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## Mrs. McCutchen, Pioneer Woman, Buried Last Week

Death came last week to Mrs. C. W. McCutchen, 78, highly respected Robert Lee woman and a resident of Coke county for more than 50 years. Her passing occurred at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Shannon hospital in San Angelo.

Mrs. McCutchen had been in poor health a number of years. Four weeks ago she underwent a third serious operation, from which she seemed to improve and was able to be brought home. However, her condition took a turn for the worse and she was taken back to the hospital the day before her death.

Funeral services were held from the Robert Lee Methodist church at 2:30 p. m. Friday in charge of the Rev. Ross Welch, assisted by the Rev. Ernest Stewart. As a request selection from the deceased Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough sang "Latest Sun Is Sinking Fast." Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery in charge of Clift Funeral Home.

Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Raymond, C. W., Joe and Gordon McCutchen of Robert Lee, Weldon and T. C. McCutchen of Engle Pass, Jack McCutchen of Van Horn and Bill Mac Varnadore of Texon. Also Calvin and Luther McCutchen of Bronte, Calvin Durnell of Elkhart, and Leroy McCutchen of Gatesville.

Elizabeth Hutchinson was born June 1, 1871 in Georgia. At the age of four she came to Rockwall county, Texas, with her parents. In 1888 the family came to Coke county and settled three miles west of Bronte. Her father was Jim Hutchinson, who served as a captain in the Confederate army.

On June 1, 1889, she married C. W. (Cal) McCutchen at Hayrick. They lived in Bronte for a year, then moved to a place just across the river southeast of Robert Lee. Mrs. McCutchen often told her children about watching the town of Robert Lee being built after the county seat was moved here from Hayrick.

Later the McCutchens bought land and built a ranch home three miles east of Robert Lee. They also built a home in town in 1906 so that the children could attend school here. Mr. McCutchen, who was prominent in civic affairs and politics, passed away Jan. 20, 1924.

Survivors include three sons, Jim and Jess McCutchen of Robert Lee and Walker of San Antonio; two daughters, Miss Eula McCutchen of Robert Lee and Mrs. Jess (Ira Bell) Varnadore of Texon; two stepsons, Monroe McCutchen of Bronte and Frank McCutchen of Gatesville; a step-daughter, Mrs. J. F. Durnell of Elkhart, and a sister Mrs. L. H. Ellis of Greenville.

Two sons, John and Thornton, and a daughter, Callie, preceded their mother in death.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Millican were called to San Angelo Friday night by the illness of their granddaughter, Kay Danford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Danford. The child is also a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Danford of Edith. Kay is reported to be much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alsup of Ft. Chadbourne attended to business matters in Robert Lee during the holidays and also visited their aunt, Mrs. Annie McCabe.

### Touch of Real Winter

Coke county received its first spell of winter weather this week, with the mercury dropping to 22 degrees early Wednesday. The temperature was gauged at 26 degrees Thursday morning, with cloudy skies and threats of rain or snow in the afternoon. Good rains the last of the week will prove of great benefit to fall seeding. More than half an inch of moisture fell in Robert Lee while some parts of the county received an inch or more.

### Saw Bowl Game

John Harvey, local Chevrolet dealer, was among a large group of dealers who received free trips to the Sugar Bowl football game in New Orleans on Monday. They went by special train from Ft. Worth. John says the game wasn't too good but the trip was wonderful. Mr. Harvey also has been advised that he will have two of the new 1950 Chevrolets on exhibit here Saturday.



### Notes From The Oil Field

Sun A-1 J. B. Walker in the Jameson field southwest of Silver was drilling Thursday at 5,840 feet in shale.

Sun No. 10 Jewell Brannan in the same area was in shale at 4,393 feet.

In the Millican field west and north of Edith, Sun No. 2 G. W. Davidson was 4,030 feet in shale and lime. Contractors twisted off drill pipe Wednesday and are fishing for 7 drill collars and 7 joints of pipe. Top of the fish is 3,621 feet.

Providence Oil Co. and A. G. Sorrelle, Jr. No. 1 S. E. Adams, two miles south of Robert Lee, was standing Thursday at 4,085 feet in shale. Rig was idle due to clutch repairs and frozen mud lines.

Southwest of Robert Lee the Runkles wildcat was drilling below 7,200 feet in shale.

Amerada's wildcat on the March Ranch was in lime and shale at 7,016 feet.

A group of 45 relatives enjoyed a Christmas Eve dinner in the Sam Jay home, including six of the children of Mrs. Mabel Williams. Out of town guests were Tommy Williams and family of Farmers Branch, R. E. Jay and wife of San Angelo, Bobby Richardson and wife of Alpine, Billie Frank Blaylock and family of Eldorado and Delmir Walker and wife of Colorado City.

### Big Football Game Here Monday Night

The season is over, the bowls games have been played, but football still holds sway in Coke county.

