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## Copeland Property Being Condemned For Oak Creek Dam

The City of Sweetwater has filed proceeding to acquire approximately 530 acres of land from Charles and Eulah Copeland in the northeast part of Coke County. The land lies principally in the Oak Creek bottom and is in part of the Odom oil field.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland are defending the suit and claim that Sweetwater has not offered to pay them a fair consideration for the land, as well as damages to the remaining ranch and damages to minerals. One of the best pecan orchards in West Texas is included in the land sought to be condemned.

Judge Jeff Dean has appointed C. N. Webb, W. F. Fikes and W. W. Ivey as appraisers; and the appraisers have set the hearing for the 2nd day of March.

The Copeland property will be inundated by the reservoir of water formed by the Oak Creek Dam now under construction. The reservoir will furnish a water supply for the City of Sweetwater.

The City of Sweetwater is represented by Ney Sheridan of Sweetwater, and Scarborough, Yates, Scarborough and Black of Abilene. Charles and Eulah Copeland are represented by Frank C. Dickey of Robert Lee.

## Howard Varnadore Buys Conoco Station

Howard Varnadore is the new proprietor of the Conoco Service Station located at the Y Courts in Robert Lee. He bought out Delmir Morris Shepard, who operated the business the past few months.

Howard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore, has had to give up his work in the oil field because of a knee injury sustained several months ago.

He is an energetic and popular young man, and will devote his undivided attention to his new business.

## New Auto Licenses Now Being Issued

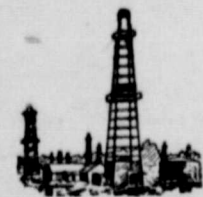
New motor vehicle licenses are now on sale in the office of Paul Good, tax assessor-collector. Deadline for getting new licenses is April 1 and county officials urge that car owners call early and avoid a last minute rush.

The 1951 license plates are attractive with black letters on an orange background. A total of 1,300 passenger car tags have been allotted to Coke county. They start at EW 3050 and continue to EW 4349.

Truck licenses carry the letters MW and start at 3450.

Farm trucks and pickups start at 5900 with the letters RM. There are 350 of them and 300 tags for larger trucks.

Miss Jewell Ledbetter was hostess at a waffle supper and canasta party one night last week, with members of the Robert Lee State Bank force and their families as guests. Mrs. T. A. Richardson made high score, and June Duncan was awarded the booby prize.



## Notes From The Oil Field

Union No. 5 Jim McCutchen, 3 miles east of Robert Lee, was drilling Thursday below 1,900 feet.

Hunt Oil Co. No. 1 Frank McCabe, 8 miles southwest of Robert Lee, was making hole below 5,300 feet.

Mizel Bros No. 1 M. L. Leddy, 10 miles southwest of Robert Lee, was spudding in Thursday. Warren & Bradshaw have the contract.

## GETS ARMY CALL

Vaughn Stanley Davis has been notified to report Feb. 23 for induction into the armed forces. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Davis and recently has been in charge of the meat department at Roberts Grocery. He was formerly employed in Frank Bryan's store. Emory (Doo-Dad) Davis has taken his son's place in the Roberts market.

## HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT

A new electric 80-gallon water heater was installed this week at Coke County Memorial Hospital by West Texas Utilities Co. Cost was \$189, near the wholesale figure. The new heater replaces two 40-gallon oil burning water heaters which were part of the original equipment of the hospital built last year. They proved entirely unsatisfactory.

## Magazine Salesman Pulls Crooked Deal

A dapper young magazine salesman was arrested in Robert Lee Monday, less than an hour after he attempted to defraud Mrs. Daisy McCutchen out of \$10 by raising an \$8.00 check to \$18.00.

Wiltz Fristoe, 23, who hails from Tennessee, is now in the county jail and his bond was fixed at \$1,000. He was charged with felony in county court.

Mrs. McCutchen purchased magazines to the value of \$8.00 from the young salesman and wrote him out a check for that amount on the Robert Lee bank. A short time later he appeared at the Looney appliance store and cashed a check on Mrs. McCutchen for \$18.00. It carried the notation, "For Magazine Subscriptions."

Mrs. Frank Smith, who accepted the check at the Looney store, began thinking that was a lot of magazines. So he phoned Mrs. McCutchen and learned the original check was for only \$8.00.

