleaners in the forefront in cleaning and pressing, are to be congratulated on the manner in which they conduct their business. Cleanliness is all over their place of business, they keep a clean shop as well as clean wearing apparel.

They do a three day laundry service (if you bring your laundry in time to be sent out Monday morning) and handle tailored suits and ready-to-wear trousers.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Ross T. Welch,  
Pastor

The Methodist Church of Robert Lee has a membership of 247 with 191 active members, which for the size of the town, is very good. However, some of the 56 inactive members is caused by members moving away.

The present Church was built in 1928 and has enjoyed a successful period ever since. The budget for the year just ending was \$7,500.00.

The building committee was as follows: M. B. Simpson, J. S. Craddock, W. B. Clift, W. B. Cobb, J. D. Ramsey was pastor of the church at the time it was built.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson is president of the Womans Society of Christian Service and Miss Dixie Taylor is

president of the M. Y. S.

Mr. John L. Ross is Supt. of the Sunday School; Mrs. C. S. Brown is a daughter of Rev. R. B. Young, retired; Mrs. Jeff Dean is a daughter of Rev. J. D. McWhorte, also retired. B. C. Goodman, superintendent of the public schools, is lay leader.

The new building would do credit to any town much larger than Robert Lee and the members are to be congratulated upon having such a splendid structure.

### CAPERTON CHEVROLET COMPANY

Bronte

One of the best assets any business can possess is the fact that in their service, they give the best they have and that is just what Caperton Chevrolet Company gives and it is given with a smile.

This company not only sells Chev-

rolet cars but they service them, and all other makes. They will tell you that Conoco Gas and Oil is the best on the market too if you give them a half a chance and they are sincere in what they say.

Considering the few years they have been in business they have made a wonderful stride toward the top. Mr. Emmett Caperton is the manager and is assisted by his sons, R. T. and Matthew Caperton. The Capertons are most pleasing in their every efforts.

*Congratulations*

May Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer  
Have Many Happy Anniversaries

- ★ We carry a Complete Line of General Electric Home Appliances.
- ★ We do anything that can be done in Plumbing.
- ★ Electric Contracting.
- ★ See our line in Household Hardware, and also the Mariposa Tableware.

## Ivey Electric Co.

"Doo-Dad" Davis, Mgr.

Robert Lee, Texas

# BROWN & CLARK

Extend Congratulations to Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer on their 60th Anniversary; and may Prosperity ever follow both, even to the End of Time.



Good Gulf Gas and Good Gulf Oil Lead the Field  
for All Purposes---and there's None Better