An exhibition game between Bronte and Robert exes has been scheduled for next Monday night at 7:30 on the Robert Lee field.

Everyone knows we have a lot of gridiron talent in the county, but the weather is something to be reckoned with. Practice sessions have been scheduled, but no workouts have been held as far as we know.

Proceeds from the big game will be divided equally between the high school athletic funds of the two towns, and it is said both need the money to take up deficits of the past season. Admission will be six bits. We hope the weather is favorable.

## '50 Cotton Quotas Spell Ruin For Farmers of Coke

Coke County farmers gathered in the court house here Saturday and launched a protest against the new cotton acreage allotment.

The 1950 quota in its present form will just about put Coke county cotton farmers out of business. It gives this county a cotton quota of 6% of its cultivated area, while adjoining counties are allowed up to 40 and 50 per cent.

C. N. Webb was elected chairman of the meeting and the Observer editor served as secretary. Some definite action was taken. A resolution presented by R. B. Allen was adopted unanimously and several hundred names were signed on a petition to Cong. O. C. Fisher.

The group voted to pay the expenses of L. T. Youngblood and R. B. Allen if and when it might be advisable for them to make a trip to Washington to put up a fight for a square deal for Coke county.

Mr. Youngblood this week mailed letters, along with copies of the petition and resolution, to our senators and congressman, and he plans to keep in close touch with the situation.

Some relief may result from bills introduced this week by Congressmen Poage and McMahon.

Ralph Garvin was named chairman of a county committee to assist with the movement in every possible way and solicit funds if it becomes necessary. Others on the committee are Jim Luttrell, Fred McDonald, Sr., Roy Walker, J. B. Walker, Jr., Lem Cowley, Bob Reaves, C. N. Webb, Pat Rives and Tom Wigginton.

It was brought out that Coke county produced around 6,000 bales of cotton this year from between 15 and 20 thousand acres. Total farm land in the county is 75,000 acres and there are 502 farmers.

Visitors over the Christmas holidays in the J. E. Garvin home near Edith were Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Wallace and son, Carroll Don, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Zelachoski of Cleburne, Mrs. Mary McBroom of Sanitorium, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schaefer and daughter, Wanda, and Mrs. M. A. Keeney of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garvin of Barnhart.

R. B. King and family of El Paso came to Robert Lee for a New Years visit with relatives and friends. They made the trip in their new 1950 Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw have purchased a 1947 Chevrolet sedan from Ivey Motor Co.

Mrs. Bill Craddock and children, Robbie Ann and Billy Frank, of Colorado City are here for a month's visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark, while Mr. Craddock is attending a special school at the Ford factory in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henson are parents of a son born at 1:15 p. m. Dec. 29 at Clinic Hospital in San Angelo. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and has been named Fred, Jr. The Hensons also have three daughters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Mikeska of Eola.

Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. was brought home last Friday from Shannon hospital where she underwent major surgery. She is improving satisfactorily.

### Death of Mrs. Garvin

Death came Wednesday morning at the Bronte hospital to Mrs. Homer Garvin, west of Robert Lee, who had been in ill health a number of years. Funeral services were held here Thursday afternoon from the Baptist church. More particulars next week.

### Personals

J. C. Snead, Jr. and son, Jack, Dr. J. K. Griffith and W. T. Roach enjoyed a few days deer hunting last week in Mason county. Mr. Roach bagged a nice buck.

V. V. Wojtek and Tom Wigginton and their wives went to Amarillo Monday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Joe Krizen. He was 86 years of age and was engaged in stock farming in the Lark community for over 60 years. Mr. Krizen was a brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wojtek.

Last Friday Mrs. Ross Welch, accompanied by Patty and Dixie Taylor and Jack Theford, attended a district Youth meeting at First Methodist church in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brock are very happy over the adoption of a 15 months old son, Larry. The child was secured at private adoption near El Paso on New Years day and was brought home by his new parents Sunday night.

Mrs. J. Jameson of Silver and Colorado City was scheduled to undergo major surgery Wednesday at St. John's hospital in San Angelo. Her many Coke county friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek were happy to have several of their children and families home for the holidays. From out of town were Luther and family of Kermit, Billy and family of Goldsmith, Joe Hames and family of Odessa, and Sonny Weathers and family of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jay and Sam Jay returned Monday from a visit over New Years with their mother at Van Alstyne.

### Mitchells Observe Their Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Bronte on Christmas Day. All of their nine children and their families were present, except a daughter, Mrs. Ned (Irene) Edwards of Farmersville, Tex. Many friends came by to extend congratulations during the afternoon.

Among the gifts were a lovely cedar chest, also a chest of gold plated tableware.

Mr. Mitchell and Elizabeth Box were married Dec. 25, 1899, at Rockwall, Texas. They later resided in Collin county until 1929 when they moved to Bronte. The bridegroom of fifty years is 75 years of age and his wife is 68. Both are enjoying good health.