Sheriff Paul Good was called immediately and within a few minutes he nabbed Fristoe, who had just come out of a cafe. The fellow admitted his guilt. He had raised the amount of the check in a very clever manner, adding "een" to the written "Eight" and placing a figure 1 in front of the 8.00.

The prisoner said he had come to Robert Lee with a party of five earlier Monday, but none of the others were seen around town. He made two other sales here, accepting checks in both cases, but neither of the other checks were lost.

## Oil Lease on Collier Land at \$35 Acre

Dick Collier of Big Lake was in Robert Lee on business last Thursday and visited among his many old time friends. He said his mother was leasing a half section to Humble Oil and Refining Co. with a bonus of \$35 per acre.

The Collier section lies northwest of Edith. One-half the section is already under lease to another company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCutchen learned the last of the week that their son, Billy, had submitted to an appendectomy at the army hospital at Fort Sill, Okla. He is making a good recovery and expects to come home soon on a week's leave.

Mrs. Wilton Scott was brought home the last of the week from a San Angelo hospital where she underwent surgery on Wednesday. She is making a good recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cole and daughters came out from Fort Worth for a few days visit with home folks the last of the week.

Miss Pansy Brown has gone to Bronte where she is assisting Mrs. Mamie Littlefield at the City Cafe.

Snipe Conley and wife came in from Texon Tuesday for an overnight visit in the home of their son, John Conley, and family.

## New Well Near Edith Flows 343 Barrels Oil

Sun No. 3 F. S. Price in the Millican field northwest of Edith was recently finished for a daily flow of 342.8 barrels of 45.5 gravity oil. Gas-oil ratio was 1,179-1. The flow was through a 1/4-inch choke and open hole between 5,898 and 6,013 feet, the total depth. The section was acidized with 2,000 gallons. Location is in section 159-2-H&TC.

Sun No. 10 Annie Cummings, 3 miles west of Edith, topped the lime reef at 5,880 feet and set 5 1/2 inch casing at a depth of 5,893 feet.

Sun F. S. Price A-4 was drilling in shale at 3,882 feet.

In the Jameson field southwest of Silver, Sun No. 14 Mathers drilled to a total depth of 6,434 feet after topping the reef at 6,282 feet. Casing was set at 6,292 feet and operators planned to drill in Thursday.

Sun No. 10 Fred Jameson was drilling Wednesday in shale at 4,035 feet.

Sun No. 2 H. L. Bloodworth, two miles east of the south part of the Jameson field, was drilling at 4,487 feet in shale.

## Mrs. Viva Roberts Weds Ozona Man

Word has been received here of the marriage on Feb. 3 of Mrs. Viva Roberts and Mr. Cam Lilly. The ceremony took place in the Church of Christ in Portales, New Mexico, with the minister, Grover C. Ross, officiating.

Mrs. Lilly, former well known Robert Lee resident, has been manager of the Crockett Hotel and the local Western Union office at Ozona the past two years.

Mr. Lilly and son operate the Spencer Welding Service at Ozona.

The many Coke county friends of the couple extend congratulations and best wishes.

## First Meeting Held In New Scout Cabin

The first meeting in the new Robert Lee Boy Scout cabin took place Monday night with Scouts, Cubs and their parents enjoying a barbecued dinner. About 100 Speakers included Chief Bird of Brawere in attendance.

Mr. Robbins of the San Angelo Telephone Co. and guests from Ballinger and Miles. Buck Ivey, local board chairman, was in charge of the program.

Charles Dennis is scoutmaster of the senior patrol and P. E. Webb of the Junior patrol of Troop 81, while Buster Farris is cubmaster.

Public dedication ceremonies are to be arranged for later in the spring.

Robert Lee men engaged on construction of the new gypsum plant near Maryneal are John Allen, Dave Adkins and Roland Powers. They return home each evening. Dave says jobs are open for others. Construction of the 7 million dollar plant is expected to require more than a year.

Velma Jane and Pearl Hurley of San Angelo were weekend guests in the home of their aunt, Miss Myrtle Hurley.

Postmaster and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr. and daughters motored to Crane for a weekend visit with relatives.

