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## Sun No. 17 Mathers Flows 146 Barrels In Twelve Hours

Sun No. 17 Mathers, on the west side of the Jameson field at Silver, was shutin Wednesday after flowing 146 barrels of oil during a 12-hour test. Gauge was through 1/4-inch choke with tubing pressure of 1,000 pounds and 1,100 pounds casing pressure. Gas-oil ratio was 1,545-1. The well was completed in open hole from 6,308 to 6,416 feet, and the section was acidized with 3,000 gallons.

Duncan Drilling Co. had the contract and is rigging up on Sun No. 20 Mathers.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit 13-H was drilling Wednesday at 6,278 feet in shale and sand. It was formerly No. 13 Fred Jameson.

Sun A-4 Mathers was drilling in lime at 6,348 feet after topping the reef at 6,268 feet.

Sun No. 19 Mathers was in shale and sand at 5,190 feet.

Sun Jameson Reef Unit No. 19 (formerly Homer Jameson 19) was drilling at 4,380 feet in shale and lime.

South of the river at Silver Sun No. 1 Blanks-Perkins was drilling ahead in shale and sand at 6,300 feet. It previously had a good oil show in sand just below 6,000 feet.

West and north of Edith Sun No. A-6 F. S. Price was in shale and lime at 4,410 feet.

### CHANGES AT CRAGINS

S. B. Cragin, owner of the Cragin Lumber & Supply here, announces that he and Mrs. Cragin are moving to San Angelo to spend the winter in an apartment. He is making the move to take care of the office in San Angelo opened by the drilling company owned by himself and Walter Tucker.

The Cragins plan to return to Robert Lee in the spring. During their absence their home will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Cragin, Jr., who are arriving this week from College Park, Md. Young Cragin will be associated with his father in operating the business.

A new salesman and fieldman for the Cragin firm is R. L. (Slim) Crowell, who has moved his family here from Lamesa.

## Local Youths 3rd In State Judging Meet

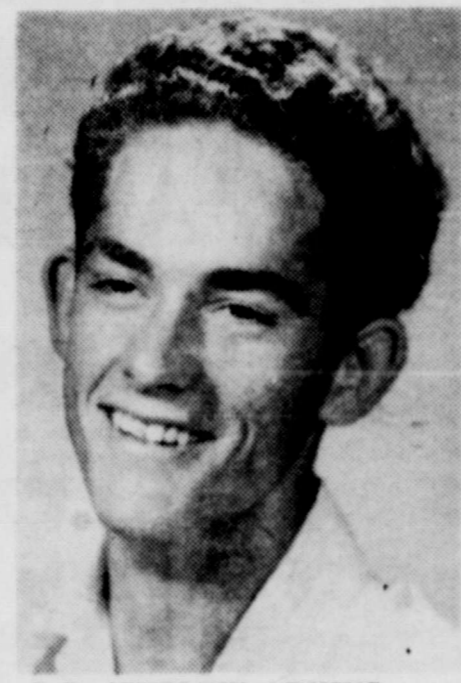
Robert Lee's crack FFA Livestock Judging Team placed third in the contest held Tuesday in connection with the State Fair at Dallas. They competed with five other top ranking 4-H and FFA teams.

The group included Milburn Wink, Bill Carwile, Bill Havins and Bobbie Roberts. Ted Cox was a member of the team which placed second in the A & M Contest last May, but he is away from home at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Millican left Wednesday for a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saunders, who reside between Stanton and Big Spring. Mrs. Saunders recently underwent surgery and Ike expects to help out with work around the farm.

## BIRTHS

EUBANKS—Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Eubanks of Robert Lee are parents of a son born at 5:10 a.m. Oct. 6 at Coke County Memorial Hospital. The infant weighed 7 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces and has been named Charles Curtis. The family has three other children.



J. D. (CURLEY) ADKINS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Adkins of Robert Lee, was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is stationed at Hanau, Germany, and is a member of H-S Company, 4th Engineers Combat Bn.

## 7th Producer For Daisy McCutchen

Registering the seventh producer for Mrs. Daisy McCutchen in the Cisco sand field, 5 miles east of Robert Lee, Aurora Gasoline Co. No. 2 Daisy McCutchen has been completed for a natural flow of 368 barrels of oil daily.