The children present for the anniversary included Mrs. Sam (Mildred) Roach of St. Vrain, New Mex., Mrs. Roy (Mattie) Braswell of Robert Lee, Johnny Mitchell of Lubbock, Mrs. Alton (Loretha) Roberts of Robert Lee, Mrs. Chester (Marjorie) Harwell of Bronte, James Mitchell of Ft. Worth, Marion Mitchell of Bronte and Mrs. James (Jerry) Thomason of Robert Lee.

Also present was Mr. Mitchell's only sister, Mrs. R. L. McBee of Rutledge, Tenn. There are 15 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

## Sun Will Double Size of Gas Plant; 34 New Wells in '49

Although drilling operations were curtailed considerably, Sun Oil Company completed 34 new producers in Coke county during 1949.

H. D. Smith, area superintendent at Silver, this week said Sun now has a total of 90 producing wells in the county, most of them in the Jameson field near Silver. Development also continues in the Millican field west and north of Edith where a dozen good producing wells have been completed. Sun has had no dry holes the past year.

A year ago the company had 12 rotary rigs drilling in Coke, but the surplus of crude oil became so great that it was impossible to handle additional storage above ground. For the past six months or more Sun has had three rigs working. Ray-Harris and Baker & Taylor each have a unit in the Jameson field and Paul F. Rutledge is operating west of Edith.

Mr. Smith says it is likely the present drilling program will be continued. He could not confirm a rumor that Sun planned to drill 70 new wells in Coke county this year.

With increased production, Sun has found it necessary to enlarge the capacity of its gas plant at Silver. Harvey O. Evinger, gas department superintendent, has just returned from Philadelphia where he conferred with high company officials in regard to the expansion program.

Evinger says two additional compressor units will be installed and plans call for increasing the capacity of the plant from its present 10 millions cubic feet daily capacity to 20 million. The plant is now processing about 11 million cubic feet of gas every 24 hours. There is a big local demand for butane manufactured at Silver and dealers are prorated.

Mr. Evinger states that a contract for the plant addition has not been let but details are being worked out as fast as possible. There will be no job openings until later.

### Watch Night Party

Church groups of Robert Lee united in sponsoring a Watch Night Party on New Years Eve at the Methodist church. Jerald Ivey led community singing, with Mrs. R. C. Russell, pianist, and a book review was given by Mrs. W. B. Clift. A recreation period was led by Mrs. Ross Welch and refreshments were served. The final hour was devoted to a worship period in which a number of young people and the two ministers took part. At midnight the group joined in a circle prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Clark were hosts at a New Years dinner when all the Clark family were present except Hershell of Vernon. Others present were Homer and wife of San Angelo, the Connie and Cullen Clarks of Bronte, Mrs. J. A. Clift of San Angelo, James Clift and family of Water Valley, and Mrs. Bill Craddock and children of Colorado City.



## The STEERING WHEEL

(By Joyce McCutchen)

Christmas holidays are over and the last page of 1949's calendar has been torn off and thrown away. The one thing that will clutter up the new year and keep reminding us of the old year is those TESTS!

The first semester will be completed at the end of next week and mid-term tests are scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

### Has Anyone Noticed

Joyce Littlefield's new bangs? Lurlyne's watch? The pounds everyone has gained. The senior rings, floating around somewhere? The seniors can't seem to find them!

Jean to Janet—Oh yes, Roy and I are still good friends, we just decided to call it quits until he gets his rooster repaired.

### You're Up To Bat Again

With the opening of this term Another game got underway. You pitch, catch and field for your team

And you're up to bat everyday. The classroom is the ball park: Your teachers keep the ball. Start now to put the game on ice. Don't trust to last inning rallies. Do'n't play the game half heartedly

Or slide in just ahead of the ball. But show that you're working to win

By slugging it over the wall. A common school disease known to most of us is Loosemouthitis. It is a very annoying sickness. The victim first becomes affected when he wants to be noticed. It is not as serious as truancitis, but may often develop into detentionitis, which is a very disagreeable illness

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FLOWER OF THE MONTH: Snowdrop

8—Jackson defeats British at New Orleans, 1815.

9—U. S. troops under MacArthur, land on Luzon, 1945.

10—Woman's suffrage resolution passed by congress, 1918.

11—Alexander Hamilton born, 1757.

12—Alfred Fuller, brush manufacturer, born.

13—Congress authorizes 13-star flag, 1777.

14—Roosevelt, Churchill open Casablanca conference, 1943.