Service With a Smile, Is the Service Worthwhile

Robert Lee  
Texas

**Brown & Clark** SERVICE STATION



# Congratulations

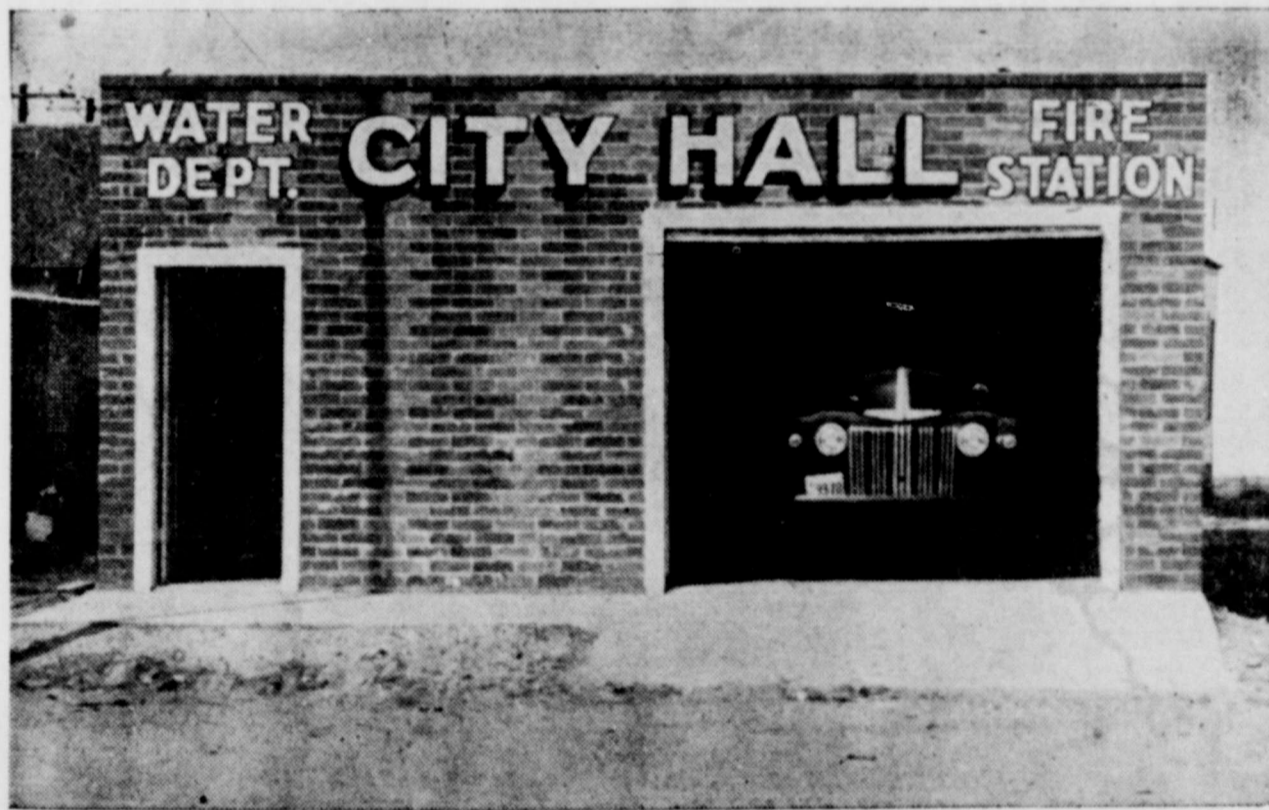
## TO THE Robert Lee Observer

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It gives the City of Robert Lee one of its greatest pleasures in cooperating with the community in commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Coke County and the Robert Lee Observer.

A newspaper, such as the Robert Lee Observer, is one of the best assets in promoting and building any community; and we extend our heartiest congratulations for its continued success and prosperity.

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## Robert Lee City Commission

McNEIL WYLIE, Mayor  
FERN HAVINS, Commissioner                      JOHN H. BROWN, Commissioner  
R. S. CRUM, City Secretary

## City Officials Join Other Leaders Here To Congratulate This Issue

That the City Officials of Robert Lee are hearty cooperators in this issue of The Observer which goes to our many readers today, goes without saying.

Sixty years ago Coke County came to life at the same time The Observer first saw the light and both have worked hand-in-hand ever since. Coke county is not the largest, but, as can be said about Robert Lee, as a city, it is one of the best, so say those who live within its boundary lines.

1928, with Mr. J. S. Craddock as its first Mayor. The present mayor is Honorable McNeil Wylie; Messrs. Fern Havins and John H. Brown, commissioners, and Mr. R. S. Crum, city secretary.

Since the oil development the town has grown to a considerable size, coming from 600 to 1800 population.

A new city hall was built last fall and a fire truck stands in readiness for action at all times. The truck is manned by volunteers and is ready for action in short notice.

It is fitting at this time to say that no better set of officials could have been selected and each is ever ready to give his time in all things that are of benefit to the good people of Robert Lee, Texas.

### KEENEY'S VARIETY STORE At Bronte

One of the nicest things in life is when a business man has that one whom he took unto himself for better or worse, as an assistant in business. Frank Keeney at Bronte who owns and operates the Keeney Variety Store, has his wife, Mrs. Keeney, as a full time assistant and to talk to this splendid lady, it is more than a pleasure. The smile she wears is of a gold and silver hue which carries the pink of a peach and is genuine.

To Mrs. Keeney, Frank and Charlie Keeney, the best of life has and will come in their days of all their future. May their day be full of the best in life.



### Adams Abstract Company Under New Management

Coke County is to be congratulated, not only upon its Sixtieth Anniversary, but upon having the Adams Abstract Company here to answer the many calls which come to it.

The company is fortunate indeed, to have secured the services of Mr. Phil Laws, the new manager, who is a young man with a considerable amount of experience in this business. He has had the necessary experience of his office and can be trusted with every detail such as are left to abstract offices.