Gas-oil ratio was 255-1. Production was from a 1/2-inch tubing choke from 60 perforations at 3,940 to 3,950 feet.

No other locations have been staked by Aurora and the rotary rig has been moved off.

Union A-2 Daisy McCutchen, one mile north of the producing field, has been plugged and abandoned at a depth of 4,147 feet. Operators failed to pickup the Cisco sand section, although they struck a 6 foot sand formation at 4,030 feet.

Union has staked its No. 1 Elizabeth McCutchen, a forced offset east of their No. 3 Daisy McCutchen, a producer. It is 990 feet from north, 2,310 feet from the east line of Section 445. Morgan Drilling Co. has the contract and will move from A-2 Daisy McCutchen. The land is owned by Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, but royalty is held by heirs of the late Mrs. Elizabeth McCutchen.

### CITY FINANCIAL REPORT

Attention of Robert Lee citizens is directed to the quarterly financial report of the city published in this issue. The statement seems very complete and shows city finances in good shape. It will be noted that water collections averaged more than \$2,000 each of the last three months, the largest business the water department has ever handled. Robert Lee Independent School District officials have stated they plan to publish a statement this fall, and a similar announcement comes from the court house.

### STORK SHOWER

Mrs. R. D. Garrett was honored with a stork shower Monday in the Cragin home. Hostesses were Mrs. S. B. Cragin and Mrs. Imogene Saunders. Mrs. Dale Brown presided at the coffee service. Out-of-town guests included Mesdames Robt. Foster and Trinion Revell of Sterling City; Will Percifull and J. T. Valois, San Angelo; I. M. Cumbie, Ava Maxwell, Ernest Ivey, W. H. Maxwell, Jr., and F. S. Higginbotham of Bronte and H. D. Smith, David English and Carl Gruberman of Silver.

Mrs. Raphey Farris is visiting this week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carroll Trimble, and family in Menard.

## Hobbs Panthers, Strong This Year, Play Here Friday

A tough football game is in prospect Friday night when the Robert Lee Steers play hosts to the Hobbs Panthers. It will be the second conference tilt for the locals, but far different from the runaway game against Ira here last week.

Hobbs is one of the contenders for the 5-B District crown. In four starts this season they have not been scored upon. Here's their record:

Hobbs 28, Leuders 0  
Hobbs 33, Snyder B 0  
Hobbs 35, Divide 0  
Hobbs 21, Hermleigh 0

Last year Robert Lee defeated Hobbs 26 to 0, but Coach W. C. Hodges has all his men back again. Quite a contrast to the Steer situation in which eight of last year's first stringers were lost by graduation.

Coach Charles Dennis has been having the jitters this week, all on account of four of his regulars being off at the state fair. The boys had business there all right. Besides showing turkeys and attending award dinners the last of the week, they took part in the statewide livestock judging contest Tuesday.

So they were probably getting out of condition and the football squad lost several days of valuable training. Garland Davis, junior end and defensive halfback, will remain out of action this week because of a back injury received at Eldorado. The others are OK.

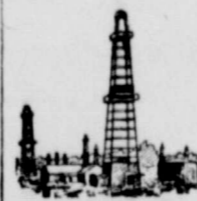
### COAHOMA DOWNS BRONTE

Bronte Longhorns made a good fight in losing last week to the Coahoma Bulldogs. The Longhorns journey to Trent this week when they meet another strong opponent. Trent, Coahoma and Hobbs loom up as best bets in the district at this time.

### HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Plans are underway for a "bigger and better" Halloween Fiesta to be given this year. Watch for What, When and Where? next week. Plan to attend.

Miss Ima Faye Landers is here for a vacation visit with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Robertson, and other relatives and friends. She holds a responsible government position in Washington, D. C.