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## Farmers Protest Cotton Acreage

### RESOLUTION

Whereas, Cotton acreages have been allotted to the several Cotton Producing Counties of Texas by the Department of Agriculture, and Coke County's allotment has been set at a number of acres representing approximately 7 per cent of its cotton farm acreage; and

Whereas, Adjoining counties to the north, east and south have been allotted acreages sufficient to permit planting from 38 to 53 per cent to cotton on historical cotton farms; and

Whereas, There is no recognizable difference in topography, fertility, rainfall or farming activities between Coke and adjoining counties to the north, east and south, this difference in allotment would thus seem to be discriminatory, unequal, unfair and unjust, and will be a serious handicap to the farmers and to the county's economy in general.

Therefore, we citizens of Coke County in mass meeting assembled on this 31st day of December, 1949, respectfully request the national Department of Agriculture to re-consider the cotton acreage allotment to Coke County, and to grant the county an allotment approximately equal to that of adjoining counties.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Brief and Resolution be forwarded to Hon. Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, Senators Tom Connolly and Lyndon Johnson, and Congressman O. C. Fisher.

C. N. Webb

Chairman of Meeting

A. J. Kirkpatrick  
Secretary

## Alta Fay Gunnels Bride Of David Lowrance

Miss Alta Fay Gunnels and Mr. David H. Lowrance were united in marriage at 2:30 Friday, Dec. 30, by Bro. Reuben H. Stanley, minister of the Church of Christ in San Angelo. They were accompanied by a group of immediate relatives.

The bride wore an aqua blue wedding dress with yellow and black accessories.

Both are well known Robert Lee young people. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gunnels and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. H. C. Lowrance. He served 13 months in the armed forces.

They will make their home three miles south of Robert Lee where Mr. Lowrance is engaged in stock farming

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman of Silver spent Christmas with the former's parents at Henderson. Mrs. Grubenman is the former Martha Smith.

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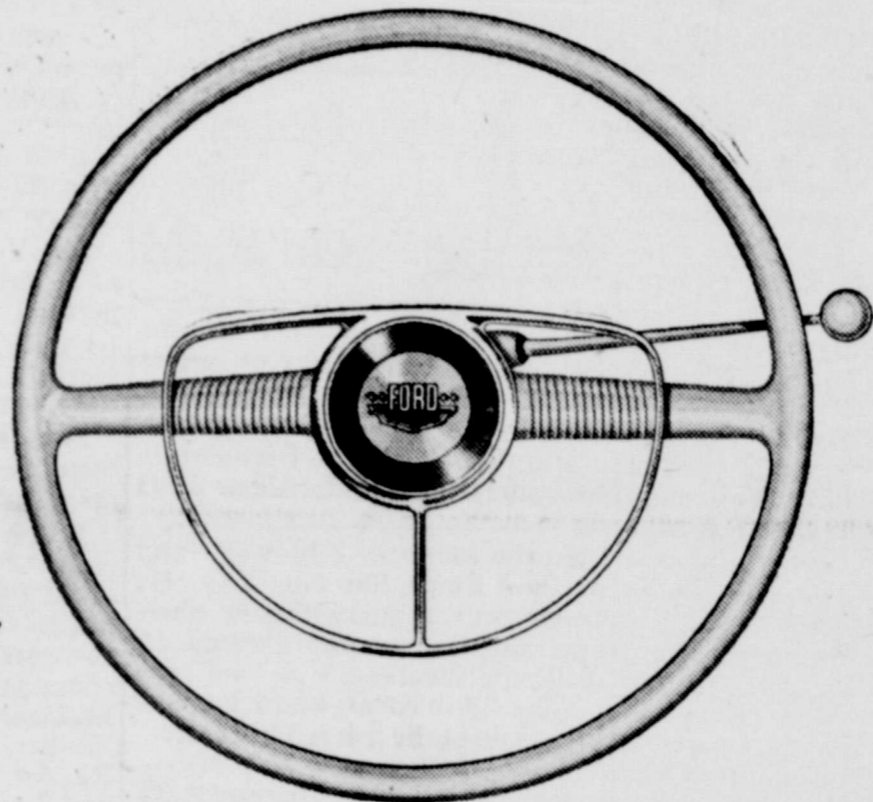
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## Rites Held For Mrs. Overall, 81

Mrs. Mary Frances Overall, 81, former well known Robert Lee woman, died shortly after midnight Monday morning at Snyder where she had made her home the past four years with a daughter, Mrs. Vertna Gartman.

Mrs. Overall was stricken with cancer some time ago and had been critically ill the past few weeks.

Brief services were held from the Odom funeral home in Snyder at noon Tuesday after which the remains were brought to Robert Lee in the Clift funeral coach. Rites were conducted at 2:30 p. m from the Robert Lee Methodist church where Mrs. Overall had been a member for many years.

Officiating were the Rev. Ross Welch, pastor, and the Rev. R. B. Young, who was pastor a number of years ago when Mrs. Overall was a regular attendant. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery. Pallbearers included Bryan Gartman, Douglas Gartman, Guy Denman, Weldon F. Kes, Francis Seltz, all of this community, and Mr. Rainwater of Snyder.