The Coke County Abstract Co. has served the people of Coke County for many years, and, the new management will ever be found serving to serve again.

### Robert Lee Bank Congratulates County

The Robert Lee State Bank which was organized and opened for business in October, 1936, has proven its splendid worth, not only to Robert Lee, but to all Coke County and much of the surrounding territory.

This bank has conducted its business on a high plane and a business one, it has gained an enviable position among banks in this great State of Texas and has well earned its full portion of credit. Like an old adage: "Large Oaks from Small Acorns

Grow," that this bank has grown, it is a certainty.

One of the greatest assets of any town is a bank such as is The Robert Lee State Bank. Its officers are: Mr. R. C. Russell, President; Mr. C. C. Allen, Vice-President; Mr. T. A. Richardson, Cashier; Mr. Victor Wojtek, Director; Mr. Willis Smith, Director; Mrs. Vincent Hanna, Assistant Cashier; Miss Jewel Ledbetter, Bookkeeper; Miss June Duncan, Bookkeeper; Willis Wayne Smith, Teller.

### McDONALD LUMBER CO. Fred McDonald, Owner

That lumber is an essential factor in building a home or place of business, cannot be denied. In order to get what you should have, it will be wise to consult Fred McDonald who will give the necessary information in all matters pertaining to lumber and building.

Mr. McDonald is a native of Coke County and is highly respected by all

who know him. He is new in the lumber business as some may say, however, he has a real background to manage most any kind of business and that possesses him with a wonderful knowledge of lumber.

Mrs. Frank Smith is bookkeeper; Rickey Ross is yard manager; Mike Ross is the truck man and has Bob Gaines as a helper. These are the ones Mr. McDonald depend on and they have ever been found performing their duties in a business-like manner.

## Our Best Wishes . . .

### To Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer on their 60th Birthday

We, too, are proud of the progress we have made and have had many compliments concerning our new Super Station which we opened in May.

We are distributors for Col-Tex Gasoline, Sunoco Oil, Brunswick Tires, and carry a complete line of accessories at prices which are in line with all competitors.

Wholesale distributors for gas and oil products in Coke and surrounding counties, we also serve the farmers and ranchmen of this community.

Clell Varnadore  
Wilton Scott  
Morris Varnadore

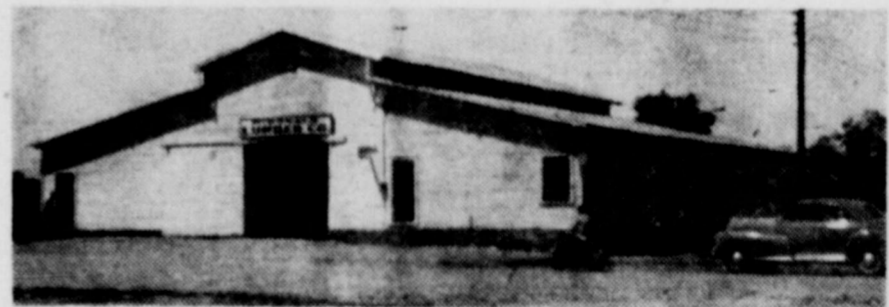
## Varnadore Oil Co.

At Intersection of Colorado City Highway and Main Street

# Lumber Is Essential In Building Homes!

Heartily do we extend Congratulations to Coke County and The Observer on their Sixtieth Anniversary. May both enjoy Many Happy Returns of the Day.

When Lumber or any kind of Building Material is needed, there's no better place to get it than at McDonalds, right here at Robert Lee. A call will convince you that that The Best By Test in Lumber is at



# McDonald Lumber Company

Robert Lee, Texas

FRED McDONALD, JR., Owner

*Congratulations*

To Coke County  
ON ITS  
Sixtieth Anniversary

May Each Succeeding Year  
Bring Greater Prosperity  
To Every Citizen  
Is Our Sincere Wish

FRANK'S  
Food Store

To Coke County

And The

Robert Lee Observer

Come Our

*Heartiest  
Congratulations*

To appreciate the value of our Frozen Food Lockers, you should try one. A trial will convince you of their economical value and convenience. You are invited to visit our Locker Plant and talk over our rental plan.