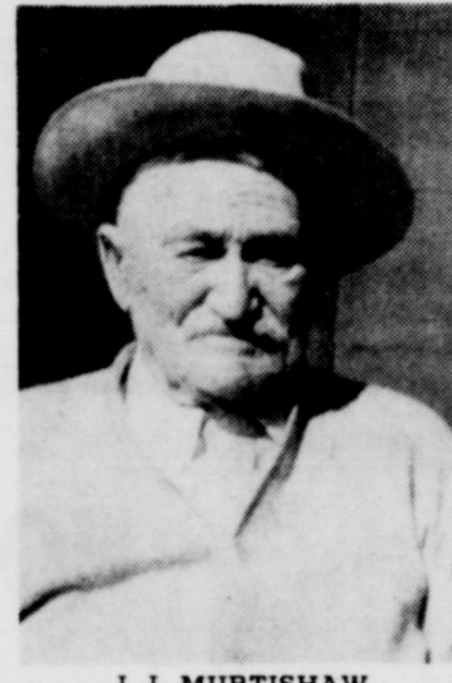
## Notes From The Oil Field

Flowing 200 barrels of 45.7 gravity oil in 24 hours, Humble No. 9 R. E. Hickman has been completed in the Bronte field. Gas-oil ratio was 418-1. With total depth 4,330 feet, the project was acidized with 1,000 gallons. It is one of the best producers completed in the Bronte field for some time.

Barron Kid No. 1 A. N. Counts, wildcat 10 miles southwest of Robert Lee, was drilling Wednesday at 6,700 feet in sandy shale. Operators were looking for the Strawn which was already 100 feet low.

Ralph Lea of Midland No. 1 Lem Cowley, five miles southeast of Robert Lee, was plugged and abandoned this week at 1,550 feet.

J. Kenneth Blackmar No. 1 R. L. Page, wildcat 5 miles west of Robert Lee, has set surface pipe at 400 feet and is waiting for rotary to move in this week.



J. I. MURTISHAW  
Polaroid Photo By Tommy Kirkpatrick

## Relatives Honor J. I. Murtishaw On 90th Birthday

A family dinner with 25 relatives present climaxed a week's activities honoring the 90th birthday of J. I. Murtishaw, well known Robert Lee resident.

Four daughters and three sons have been here to join in the festivities, with all the eight children present except the son, Fred, who resides in Oregon.

The others are Mrs. Ola Blackburn, Missoula, Mont.; Mrs. Charlie (Zella) Boykin, San Angelo; Claude Murtishaw, Bronte; Mrs. Bert (Alma) Smith, Nogales, Ariz.; Mrs. Lee (Dessie) Augustine, Sterling City; Burl Murtishaw of Kingsville, and Wilfred Murtishaw of Paducah.

The children found their father in excellent health, a great improvement over last winter when he had a serious illness. He uses a walking stick in getting around, but otherwise is in fine shape.

"Murty" drove a herd of cattle into Coke county on his 29th birthday. That was Oct. 2, sixty-two years ago. He was born in Tennessee and came to Texas when he was six years old. After his parents died he came to West Texas with a neighbor family, residing at Sweetwater and later in Burnet, Llano and Brown counties.

After locating in Coke county, Murtishaw established his young family on a place across the river, southwest of Robert Lee, and during subsequent years he accumulated a nice sized farm and ranch.

His first wife and the mother of his children was Mintie Chadwick, who died in May, 1910. In 1927 he married Mrs. Eva Hughes, widow of his friend and neighbor, the late C. L. Hughes, former county treasurer and well known stock farmer. The couple have been happy in each other's companionship and they live comfortably in their modern home in the north part of Robert Lee.

Mr. Murtishaw has been receiving hearty congratulations from his many friends throughout the community.

Gerald Millican made a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Millican, at Silver. He left Saturday at Farmington, N. Mex., where he was transferred from Brownfield by Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wink were in Dallas the last of the week where they attended the State Fair. They were also guests at the banquet on Friday night at the Baker Hotel where their son, Milburn, received one of the State Fair Awards for outstanding farm youths.

## Commissioners Split On Confidence Vote For Hospital Board

Coke County Commissioners Court had a busy day in its regular monthly meeting Monday. They paid the usual list of claims, approved the county treasurer's quarterly report, bought two pieces of road machinery and further discussed the county hospital mess.

Outcome of the hospital discussion was a vote of confidence for the hospital trustees, but it was not unanimous. Commissioner J. W. Service of Precinct No. 1 refused to go along.

Before the session opened a group of voters from Precinct 3, Commissioner T. R. Harmon's district, met him at the court house and told him they thought it advisable to appoint a new hospital board. They also appeared before the entire court.

A letter from Dr. D. F. Winn, director of the hospital division of the State Department of Health, together with the Commissioners vote of confidence in the Hospital Board, is published in this issue of The Observer at the request of the Commissioners Court.