## Births

### ASHWORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashworth of Edith are the parents of a son born at 11:15 Feb. 8 at the Coke County Memorial Hospital. The infant weighed 8 pounds and has been named Larry DeWayne. The Ashworths have three other sons, George Frederick, Douglas Gene and Morgan Dean. Grandparents are Mrs. J. W. Ashworth of Richmond, Calif., and George F. Powers of Edith.

## WHOSE GOT THE CRUTCHES?

The American Legion post of Robert Lee owns two pairs of crutches which are loaned out free of charge. At the present time Legion officials have lost track of both pairs. Persons are requested to advise the post adjutant, A. M. Tubb, or leave them at The Observer office.

## BANKERS CONVENTION

Coke County Bankers will be in San Angelo next Monday, Feb. 19, in attendance at a group meeting of the Texas Bankers Association. A 10-car special train will bring Texas and out of state bankers to the convention. L. T. Youngblood of the First National Bank at Bronte will speak in the afternoon at 2:45 on the subject, "The Country Bankers Viewpoint." Visitors will be entertained Monday night with a dinner and dance at the Melody club.

## Commissioners Fight Loss Of Road Funds

Regular monthly meeting of the Coke County Commissioners Court was held here Monday, when the usual grist of claims were allowed and routine matters of business transacted.

The First National Bank of Bronte was again designated as the depository for county funds, according to Clerk Weldon Fikes, who stated an application had also been received from the State Bank of Robert Lee.

Commissioners voted that the county would not be responsible for any obligation or accident created in the County Agent's Department from use of the pickup registered in the county's name.

Considerable time was spent discussing pending legislation which may affect county affairs. Judge Jeff Dean and several of the commissioners left Tuesday morning to represent Coke County in Austin in opposition to the Graham house bill, eliminating the counties' share of the road bond assumption surplus.

The present fund sent something like \$10,000 into county coffers last year. Under the new bill this money would be turned over to the State Highway Department, presumably for farm-to-market roads.

## County Allotted \$79,300 For PMA

The sum of \$79,300 has been allotted by the PMA to cover conservation projects in Coke county this year. The amount is only a trifle less than 1950.

Practices receiving approval of the local PMA committee remain the same as last year. However, application has been made for an experimental project on chemical control of mesquite.

Approval is asked for a section of land on which mesquite would be killed by spraying from the air. Cost of the procedure is \$3.31 per acre, with the PMA paying \$1.75 per acre.

Fred McDonald, Jr., with John Harvey and Bill Tom Roach as his guests, attended a district lumbermen's dinner Monday night at the Lions Club cabin on Lake Nasworthy at San Angelo.

Supt. B. C. Goodwin was released from the local hospital Wednesday after undergoing treatment for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gaddy and little son, Gregory Earl, motored from Roswell, New Mex., for a visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton over the weekend Mrs. Gaddy is the former Louise Hamilton.

## Death of Hence Fisher

Mrs. Mattie Bell Campbell has been advised of the death of Hence Fisher, 50, of a heart attack Tuesday night at his home in Long Beach, Calif. He was a son of the late Bob Fisher of Hayrick and his wife is the former Reba Williams Fisher has been in California many years and was an employee of Shell Petroleum Co. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

## Snow and Sleet Arrive With New Cold Wave

### To Hold School Friday

School authorities were making plans to reopen the Robert Lee public schools Friday after closing down two days because of cold weather and dangerous highway conditions.

Another severe cold period descended upon West Texas this week sending the mercury down to 22 degrees Wednesday morning. Lower temperatures were forecast for Thursday.

The cold wave was accompanied by sleet and snow which covered the ground to a depth of two inches. The bad weather was expected to be disastrous to ewe flocks which are lambing at this time.

However, farmers and ranchmen rejoice over the half inch of moisture and everyone is holding out hopes that the long drouth has been broken.

This week's icy weather followed several warm sunny days when temperatures were in the 70's.

All public schools in Coke county were closed Wednesday because of the cold weather and icy highways. Travel was very dangerous.

## County Livestock Show Here Feb. 27

Plans are shaping up for the annual Coke County Junior Livestock Show which is to be held at the show grounds in Robert Lee on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Most of the entries will be made by FFA boys of Bronte and Robert Lee and the Coke county 4-H clubs. Divisions are as follows:

Baby Beef Show  
Fat Lamb Show  
Fat Pig Show  
Breeding Animals, including registered cattle, Duroc hogs, Rambouillet and other breeds of sheep and Angora goats.  
Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

Officers of the association are J. F. McCabe Jr., president; and Jeff Dean, secretary. The directors are:

Two-year terms, L. E. Wink, Norman Kiker, LeDrew Arrott, Douglas Gartman, Weldon Fikes, Noel Percifull.