Mrs. Overall was born at Winder, Ga., Aug. 28, 1868. Her family moved to Ellis county, Texas, in 1885 and she married J. B. Overall Dec. 9, 1891. They moved to Coke county in 1907 and settled in the community southeast of Sanco, where Mr. Overall passed away March 21, 1937. She joined the Methodist church in 1883.

Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Vertna Gartman, who is head of the Scurry county department of welfare, and a son, John Wayne Overall, physics instructor at Texas A & M college. Also a brother, C. T. Moore, of Ennis and a sister, Mrs. Ora Chapman of Bardwell. There are six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Two sons preceded their mother in death. They were Ernest Willis, who died in February 1918, and Milton Thomas, who passed away in September, 1934.

### Nazarene Services

Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Preaching Service, 11:00 A. M.  
Youth Services, 6:15 P. M.  
Preaching Service, 7:00 P. M.  
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Adult Prayer Meeting Tuesday 7:00 P. M.

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### Wilfred Gardner Weds

Wilfred Gardner and Miss Jeanette Jopling, both of Midland, were married on the evening of Dec 10, at the Presbyterian Seminary in Austin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jopling of Midland and is a graduate of Wharton high school. The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. J. S. Gardner of Robert Lee and grew up in this community.

He served with distinction in the last war and is a graduate of the University of Texas.

The couple will reside in Midland where Mr. Gardner has a responsible position with Humble Oil and Refining Co.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Austin were called to San Angelo last week by the illness and death of the former's brother-in-law, Blake Lacy. Deceased was assistant postmaster in San Angelo for many years. His wife is Mr Austin's youngest sister.

No. 1640

### NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY the postoffice address of which is Bronte, Texas, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1949, filed its application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which it applies for a permit to appropriate of the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, from Mountain Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River, in Coke County, Texas, not to exceed 250 acre-feet of water per annum, by impounding 950 acre-feet of water for municipal purposes. The dam is to be located at a point which bears S 42 Deg. 9 min. 4596 feet from the Northeast corner of L. V. Harris Original Survey No. 1, on the East bank of the Mountain Creek, in Coke County, Texas, and is distant in a Northeasterly direction from Robert Lee, Texas, 5 miles.

A hearing on the application of the said UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Austin, Texas, on Monday, February 13th, A. D. 1950, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time, and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of said Board at Austin, Texas, this the 16th day of December, A. D. 1949.

H. A. Beckwith  
A. P. Rollins  
James S. Guleke  
Board of Water Engineers  
Attest:  
A. W. McDonald, Secretary

### STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

## Robert Lee State Bank

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

December 31, 1949

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$326,383.07	Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Overdrafts	2,078.03	Surplus	35,000.00
Banking House, Furn. & Fix	2,551.00	Undivided Profits	1,241.28
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	1,500.00	DEPOSITS	968,144.34
CCC Cotton Loans	70,830.79		
State and County Securities	129,700.11		
U. S. Bonds and Securities	135,795.31		
Cash and Exchange	360,547.31		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,029,385.62</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,029,385.62</b>

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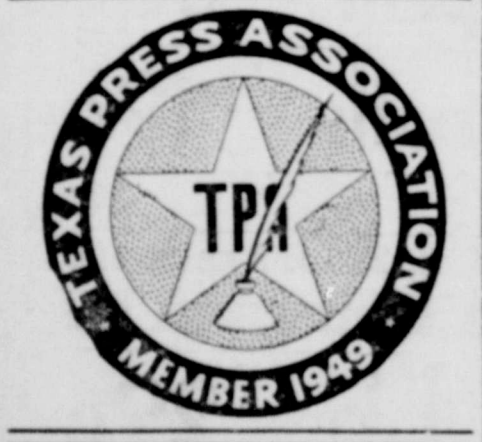
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**New Features For 1950 Chevrolets**

The automatic transmission, hailed as the most revolutionary driving aid since the advent of the self-starter, makes its first appearance in the low-price automobile field, Saturday, January 7, with the introduction of 1950 Chevrolets.

Chevrolet's application is an exclusive development known as Powerglide. A product of company research covering the entire post-war period, it is the chief element in an optional, extra-cost "power-team." Included is a larger, more powerful engine and many refinements that extend throughout the line of new passenger car models.

Also presented for the first time to the retail automobile market is the Bel Air a luxurious, six-passenger coupe possessing the swank of the convertible with the practicality of the solid top. With the Bel Air as leader, the latest series contains two individually-styled two-door sedans and four-door sedans, a sport coupe, business coupe, convertible coupe and all-steel station wagon. As in the 1949 models, when Chevrolet set new volume records to once again lead the industry in sales, most of the bodies are available in "special" and "de luxe" treatments.