In the meantime a deficit of \$735 for operation of the hospital the past month was paid out of tax money Monday. Miss Isabelle McCoy, head nurse, made her resignation effective Tuesday and left yesterday for Tulia to become head of the nursing staff of Swisher County hospital. Mrs. J. C. Strickland, bookkeeper, said her resignation would be effective next Saturday.

A heavy duty Adams maintainer with diesel motor was purchased for use in Precinct 1 upon recommendation of Commissioner Service. It cost \$13,900 including an allowance of \$1,500 for an old machine.

The other machinery purchase was a 3-wheel roller to be used in road construction. The equipment costing \$3,450 was rebuilt. The roller was bought upon the recommendation of Commissioner Otis Smith.

## DISTRICT COURT OPENS MONDAY

Judge John F. Sutton will open the October term of District Court in Coke County next Monday, Oct. 15. Grand jurors will report at 10 a.m., but there is little work in sight at present for the investigating jurors.

A panel of petit jurors was drawn early this week, but they have not been notified to appear, and may not be called this term.

The list of grand jurors includes Gene Baker, Jack Cowley, Fern Havins, T. B. Hicks, Sam Jay, Alton Roberts, Earl Box, A. E. Gentry, H. A. Springer, A. F. Ball, S. C. Sayner, W. W. Ivey, T. E. Pitcock, Fred Jameson, Elbert Davidson, H. E. Ivey, Sr.

Recent guests in the H. R. Gassiot home at Silver were his brother, W. T. Gassiot, wife and son, Gaylon, of Coleman and his mother, Mrs. Z. A. Gassiot. W. T. is superintendent of Centennial School and his wife is seventh grade teacher.

## Coke County Hospital News

Oct. 4—Francis L. Hobbs admitted.

Oct. 6—Mrs. Ellis Eubanks gave birth to son at 5:10 a.m.

Oct. 8—Mrs. L. M. Jones admitted. Francis L. Hobbs dismissed.

Oct. 10—Julia Nell Killam admitted.

## Los Nietos Stakes Wendland Location

Los Nietos Co. of Midland, subsidiary of Union Oil Co., has filed application for permit to drill a wildcat 5½ miles southeast of Robert Lee.

Projected to 5,500 feet with rotary the company's No. 1 H. G. Wendland will be 330 feet from south and west lines of tract 1, G. W. Caudle survey. It will be 1½ Wendland, opener and lone producer in the Wendland (Ellenburger) field.

It is two miles north and slightly west of Los Nietos No. 1 S. E. Lee, failure which was plugged Aug. 13 of this year at 5,515 feet.

## Helping Agriculture Mobilize

The chief aim of the Farmers Home Administration for the new government year that started July 1, 1951, is to help build our national defenses, or more specifically "to help agriculture mobilize."

The Farmers Home Administration is now taking applications for operating loans. The operating loans consist of fuel, seed, machinery, livestock, etc. In order to be eligible for this type of loan a person must be a farmer tenant or owner, share-cropper, or farm laborer. The tenant or farm laborer must be able to rent a farm for enough time and enough acres to justify a loan. Only farmers that cannot get adequately financed from local banks, PCA, or other lending agencies are eligible for operating loans.

We are also taking applications for farm purchase or farm enlargement loans. Maybe your farm is too small and you need to buy an adjoining tract of land. See us, we might be able to help you.

Money is also available through Farmers Home Administration to eligible farm owners to build a farm dwelling, barn, poultry house, and other needed farm buildings, or improve the water supply.

Pete Davis took his grandmother, Mrs. S. M. Lewis, to Fort Worth on Saturday. Mrs. Lewis will make an extended stay there in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Schooley, and family.

### Almanac



**OCTOBER**

- 1—Queen of Korea assassinated, 1895.
- 2—King Alexander I, King of Serbia, assassinated in France, 1914.
- 10—U.S. naval academy at Annapolis founded, 1845.
- 11—First successful daguerrotypes made, 1839.
- 12—Columbus Day.
- 13—General Joe Stillwell dies at San Francisco, 1946.
- 14—Normans defeat King Harold at Battle of Hastings, 1066.