Terms expiring in 1951, Joe Rawlings, Fred McDonald, Jr., Edward Cumbie, Crowley Harmon.

The Horace Scotts of Del Rio were weekend guests in the parental H. L. Scott home. They were accompanied home by their little daughter, Sherry, who spent three weeks in the home of their grandparents.

## Coke County Hospital News

Feb. 8—Mrs. H. E. Ivey admitted. Jean Arnold, G. C. Casey and G. W. Crume dismissed.

Feb. 9—Mrs. W. R. (Artie) Mathews of Snyder, Mrs. John Conley and Mrs. Fred Ashworth admitted. Son born to Mrs. Ashworth at 11:15 p. m. Mrs. J. K. Lofton dismissed.

Feb. 10—W. R. Masey, B. C. Goodwin, Mrs. L. R. Schooler, Carlton Boone and Mrs. Mayne Smith admitted. Mrs. W. R. Mathews, Mrs. Dave Adkins and Mrs. H. E. Ivey dismissed.

Feb. 11—Mrs. Pallie Phelan and Mrs. Emma Cox admitted.

Feb. 12—Miss Pauline Penton and Henry Briscoe admitted. Mrs. L. R. Schooler, Mrs. Fred Ashworth and son and Mrs. Pallie Phelan dismissed.

Feb. 13—Mark Chumley, Eddy Joe Lee and M. D. Sealey admitted. Mrs. John Conley dismissed.



## None Sent to State Prison From Coke In Last Seven Years

Huntsville, Feb. 14—There have been no persons committed to the Texas State Prison system for the last seven years from Coke County. With a total of 15 persons sent up for the county since 1928, the county's highest record in any one year was six in 1934, in the middle of the depression.

These figures were revealed by Dr. Rupert Koening, director of classification at the prison and head of the sociology department at Sam Houston State Teachers college. His advanced students aided in the survey which dates back to 1928.

Texas city areas continue to send more people to prison than smaller towns and rural areas.

In 1950, more than half the new convicts sent to the State Prison system came from only eleven of the State's 254 counties. These counties represent about forty per cent of the state's population.

## AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS

November 1950

L. L. Bodine, Robert Lee, Chev.  
Rowan Drilling Co., Robert Lee, Ford  
C. E. Cunningham, Robert Lee, Ford  
L. E. Higgins, Robert Lee, Chev.

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Larry Hamilton, Bronte, Chev.  
O. W. Smith, Robert Lee, Chev.  
Henry Briscoe, Robert Lee, Chrysler  
Fred McDonald, Sr., Bronte, Ford  
Hubert Moon, Bronte, Chev.  
J. M. Mackey, Bronte, Chev.  
Frank Seltz, Robert Lee, Packard  
G. H. Morrison, Robert Lee, Chev.  
C. W. Robinson, Bronte, Chev.  
Mrs. F. E. Byrne, Robert Lee, Chev.  
Raymond Winkler, Bronte, Chev.  
Mrs. W. A. Hickman, Blackwell, Mercury.

Royce Smith, Robert Lee, Ford  
J. D. McDaniel, Robert Lee, Nash  
Roy Tinkler, Robert Lee, Ford