Coke County  
Co-operative Association

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Congratulations To COKE COUNTY  
And the ROBERT LEE OBSERVER  
On their SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY



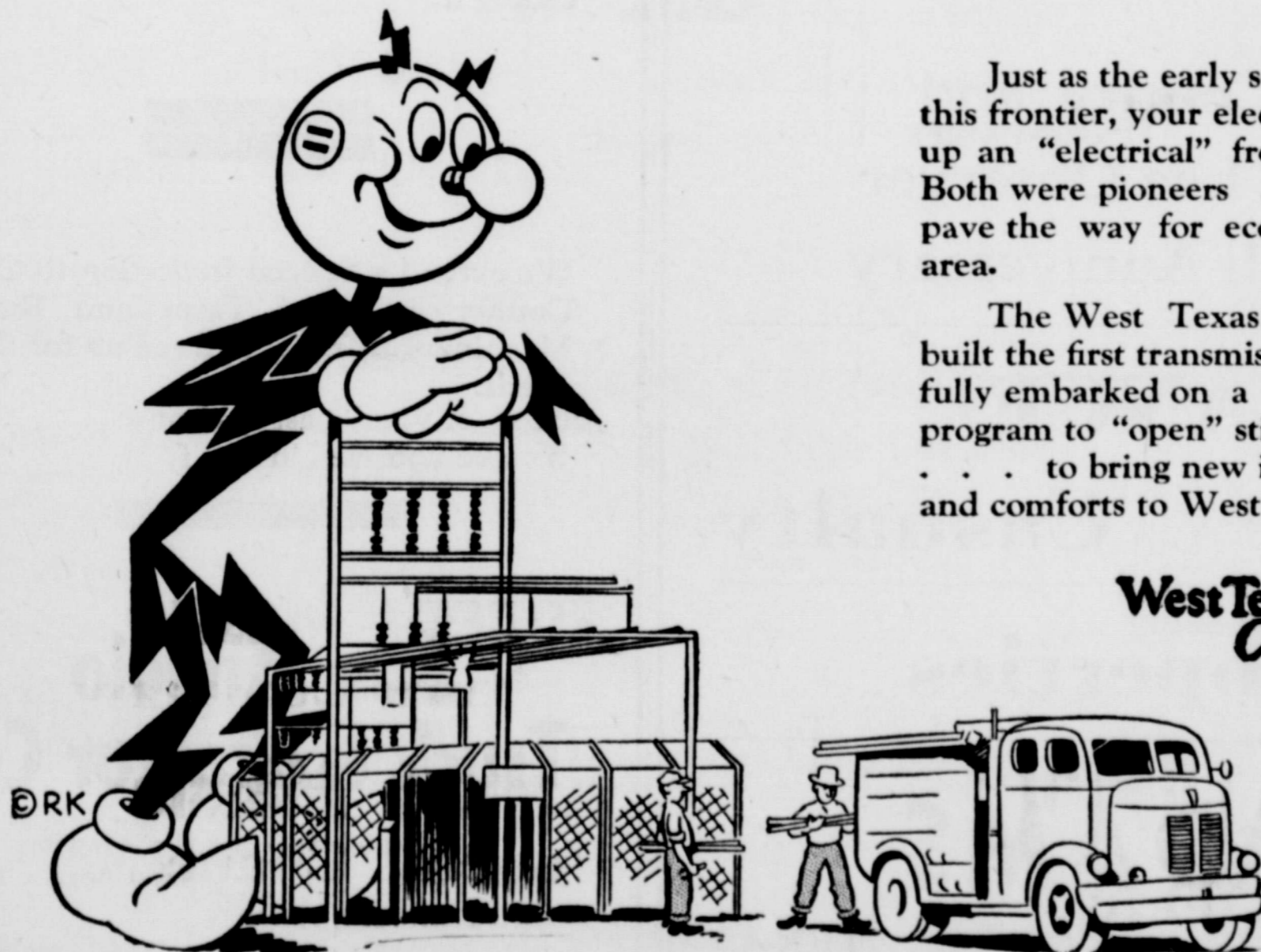
'I'm an Old Pioneer, TOO'

Says *Reddy Kilowatt*  
Your Electric Servant

Just as the early settler of yesterday opened up this frontier, your electric service company opened up an "electrical" frontier here in West Texas. Both were pioneers . . . together they helped pave the way for economic development in this area.