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## DEATH OF BILL PRESLAR

Mrs. W. S. Thomas of Odessa sends the following item concerning the death of her uncle: "It has been learned that Bill Preslar of Sundance, Wyo., died on Sept. 19. Mr. Preslar spent the larger portion of his life in Wyoming, having ranched there until his retirement a few years ago. He was near 80 years of age when death came. A part of his boyhood was spent in Coke county near Sanco. Surviving are four brothers, Frank of Sanco, Jim of Hagerman, N. Mex., and Jeff and Green of Wingate, Tex."

Jack Capps, Martin Casey, Doc Burgess and Lloyd Phelan returned last Thursday from a fishing trip at Sugar Lake in Old Mexico. Their outing was spoiled by excessive rains, but they brought home 80 pounds of nice fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ivey have received word that their son, Gerald, who is stationed in Germany, has been promoted to corporal.

## Miss Sharp Attends District Meeting

The Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Minnie Mae Sharp, attended a District Planning Meeting September 20 and 21, in Sweetwater.

The meeting was to make plans for the coming year. The following specialists were present: Miss Nena Robertson, Associated Clothing Specialist; Miss Jimmie Nell Harris, Associated Foods and Nutrition Specialist; Miss Gladys Darden, Home Management Specialist; and Mrs. Eloise Johnson, Family Life Education Specialist. Mr. A. H. Karcher, Jr., Assistant State 4-H Leader, was also present.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Mallard of Tyler visited relatives and old friends here over the weekend. They were enroute home from a visit with their daughters in Wyoming and New Mexico. Mrs. Mallard is the former Dessia Collett. She is a sister of Vic and Oscar Collett and Mrs. W. P. McForman.

Mr. Karcher talked to the group about 4-H Club records. Mrs. Johnson spoke to the group on Family Life.

Thirty-five agents and specialists attended the two day meeting.

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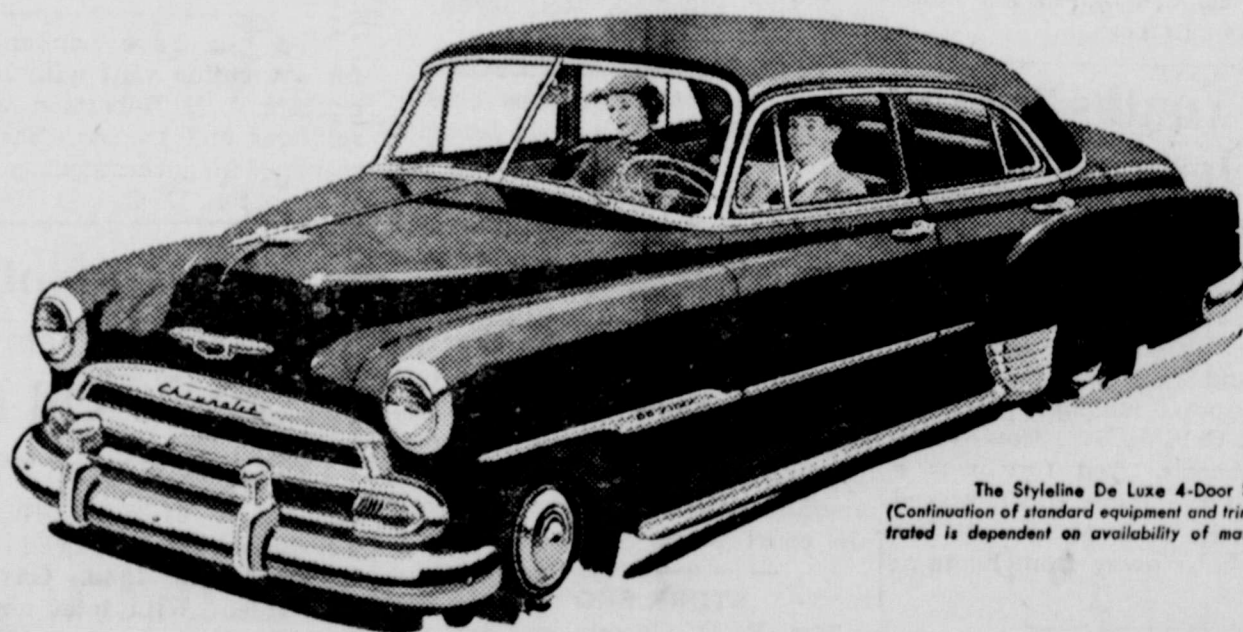
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## Steers Defeated Ira Bulldogs in Conference Game

Robert Lee high school Steers broke into the winning column last Thursday night when they defeated the Ira Bulldogs 45-0 on the local field. It was the first conference game for the Steers.