### DECEMBER

E. M. Ashley, Robert Lee, Ford  
Walter Weathers, Robert Lee, Chev.  
Ralph Garvin, Edith, Chevrolet  
T. B. Childress, Robert Lee, Chrysler  
V. M. Box, Robert Lee, Chevrolet  
G. O. Richardson, Robert Lee, Chev.  
F. C. Wojtek, Robert Lee, Chevrolet  
Frank Smith, Robert Lee, Chevrolet  
R. H. Sims, Bronte, Chevrolet  
Alfred Fields, Robert Lee, Chevrolet  
L. L. Jernegan, Robert Lee, Chev.  
Harvey Chevrolet Co., Chevrolet (2)  
R. V. Copeland, Blackwell, Chevrolet  
Don Hall, Robert Lee, Chevrolet  
Dewey Palmer, Jr., Robert Lee, Ford  
J. B. Faries, Bronte, Mercury  
V. T. McCabe, Robert Lee, Ford  
Mrs. R. S. Baker, Robert Lee, Mercury  
Cecil Kemp, Bronte, Chevrolet  
Delmir M. Sheppard, Robt Lee, Mercury  
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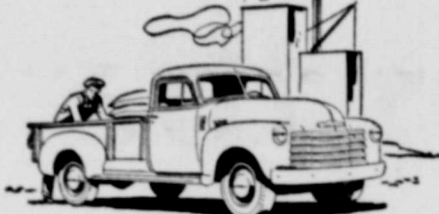
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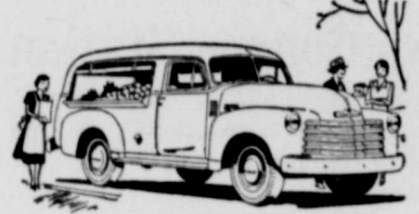
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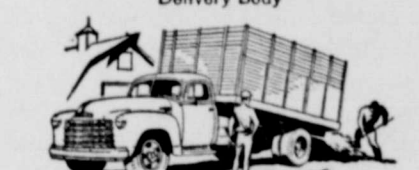
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Medium-Duty Forward-Control with Delivery Body



Heavy-Duty with Fire Fighting Equipment



Heavy-Duty High Rack with Hoist



Medium-Duty with Merchandise Body



Van Body with Lift Gate on Heavy-Duty Chassis



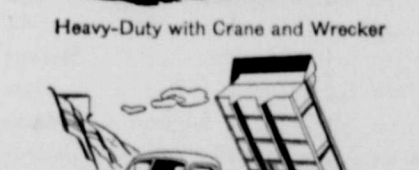
Refrigerated Body on Heavy-Duty Chassis



Heavy-Duty with Crane and Wrecker



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Heavy-Duty Long Wheelbase with Trailing Axle



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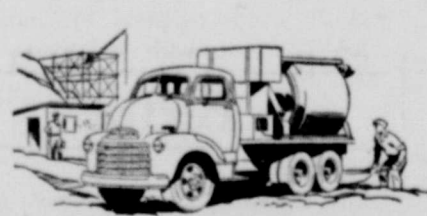
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## Football Banquet Next Tuesday Night

The annual football banquet, honoring the Robert Lee high school Steers, will be held next Tuesday night, Feb. 20, at the school auditorium.

Roast turkey and all the trimmings will be served, starting at 7 p. m. Food is being furnished by the Quarterback Club and ladies of the school lunch room will prepare the dinner.

It is announced that there will be no charges for the dinner, and all football boosters and their ladies are invited to attend. A crowd of 200 is expected.

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Friday, Feb. 16

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

High School Gym, 7 P.M.

Students 25c Adults 50c

All school superintendents and coaches of District 6-B have been invited to attend the dinner honoring the Steers. Schools in the conference last year were Bronte, Coahoma, Hermleigh, Hobbs, Loraine, Stanton and Robert Lee.

Bill Tom Roach, president of the Quarterbacks, will present Donald Hamilton, backfield star, with the trophy for "outstanding player of the year."

The honor was voted Donald by members of the 1950 squad which had a record of 7 wins and 3 defeats.

Coach Charles Dennis will present squad members with their lettered jackets for the 1950 season.

### CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank the firemen and all others who extinguished the fire in my house last week.—Mrs. May Boone.

### The STEERING WHEEL

By MELBA and ANNELLE

### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council met Thursday of last week. The president, Charles McDaniel, was in charge of the meeting. It was decided through a discussion and vote that we would have school as a trial on Saturday. If attendance is good it would be held again. However, a definite Saturday has not yet been scheduled.

### BASKETBALL NEWS

Seventh and eighth grade boys and girls played Miles seventh and eighth Thursday. The result: Robert Lee boys won and Miles girls won.

High School boys and girls played Norton in conference games Friday night. The result: Robert Lee girls won and Norton boys won.

The Robert Lee girls basketball team is the winner of the northern half of the district.

### STEERLIGHTS

Things we have noticed:

Billie and Marvin are getting to be a pair.

Jennie Lee's and Martha Sue's bangs.

Seen at church Sunday night were Ronnie and Doris Jean, Norman and Peggy, and Garland and Jennie Lee.