Improvements through the 1950 chassis and bodies are many. A new "Power-Jet" carburetor eliminates the "lean" periods in gasoline feed and affords quicker warmup in cold weather. Larger exhaust valve capacity helps power output. Each of the six-cylinder passenger car engines follows the traditional, economical valve-in-head design. In the new bodies, stylists have accomplished striking effects with smart, two-tone upholstery and freshly fashioned exterior metalwork.

The Powerglide automatic transmission makes use of hydraulic torque conversion, a method of smoothly transmitting power to wheels that received considerable impetus during the war in the search for more maneuverable armored vehicles.

Torque, or the force of rotation generated at the engine crankshaft, is now transferred through rapidly whirling oil. The force is increased in direct proportion to throttle pressure, as with the conventional clutch and gear transmission. However, instead of the "steps" involved with mechanical gear linkage to reduce engine speed as the car gathers momentum, the flow of power to the rear wheels is fluid and variable. Once the car is moving with the lever in "Drive" position, no shifting action is necessary regardless of the number of traffic stops-and-goes.

Driving with the Powerglide is simple. On the steering column is mounted a quadrant in miniature somewhat like power controls on ocean liners. The quadrant is marked from left to right with "Park," "N," "D," "L" and "R." A lever under the steering wheel positions a pointer at one of the five stations. To start the engine, the pointer may be placed at "N" (Neutral or "Park.") Otherwise the starter button on the dash remains ineffective. With the engine started, the lever is moved to place the pointer at "D" (Drive) For ordinary travel forward movement thereafter is dependent on throttle pressure alone.

To bring the car to a stop the throttle foot is moved to the brake as desired. Resumption of forward movement in traffic is obtained merely by depressing the throttle.

Because engineers must recognize that driving is not confined to forward movement on level, paved highways, the "R" (Reverse) and "L" (Low) positions are incorporated on the quadrant. Although the drive continues through the conver, low and reverse gears increase the power on the rear wheels by definitely fixing the ratio of revolutions between the crank and propeller shafts. To provide the gears a simple planetary gearset is built into the transmission.

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**SANCO NEWS**

(By Mrs. Sam Fowler)

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gartman had a nice group of their children and grandchildren home for Christmas dinner. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a week before and had all the family together at that time.

After dinner on Christmas Day the Truman Gartman family went to Sterling City to visit Mrs. Gartman's parents.

Sam Fowler and family spent Christmas with his parents in Kaufman county. They started late Wednesday and spent the first night of their trip with Charles Fowler and wife in Eldorado. It had been 11 years since Sam had taken his family home for Christmas and they spent an enjoyable week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile had with them to enjoy Christmas turkey their children Miss Effie Carwile of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile and Billie Glen, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Jr. and Ann, and Henry Carwile.

There will be services at the Baptist church Sunday and a pouncing is planned for the pastor and his wife.

Mrs. Harm Gartman was called away before Christmas by the death of her only brother.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Haggerton and daughter, Mrs. Curtis Perry, spent Christmas with the Henry Wyatts. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt and children, Elgene Wyatt and Mrs. Dora Arbuckle and children.

Scott Jackson and wife were over from San Angelo Monday visiting with the Henry Wyatts.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler of Eldorado and Mrs. Belva McCutchen and children of San Angelo spent the weekend at Sanco

with the Sam Fowlers.

Mrs. Roy Wyatt returned Saturday from the hospital where she underwent surgery last Wednesday. She is making a fine recovery.

Mrs. Bryan Gartman left Christmas Day to be with Mrs. Mary Overall at Snyder who was very ill. Mrs. Overall, former Sanco resi-

dent, died Monday and was buried at Robert Lee Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cathey and their children, Ray Donald and Mary Anna, came from Monahans for a New Years visit with the former's sister, Mrs. Ralph Garvin, and family. They are former Coke county residents.

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KIMBELL'S CHILI		No. 2 can	55c
PIMENTO CHEESE SPREAD		5 oz glass	21c
Trellis PEAS		2 cans	29c
Pork Sausage		Lb	39c
Sliced BACON		Lb	45c
Seven Bone Roast		Lb	49c
Pink Salmon		No. 1 flat can	29c

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# BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.



## Bill Mac Varnadore Weds Virginia Fox of Big Lake

Bill Mac Varnadore and Miss Virginia Fox, popular Reagan county young couple, were married in San Angelo Saturday evening. They left on a brief honeymoon trip to San Antonio and will make their home in Big Lake. Both are graduates of Reagan county high school at Big Lake.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. I. W. Sweatt of Big Lake and has been employed in the City Drug Store there.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Varnadore of Texon. He served 18 months with the army of occupation in Korea and is now employed by Plymouth Oil Co. in the Benedum field.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neill of Sunray visited the last of the week in the Homer Garvin and R. A. Stroud homes. They were accompanied by Lloyd Bradley and wife of Odessa.