The visitors were outplayed from the start, but put up a scrappy battle all the way. They were weakened by the loss of Quarterback James Maupin, who was injured in the second period.

Coach Charles Dennis used his entire squad of 19 men, and did considerable shifting of the lineup. Ad Davis was in there pitching some nice passes in the last quarter. Lynn Davis took a turn at quarterbacking and Sherman Williams, freshman center, did some nice ball carrying as fullback. Royce Wallace returned to the lineup at end, and looked good in several aerial plays.

Bill Havins, Norman Roberts, Donnie Duncan and Wilton Robertson took turns in carrying the ball down the field after the opening kickoff. Three first downs were reeled off and Robertson went over for a touchdown from the 8 yard line. Duncan's place kick was wide.

The Bulldogs put on a spurt after receiving the second kickoff. A pass was good for 21 yards and first down on their 44, and Maupin circled end for a first and ten on the Steer 38. A moment later Bill Carwile, Steer left end, intercepted a pass and ran for a touchdown. Milburn Wink overtook the remaining tackler and blocked him out of Carwile's path. A forward pass converted the extra point.

Early in the second period Williams downed a punt on the Steer 48. Havins went through center for a first down and Duncan raced around right end to the Ira 15. Three plays later Havins cracked over right tackle for a first down on the 2. Roberts carried over for a touch-

down. A try from placement failed to convert.

Well along in the second period Marvin Simpson recovered a fumble in the Bulldog 22. The Steers were assessed penalties of 5 and 15 yards on the next two plays, then Duncan scampered around end for a touchdown. His kick was wide and the score at the half was Robert Lee 25, Ira 0.

Duncan's on side kickoff was given to Ira on the Steer 41. With Scrubby Vinson carrying the load the Bulldogs made it first down on the 27, but the Robert Lee line held and Ira lost the ball on the 18. Two first downs followed and Duncan completed a 50-yard touchdown pass to Roberts. Conversion failed.

Both sides fumbled in the next series of plays with the Steers finally having possession in midfield. Ad Davis passed to Carwile to the 23, then flipped to Wallace on the 11. On the fourth play Davis carried off right tackle for a touchdown. He tossed a pass to Wallace to convert.

Near the end of the game Simpson blocked a punt and the Steers recovered on the Ira 25. Duncan crashed over right guard to the 12, and two plays later went around end for a touchdown. Score: Robert Lee 45, Ira 0.

### MARY MARTHA CLASS

The Mary Martha Class of the Robert Lee Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting October 2 in the home of Mrs. H. H. Chevalier. Seventeen members and 12 children were present.

Class business was discussed with new officers being appointed for the next six months. Plans were also discussed for a class year book. An aluminum water set was presented to Mrs. Chevalier, the class teacher, as a birthday gift.

Cokes and cookies were served by the hostess.

Texans are showing a greater degree of cooperation in forwarding dove bands to the Game Department.

## 4-H Group Spends Day at State Fair

Thirty-four 4-H girls and boys and eight adult leaders attended the State Fair in Dallas, Saturday, October 6. The group left Robert Lee at 4 o'clock Saturday morning and arrived in Dallas at 1:30 a. m. They saw exhibits in the agriculture, foods, poultry, livestock buildings and others.

The "Storybook of Texas Agriculture" which was the exhibit of the fourteen extension districts was very interesting, displaying the main products of each area. District Seven showed two live lambs in a pen framed by the circular slogans, "In Sheep We Trust" and "An annual Income of \$662,519,000 from Sheep," which made up the center point for the display. Surrounding

### STATEMENT

of the ownership, management, and circulation required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Acts of March 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946, of the ROBERT LEE OBSERVER published weekly at Robert Lee, Texas, for October 1, 1951.

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The average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the 12 months preceding the date shown above was: 985.

(Signed) A. J. Kirkpatrick.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of October, 1951.

(Seal) G. C. Allen, Notary Public  
My commission expires June 30, 1953.

the center circle were wool products and grains and on each side were slides of homes and ranching activities in the area.

The group left Dallas at 6 p. m. and arrived back at Robert Lee at 2:30 a. m. Sunday morning.

They traveled by bus and in the home demonstration agent's car.