Our new student, Pat Jones.

Johnnie Lou and Elwood around the hall together.

Elna's Gypsy earrings.

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We are also advising every farmer to buy enough insecticide to treat his crop at least once, and why don't you farmers make up small groups and provide yourselves with poison machines? It is very likely that cotton will have to be treated and there are very few machines in the county.

## Fred McDonald, Jr.

## THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

Peanut Butter full qt 59c

Corn Meal Cherry Bell 5 lbs 39c

Skinnners Macaroni or Spaghetti box 10c

Ajax Clenser, 1 box free with purchase of 2 29c

Spuds, 10 lb mesh bag 39c

Fresh Tomatoes lb 15c

Fab Washing Powder box 29c

American Sardines 3 cans 25c

HOMINY No. 2 can 10c

Pickles, Sour or Dill Full Quart 25c

Apple Butter quart 25c

MILK 2 tall cans 29c

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## Crowd Expected at Donkey Ball Games Here Friday Night

Just in case you haven't heard, here are the line-ups for the Donkey Basketball games and the Hobby Donkey Races to be staged at the high school gym in Robert Lee Friday night, Feb. 16.

Scheduled to start at 7 p.m., the first event will be a race on Ralph Godfrey's mechanical donkeys with three members of the faculty as the riders. They are P. E. Webb, M. E. Petross and Charles Dennis.

Riders for the second race will be chosen from Senior girls, and for the third race the jockeys will be Senior boys. Winners of the first three races will run in the final heat and prizes will be awarded for all three places.

The Hobby Donkeys were manufactured for Ralph Godfrey by the famous Harold Lloyd Co. of California and all rights for their use are reserved by Godfrey.

High school girls will oppose alumni girls in the opening donkey basketball game.

After the girls tame the donkeys and break them to ride, Bronco Independents will play the Robert Lee Independents.

In the third and final fracas, Cowboy "Moe" Hargis will lead his Sun Oil Co. team of Silver against a hand picked all-county team.

Admission prices will be 50c for adults and 25c for students and tickets may be purchased from any member

of the Senior Class. The show is sponsored by the Seniors in order to raise funds for their trip which will be taken immediately after the close of the school year.

According to their contract with Ralph Godfrey, the sponsors receive ten per cent more on all tickets sold in advance, so buy tickets before going to the game

and thus increase the profit for the Seniors.

The Coke County 4-H Club Committee met here Feb. 10 and discussed ordering 4-H Farm Safety leaflets and a movie on Farm Safety.

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I have been reluctant to take this action, but during recent weeks too much damage to my sheep and horses has been caused by the actions of irresponsible persons.

Fred McDonald, Jr.

## Announcement To The Public

I wish to announce that I have purchased the interest of Delmir Morris Sheppard in the Conoco Station at the Y-Courts in Robert Lee.

It is my intention to devote full time to this business give the kind of service that will merit a share of your patronage.

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### Howard Varnadore

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## Wesleyan Service Guild Organized As Unit of WSCS

The Wesleyan Service Guild, a unit of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, was recently organized in Robert Lee. It is an organization for gainfully employed ladies and mothers who can not attend the W.S.C.S. The Wesleyan Service Guild meets twice a month, second and fourth Wednesday nights, at 7:30 o'clock.

The following officers were elected at the organizational meeting in December: Mrs. J. S. Ferrell, President; Mrs. Jeff Dean, Vice-President; Mrs. V. A. Havins, Promotional and Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. S. Gardner, Treasurer; Mrs. B. C. Goodwin, Secretary of Supplies; Mrs. T. B. Hicks, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Mrs. Fred O. Green, Chairman of Membership Committee; Mrs. McNeil Wylie, Chairman of Spiritual Life, and Mrs. E. S. Mason, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

The Guild met January 24, 1951, in the basement of the Methodist Church, with Mrs. Jeff Dean and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell, hostesses, to begin the study of the book "We Seek Him Together." Mrs. Dean is teaching the course. It is very interesting an inspiring study.

The Guild met February 14 in the

basement of the Methodist Church, with Mrs. V. A. Havins and Mrs. E. S. Mason as hostesses. Mrs. Dean brought the second chapter of the study course, from the book "We Seek Him Together."