The West Texas Utilities Company — which built the first transmission line in Texas — now has fully embarked on a \$20,000,000.00 construction program to "open" still more "electrical" frontiers . . . to bring new industries, new conveniences and comforts to West Texas.

West Texas Utilities  
Company



## SPAN OF SIXTY YEARS SEES MANY TRAGEDIES

One of the best informed persons on Coke County happenings is Mrs. Lizzie Davis, who came here as a young wife a year or two before the court house was built.

Aunt Lizzie has many newspaper clippings and is an authority on events of a tragic nature which took place many years ago.

Too much detail might become gruesome, but here are some of the tragedies which Aunt Lizzie recalled during her visit at The Observer office last week:

In 1890 before the court house was built, the county clerk's office was housed in a two-room shack. Fire broke out, destroyed the building and some important county records.

Ed Good hit Jim Hutchinson with a billiard cue and he died from the assault. Judge Perryman shot Jack Crockett in the leg, but he got well. Gray Reed carelessly threw a match in a powder keg and was badly burned. A young man working for Reed died from effects of the explosion.

Jack Crockett got a big gash in the head from a saloon brawl.

Granville D. Moore and Jeff Davis were taking invoice of their stock of saloon whiskey, when fumes were ignited from a candle and a bad fire resulted. Moore escaped, but Davis was seriously burned.

Commissioner Goss was reinforcing a bridge when a -foot bank of dirt caved in and killed three young men working on the job.

Sheriff Murray shot John Weathers' horse out from under him when the latter attempted to shoot up the town.

A storm blew Judge Graham's house down. It caught fire and burned his daughter to death. Mrs. John Vestal and small baby were unhurt when a storm blew their house away.

Delbert Walling was shot through the throat while eating in a cafe here. His assailant shot through the window.

Judge Billups, Robert Lee lawyer, and an old Confederate soldier, about 45 years ago went up on Mountain Creek, tied a rock around his neck and drowned himself.

Freddie Noah, 4 year old boy, was drowned in river bend, later known as "Pump Hole."

Sheriff Billy Green and Deputy Jeff Davis killed a man named Smith, who began shooting when they attempted to serve papers on him.

Luther Bruton was killed in an accident on a bridge near Roby. Three weeks later Luther Perry was killed on the same bridge. A Robert Lee bridal couple was drowned at the same place when their buggy turned over and they fell in the swollen stream.

In 1940 three Robert Lee young

## DENMAN'S SERVICE Conoco Products

Another young man, J. W. Deman, who dotes on Conoco Products and U. S. Royal Tires, will always be found ready and willing to render his best service when you drive up to his station. He is assisted by Raymond Richardson, who is ever ready to serve their customers in his pleasing manner, which is a winner for any man.

While young Mr. Deman has only been in charge of his station a few months, he operates in a manner most becoming any man many years his senior. His station is at the Y-Courts.

## JOHN L. ROSS School Tax Assessor

Mr. John L. Ross is not only School Tax Assessor, and Real Estate dealer and sells Oil Leases, but he is one of the finest gentlemen who ever trod American soil. He is clean inside and outside, he is a Christian gentleman and what more could any man be?

Mr. Ross, with other business people here, is extending congratulations to Coke County and to the Robert Lee Observer in an ad on another page.

men were killed in an auto wreck a few miles south of town. They were Jackie Latham, Jack Tubb and Lloyd Higgins.

Small daughter of the Ernest Newton's was run over by a farm truck and killed.

Many years ago Eula Stone, 17, daughter of the banker, took a hike into the mountains north of town. She was found dead the next day and it was thought she had injured herself in a fall.

A storm five years ago blew away the Weddle ranch house east of town. Mrs. Weddle was blown 150 feet, but recovered from the injuries.

Homer Russell was hit by a motorcycle and killed.

Wayne Clift was injured in an auto accident and received a permanent back injury.

A girl drowned at the Stroud farm while swimming, and a boy lost his life while crossing the river above town to get the horses.

Leslie Keenan was killed when a cyclone blew his house away.

Tee Johnson was shot and killed while deer hunting. One of the men mistook him for a deer in the brush at Shaggy Peak.

Without a doubt one of the most pathetic tragedies which ever occurred in this community was the burning to death of Otis Rabb and his two little daughters three years ago last winter.