Adult leaders were Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon, Mrs. Nelda Brock, Miss Gladys Waldrop, Mrs. C. E. Arrott and Miss Minnie Mae Sharp, county home demonstration agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Campbell have moved to Midland where the former is engaged in oil field work. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell have been there several months. The Campbell brothers are doing bulldozer work and water well drilling.

### SILVER PTA PROGRAM

The Silver PTA met Oct. 4 in the school auditorium with 22 members present. During the business session it was decided that the PTA would buy more playground equipment. It was voted that the organization would sponsor all Boy Scout troops.

Chairman of the finance committee announced that plans are underway for the annual Halloween Carnival. First and second grades won the room count.

The program opened with singing "America the Beautiful," followed by an interesting topic, "Who Bends the Twig," discussed by Mrs. Irene Newell. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Ann Jones.

The earliest record of the armadillo occurring east of the Trinity River is about 1902.

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For the Quarter Ending September 30, 1951

General Fund	
Balance on hand July 1	\$1,906.88
Collections	94.46
	<u>2,001.34</u>
Disbursements	1,336.83
Balance on hand September 30	664.51
Sinking Fund	
Balance on hand July 1	858.39
Transfers—None	
Disbursements (Interest Coupons)	537.50
Balance on hand September 30	320.89
Water Department	
Balance on hand July 1	1,821.44
Collections	6,337.47
	<u>8,158.91</u>
Disbursements	4,361.92
Balance on hand September 30	3,796.99
Water Works Improvement Fund	
Balance on hand July 1	796.04
Transferred from Water Department	40.46
	<u>836.50</u>
Disbursements	836.50
Balance on hand	None
Water Works 1st Mortgage Rev. Bonds Sinking Fd.	
Balance on hand July 1	2,121.42
Deposit in Merc. National Bank, Dallas	1,261.02
	<u>3,382.44</u>
Payment of Coupons due Sept. 15, including \$5.00 Paying Agent's Fee	1,505.00
Balance on hand September 30	1,877.44
Liabilities	
Contract Upper Colorado River Authority	
Balance owed July 1	81,088.94
Payments made	750.00
Balance owed	<u>80,338.94</u>
Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness	
1930 Bond Issue	28,500.00
1950 Bond Issue	64,000.00
Total	<u>92,500.00</u>

All accounts owed by the City of Robert Lee, Texas, due and payable on or before September 30, 1951, have been paid.