The Southwest Texas Conference of the Wesleyan Service Guild, to be held in the Travis Park Methodist Church at San Antonio, Texas, February 17-18, 1951, was discussed at the meeting Wednesday night. Several members of the Guild wish to attend the conference, and will do so if possible.

## Court House Filings

### WARRANTY DEEDS

Marvin Simpson, ex Cora V. Simpson Estate, to R. C. Russell, lot 8, blk 23, and lot 12, blk 23, Robert Lee.

Buford Elkins to R. L. Page, lots 3-4, blk 77, Robert Lee, \$1,200.

Taylor Emerson to Howard Brock, lot 11, blk 27, Bronte.

Fern Havins to Theo Francis Lamb, lots 3-4-5-6, blk 14, Robert Lee.

J. D. Harmon to Alf Harmon, lot 16, blk 15, Robert Lee.

J. B. Leddy to Otis A. Crook, 632.8 acres southwest of Robert Lee.

### ROYALTY DEEDS

I. M. Cumbie to Madeline S. Schoff, one-fourth interest in 484.56 acres in Coke county.

Sayde R. Chumley and husband to Elmer F. Schmidt, 1-24th interest in 2,063.8 acres southwest of Robert Lee.

### MINERAL DEED

August Puett, Safford, Ariz., to Trans-Texas Royalty Co., undivided 20-80ths interest in W 80 acres Wesley Lucas Pre Survey No. 3.

### OIL AND GAS LEASES

A. C. Johnson and wife and Frank C. Dickey and wife to Sam Johnston, one half interest in tracts of 143.3, 46.3, 64.8 and 81 acres west of Robert Lee.

V. E. Beasley and wife to Kenneth W. Brown, blk 19 of 137 acres in SW portion of Mrs. C. C. Hudcon Ranch Sur. 384, and 147.55 acres in blk 27, of Hudson Ranch, \$2,582.13.

Henry Briscoe and wife to Sam M. Johnston, 142.6 acres in Survey 470 1-A H&TC, and 30.6 acres of Robert McRae Survey 1596.

Marvin Simpson and wife to Sam M. Johnston, seven tracts including 583.13 acres.

F. E. McDonald and wife to W. J. Malcom, lots 1 to 16, blk 23, old townsite of Ft. Chadbourne.

F. E. McDonald and wife to Helen Hudson, lots 1 to 16, blk 26, old townsite of Ft. Chadbourne.

Marvin B. Simpson of Robert Lee recently sold two purebred Aberdeen Angus bulls to William B. Wilson of San Angelo and eight bulls to Earl Powell of Santa Rosa, New Mex.

In renewing her subscription Mrs. Lula J. Burson states that she has moved from Coleman and her new address is Brownwood, Texas, Route 4, Box 92-C. She said she didn't want to miss any copies of The Observer.

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# Now—How about traffic on the Santa Fe?

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Now vital supplies, which have been piling up in freight terminals during the past several days, are starting to move.

### A complex situation

There is one point, however, we know the public will understand. So complex a thing as America's transportation system cannot be turned off and on like a water faucet.

Thousands of "car days" were lost due to freight cars standing still. Even though cars are now moving it is bound to take a while before congestion

is relieved and delayed cars are unloaded at their destination.

Santa Fe was able to deliver more cars to other railroads than other railroads delivered to Santa Fe. Consequently, Santa Fe now has substantially less cars on its rails than when the "outlaw strike" began. Naturally, this will result in a shortage of cars until this complex situation has been cleared.

### A word to our shippers

We are doing everything possible to speed up the return to normal. We ask, however, that shippers who now need cars bear with us during this period.

Santa Fe expresses its thanks to its shippers and passengers for their patience and understanding during the trying times we have all just passed through — and also to all our people who cooperated in this emergency, many of them responding beyond their normal call of duty.