## Varnadores To Snyder

Varnadore Oil Co. of Robert Lee will open a branch in Snyder in the near future. They have leased footage along the railroad and will have a modern loading dock. Varnadores are servicing four drilling rigs now being operated by Sun in Scurry county, and another rig owned by General Crude, a Sun affiliate.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Mathews have sold their bowling alley in Snyder and have returned to Robert Lee to make their home.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to The Honorable Chairman and Board of Directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority, Bronte, Texas, will be received at the office of the Secretary, G. C. Allen, Robert Lee Bank, Robert Lee, Texas, until 2:00 p. m., January 17, 1950, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for constructing a dam, outlet structure, spill-

way, and other appurtenant works on Mountain Creek located immediately north of the Robert Lee-Bronte Highway and adjoining the city limits of Robert Lee.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the Upper Colorado River Authority in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Each proposal must also be accompanied by a sworn statement showing the financial responsibility of the bidder and other information relative to his experience and equipment, as provided in the specifications. Bids without the required Check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The Successful Bidder must

urnish bond on the form provided in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the Owner.

All the lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable (or "unbalanced") unit prices will authorize the Owner to reject the bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Attention is called to the provisions of the Acts of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas, page 91, Chapter 45, (Article No. 5159A Civil Statutes 1925) con-

cerning the wage scale and payment of prevailing rates of wages as established by the Owner. Said scale of prevailing minimum rates of wages is set forth in the specifications.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at the office of G. C. Allen, Secretary, Robert Lee, Texas.

Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be secured from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Consulting Engineers, 1006 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas, upon a deposit of \$25.00 as a guaranty of the safe return of the plans and specifications. The full amount of the deposit will be returned to the Contractor on submission of a bona fide bid on the work, with such Plans and Specifications or upon returning the plans and specifications prior to receipt of bids; otherwise the deposit shall be forfeited.

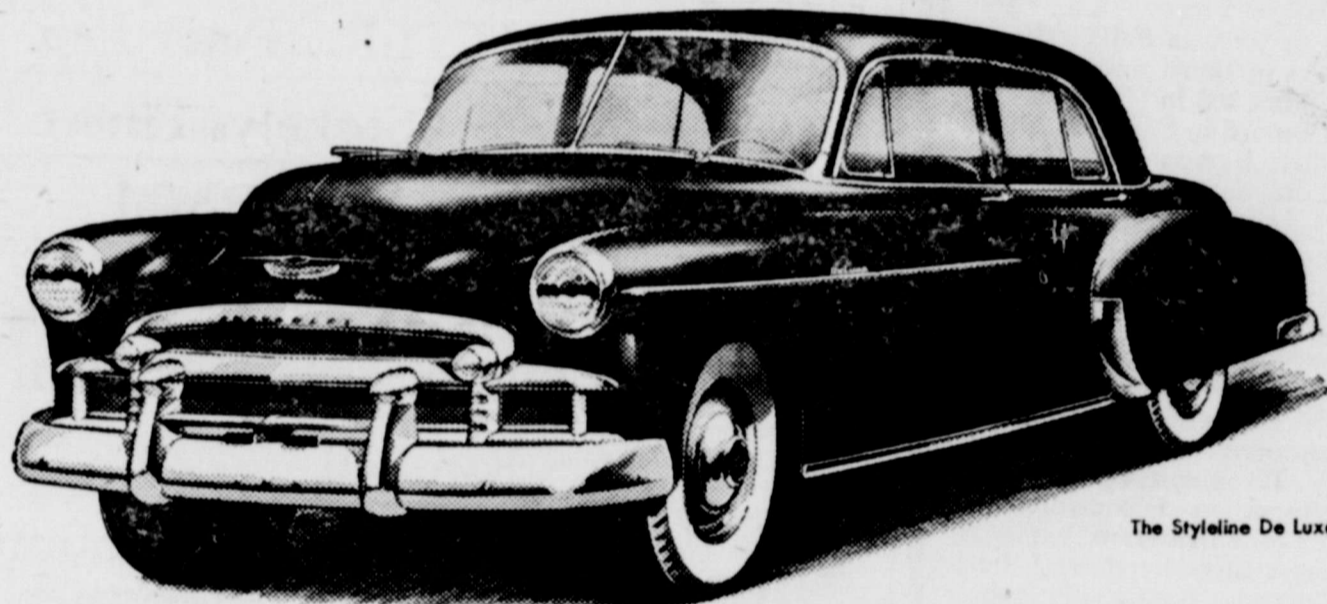
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## Petition Against Cotton Cut Back

To Honorable O. C. Fisher, 21st District Congressman, Washington, D. C.

We, the undersigned farmers and business men of Coke county, Texas, protest our allowable cotton acreage.