## Congratulations TO COKE COUNTY AND THE OBSERVER

We solicit your continued cooperation in making our schools better.

**B. C. Goodwin**  
Superintendent Robert Lee Schools

## Congratulations

To Coke County and  
The Robert Lee Observer  
on your 60th Anniversary

## INSURANCE

Life Fire Casualty

Oil Properties

**S. E. ADAMS**

ROBERT LEE

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## To Coke County WE EXTEND

## Greetings

On Its 60th Anniversary

## Purina Chows

Need no introduction. We believe the Purina line is the best on the market. Come in now and buy your chow needs.

## Good Feed

Produces good Livestock, Poultry, Eggs, Milk and Butter.

## Key Feed Store

Sanitation Products — Farm Supplies  
Robert Lee, Texas

## May Coke County AND THE Robert Lee Observer

Enjoy Many More Anniversaries, and may each succeeding year be more Profitable and Glorious than the one preceding it.

We extend a Special Invitation to Coke County users of Farm and Ranch Machinery to come and see us for their needs.

## San Angelo Truck & Tractor Co.

L. W. Mills-J. O. Shedden, Owners  
801 East 19th San Angelo, Texas

# Coke County Folks Deserve the Best

We're Proud Of Our Community's Progress During 60 Years  
And Predict Many New Achievements In the Years to Follow

## Fred Henson

Grocery and Trailer Camp  
Humble Oil and Gas

## Berry's Jewelry

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS  
All Kinds of Repairing  
Expert Engraving

Congratulations To Coke  
County On Its  
Sixtieth Anniversary

## Pruitt's Store

Bronte, Texas

## RADIO JIM C-r-o-s-l-e-y

Radios, Refrigerators and Ranges  
Robert Lee, Texas

## Robert Lee Ice Co.

AND  
Kayo's Ice Cream Parlor  
Banner Dairy Products    Floyd R. Higgins

## Bronte Service Station

Magnolia Products  
Bud Kirkland, Proprietor  
Bronte, Texas

## The City Cafe

We Strive To Please  
In Serving The Best  
Mamie Littlefield

## Bilbo Drug

Robrt Lee, Texas  
Drug Sundries - Fountain Service  
Home Made Ice Cream

Best Wishes To Coke  
County's 60th Anniversary

## LAMMERS LUMBER CO.

Bronte, Texas    P. O. Box 205    Phone 145

## Bronte Ice Co.

Groceries, Meats  
Feed and Ice  
W. W. MILLIKIN, Owner

## The CLUB CAFE

Friends Meet Here to Eat  
The Best In Chicken  
Steaks and Lunches  
We Appreciate Your Patronage  
Margaret Hardcastle, Proprietor

## Kannady Plumbing Shop

Phone 144 - Robert Lee  
Plumbing Repairs and Contracting  
All Work Guaranteed  
R. W. "Dick" Kannady, Proprietor

Many Happy Anniversaries  
To Coke County

## Taylor Emerson

Oil Leases and Royalties  
Bronte, Texas

## John L. Ross

School Tax Assessor  
Real Estate - Oil Leases

## Congratulations From Trimble Laundry

Open Every Day Except  
Saturday Afternoon  
Come Wash With Us - Robert Lee

## SUN CAFE

Silver, Texas  
Open 6 A. M. to 10 P. M.  
Excellent Steaks, Country Fried  
Chicken, Special Lunches  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark

## Glene's Beauty Shop

Expert Hair Dressing  
We Use the Best Materials  
Robert Lee, Texas

## E. L. Lowe

Humble Station  
Silver, Texas  
Humble Oil and Gas, Tires, Tubes, Accessories  
Tire Repairs - Washing & Greasing

## ODOM DRUG

Silver, Texas  
Fountain Service, Sandwiches  
Home Made Pies and Cakes  
Post Office Bldg. Open 7 A. M. to 10 P. M.