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# Will You Remember

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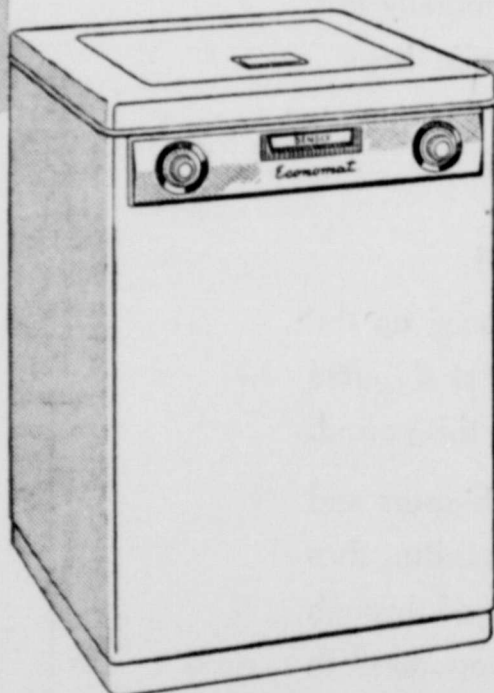
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### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey made a weekend trip to San Antonio where they visited their son, Cumbie, Jr., who is enrolled in the Air Force officers candidate school at Lackland AFB. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ivey's mother, Mrs. Bob Hickman of Bronte, who visited a cousin, Mrs. Lee Star; and Ed Hickman of Edith, who visited his brother, Frank, who is ill.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Curtis Stewart is critically ill at her home in Albuquerque, New Mex., and will undergo major surgery next week. She is the former Annie Lee Sparks and is a daughter of Mrs. Annie Sparks of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Fred Parker and son, Fred, Jr. came from Stephenville last week for a visit with the former's parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good. Mrs. Good was ill with the flu for several days and her daughter helped care for their household.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Wells and son, Ray, of Quannah visited over the weekend with Mrs. Wells' parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tinkler and daughters, Nancy and Janice, returned Sunday from a few days visit at Marble Falls with Mrs. Tinkler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Preslar of near Sweetwater visited here Monday with their grandson, Howard Preslar, and family and called on numerous Robert Lee friends. Mr. Preslar stopped by to renew his Observer subscription.

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### Methodist Services

Pastors of five Methodist churches in this area will exchange pulpits for special evening services during Dedication Week Feb. 18-25. Visiting ministers will be in Robert Lee as follows:

Monday, Grady Peters, Trinity.

Tuesday, L. P. Smith, Carlsbad.

Wednesday, Roy Shilling, Eldorado.

Thursday, Bob Ray, Veribest.

The Rev. Ray Lee, local pastor, will be in charge of the Friday night service in his own church. Services during the week begin at 7:30 p. m.

### At El Paso Show

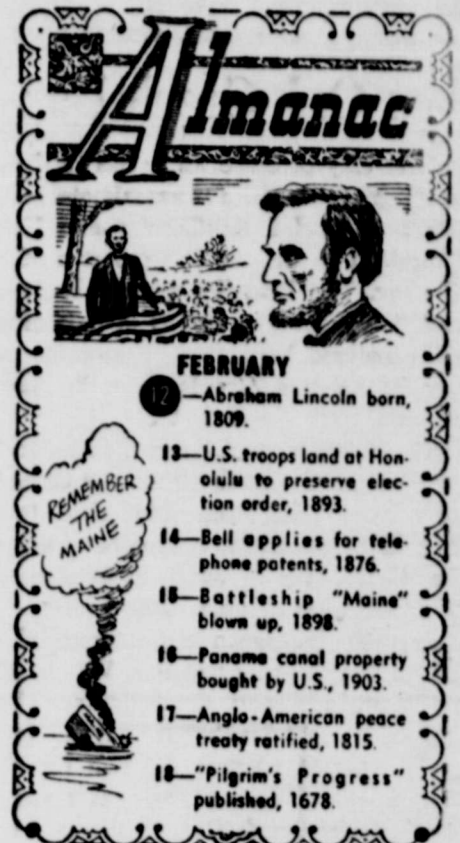
A group of Robert Lee FFA and 4-H boys are showing lambs and calves in the El Paso Show this week, but no report of their success has been received.

Lyndon Waldrop of Hayrick placed 3rd with his Angus calf at Houston last week and was 4th in the scramble calf division. He received \$37 in prize money and a pair of boots, and his calf sold at 52c per pound. Lyndon, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Waldrop, is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crum of Robert Lee.

### Basket Ball Playoff

Bronte and Mertzon boys are playing off a three game series for the district basket ball championship. Mertzon won the first game there early this week and the second tilt is scheduled in Bronte on Friday night. Robert Lee boys were put out of the running here last Friday night when they lost to Norton.

Robert Lee girls are undefeated in district competition.



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