Dating back to the early Thirties before crop controls, and for a period of some 40 to 50 years, our farmers produced and ginned 8 to 10 thousand bales of cotton each year. Since controls have been the order of the day, less cotton has been planted each year. Farmers were urged to plant and did plant war crops of food and feed for man and beast.

The Department of Agriculture handed out cotton quotas to States, and College Station handed out the quotas to our counties. Some have received as much as 40% of their cultivated lands, others nearly got 30%. Coke county with its 75,000 cultivated acres, was given a quota of 4,400 acres or 6% of its cultivated land.

We feel this is unfair and discriminatory, and respectfully request that our quota be placed at 30% of our cultivated area, so that we will be on an equal basis with other counties nearby.

If our quotas are not increased to 30%, many small farmers, tenants and owners will be forced to leave the farm, and many will seek work in towns and villages now greatly overcrowded, thus bringing a burden to the farms and towns as well.

Many farmers have expensive tractor equipment capable of cultivating from 200 to 800 acres in row crops, and many have received from 7 to 30 acres as their quota for cotton. The farmers and the machinery will have nothing to do. The economy of our county will be disturbed, disrupted and disgusted. The cotton gins and ginners will also be idle.

We respectfully request that our cotton acreage be increased to 30% of our cultivated lands, so that the farmers can stay on the farms and earn a living.

### Firemens Auxiliary

Mrs. Sam Jay presided over a business session of the Firemens Auxiliary at the city hall Monday night. Colors adopted by the organization are red and white and their flower emblem is to be red or white carnations. A theme song composed by Mrs. J. C. Strickland was adopted.

The 1950 project for the Auxiliary is to be a treasure chest which will include many items of clothing to be available for needy persons and in case of disaster.

The January entertainment committee includes Mesdames Dick Kannady, E. C. Davis and O. B. Jacobs.

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## SILVER NEWS

Bob Keeling, clerk in the Sun office here, resigned Dec 19 and returned to his home in Dallas.

Mrs. Aaron Rose and Syble returned last weekend from Vanderbilt, Texas, where they spent ten days with the former's sister and family, the D. C. Lairds.

G. A. Jameson and family of Big Lake spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, the Allen Jamesons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker and Mary Beth returned last week from Austin where they visited her mother, Mrs. A. Grote, and sister, Mrs. Mary Ashworth.

Mrs. Lee Weigel is in San Antonio visiting relatives.

Spending the holidays in the R. B. Allen home were the Bill Allens and the Bill Archers of San Angelo and R. D. Allen and children of Van Court.

G. C. Stone and wife of Hawley and the Dan Cruse, Jr. family from Tahoka spent Christmas with the G. E. Conners and O. L. Snyders. Peggy Snyder and Patricia Conner returned home with the Slones for a few days visit.

The J. D. Gilbert family returned last Saturday from Louisiana where they spent two weeks with relatives.

Returning to college after the holidays here with their parents were Jackie Soles, senior student at Austin State Teachers College, Esther Allen, San Angelo Jr. College, John Fant of Tech and Bill and Dave Gassiot of Hardin-Simmons.

Wanda Sue Walker is recovering from a recent tonsillectomy.

Recent visitors of the Myrle Jamesons were her parents, the Frank Calleys of Forsan.

Spending the Christmas holidays away with relatives were the Pete Ritchey in Vinson, La., John Shimers in Wichita Falls, the J. N. Fishers in Baird and Putman, George Woodard in Fort Worth, Drew Kennard in Sherman, the G. K. Bealls in Lampasas, A. S. Burney in Longview.

The John Walkers had as their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wimberly and son of San Angelo.

Charles L. Price and family spent last weekend with the D. Brock family in Hermleigh.

The H. L. Bloodworths had all their children at home for the holidays. Those coming from away were the Allen Bloodworths of Mason, Willie Price family of Crane and Ernest Bloodworth and the J. C. Wallace, Jr. family of Robert Lee.

H. O. Evinger returned recently from a business trip to Philadelphia. He is superintendent of Sun's gas plant here.

George C. Lefler spent last weekend in Longview with his parents, the C. L. Leflers.

Chester Sole and wife of Pampa were recent visitors of his parents, the Adam Soles.

Mrs. Hanie Bradford is in Odessa with her daughter, Mrs. C. C.

Polts and family.

Visiting in the C. E. Mathers home during the holidays were the Ben Tubbs and the Lawrence Higgins of Robert Lee, the George Penningtons and Jimmie Kuhn families of Colorado City.

The Clyde Bradfords of Abilene were here recently for a visit with the F. C. Ashers.

Major and Mrs. Walter M. Smith and daughter, Barbara, of Ft. Sam Houston visited with relatives in Colorado City and Robert Lee over New Years. Mrs. J. H. Walker, a sister of Mrs. Smith, returned home with them for an extended visit.

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