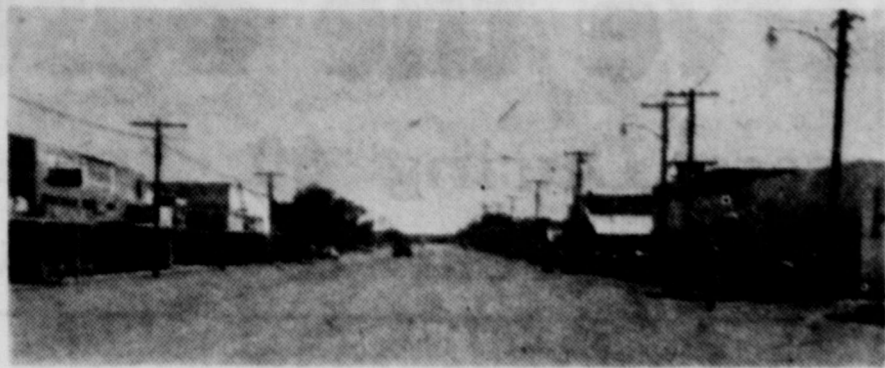
## Denman Service Station

CONOCO PRODUCTS  
U. S. Royal Tires  
Y-Courts Station    Robert Lee

## Silver Grocery And Station

Groceries, Frozen Fresh Meats, Ice Cream  
Magnolia Gas and Oil  
U. D. MATHERS, Proprietor

### MAIN STREET LOOKING NORTH



A portion of Robert Lee's main business street (it's really Austin Avenue) is pictured above after the pavement was given a new top dressing recently. Business men have pledged cooperation with the city officials in keeping the street clean.

### FRANK C. DICKEY County Attorney



Frank C. Dickey is serving his first term as County Attorney. He has made a splendid record for himself and for the good people of Coke County. He has a sincerity not often found and knows the duties he is expected to perform and he handles them in a most satisfactory manner.

### E. L. LOWE STATION At Silver

E. L. Lowe is a firm believer in the good qualities of Humble Oil and Gas and is ever alert to the needs

of his customers. Tires and accessory sales, tire repairing and general one-stop service makes his station a busy place at Silver.

The modern station with living quarters adjoining was recently constructed by R. S. Anderson and is located on Anderson property, with two fine oil wells producing nearby.

Mr. Lowe and his family are new residents of Silver. They like the place and have received a fine welcome into the community.

### His Honor, The Mayor



McNeil Wylie heads Robert Lee's efficient city administration. Previous experience as a county official makes him particularly well qualified.

### J. W. SERVICE Commissioner



Mr. J. W. Service, Commissioner of the First Precinct, is not of long service in his present position in the county, but he is a man of sterling qualifications and is ever found looking to the best interest of Coke County and his precinct. His integrity has never been questioned.

### ODOM DRUG STORE New Business at Silver

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom are rapidly putting the finishing touches to their large converted barracks at Silver which houses the post office, a new drug store and fountain, and modern living quarters for the family.

When the oil development hit Silver the post office was reopened by the government after being closed a few years, and Mrs. Odom was again appointed as postmaster. Her permanent appointment was recently confirmed.

Mr. Odom and son, Bobby, are doing some farming this summer, but manage to help out at the drug store in the evenings. Mrs. Fred Jones is on duty full time, helping both in the post office and store.

With Sun's area office located at Silver, the post office does a big volume of business. Mail is carried out from Robert Lee each morning.

Mrs. Odom is an excellent postmaster and a fine booster for her

home community and Coke County. She handles the Red Cross drive each year and finds time to help in various community activities.

She writes an interesting weekly column for The Observer, but is too

modest to allow a by-line over it. Her efforts along this line are highly appreciated by the oil people and ranchers. Silver is definitely on the map, and Mrs. Odom is doing her part to keep it there.

## Best Wishes

### For the Future Success Of Coke County and The Robert Lee Observer

We, too, feel that this community will enjoy the benefits of many new projects and developments in the years to come. And we await with great interest the successful conclusion of such immediate projects as the County Hospital, Mountain Creek Dam and the completion of our east-west highway through the county.

## A. B. Sheppard Apartments

# Congratulations

## To Coke County and The Observer On Their Sixtieth Anniversaries



Sixty years is a long time, but we still have a number of those sturdy pioneers among us—the people who suffered untold hardship in settling up the West Texas Frontier. We extend Special Greetings to them at this time.

Coke County has been a solid farming and stock raising community over the years, and its progress and development has been steady and well founded. Today, with new oil discoveries, definite programs of soil and water conservation, new highways and other improvements in the making, Coke County indeed faces a more glorious future.

# Ivey Motor Company

Ford Sales and Service Robert Lee, Texas