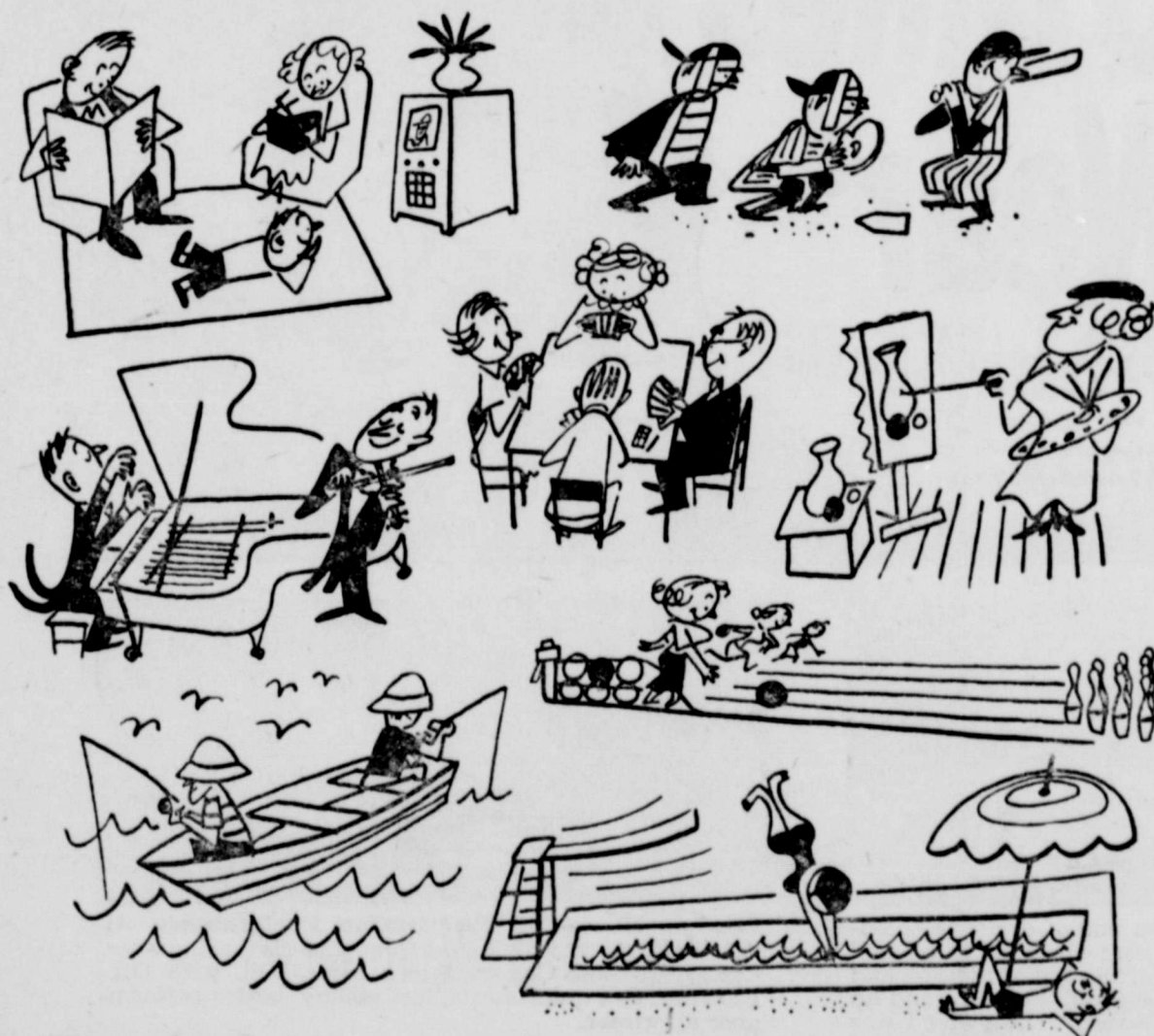
The above and foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

MRS. SAM JAY, City Secretary  
City of Robert Lee, Texas

JNO. D. HARVEY, Mayor  
City of Robert Lee, Texas

## Capitalists at play!

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### Capitalists?

Why, yes. Fishermen and fiddlers, bridge players and ball players... all kinds of Americans, in fact, are Capitalists... because most Americans are owners of the electric light and power companies!

It's like this: several million people—from every walk of life—are direct owners of these companies' securities. And some 75,000,000 are indirect owners—through

their life insurance and savings bank accounts! You see, when banks and insurance companies accept your money, they must invest it wisely. That's why so much of it goes into business-managed electric companies like the West Texas Utilities Company.

It's fair and fitting, isn't it, that the companies that serve nearly everybody are owned by nearly everybody?

**West Texas Utilities  
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# Published by Request of County Commissioners

September 21, 1951

Mr. Frank McCabe, Vice President and Acting Chairman, Hospital Board

Coke County, Texas.  
Coke County Memorial Hospital Robert Lee, Texas.

Project: Texas-46, Coke County Memorial Hospital, Robert Lee, Dear Mr. McCabe:

Upon my return to the city yesterday I find Mr. Dickey's memorandum of September 18, 1951, concerning difficulties which confront the operation of the above-captioned hospital. However, I am addressing this letter to you as an officer of the Hospital Board and am sending Mr. Dickey a copy.

I understand that my office force furnished you with a copy of my letter of March 3, 1951, to Mr. B. A. Austin, who was at that time the President of the Hospital Board. I believe that all the observations made in that letter are still pertinent to the problem; and I suggest that the letter be read carefully by all members of the Board.

The members of a hospital board carry a heavy responsibility which cannot be shared with others, including the medical staff, the superintendent, or other advisory and cooperative agencies. The board members, and they alone, must assume full responsibility for the operation of the hospital. In carrying out their responsibilities, they may be assisted with information and advice when sought; but such assistance does not in the slightest relieve them of the necessity of knowing what is going on and carrying the burden of responsibility unshared with others.

The responsibility of the board members is of a dual character. In the first place, it is their duty to the community to manage the hospital on sound business principles; to balance income and expenditures; to supply, free of charge, medical service for those worthy of charity, but, at the same time, to prevent imposition by those who should pay; to operate at a per capita per day cost that is reasonable, comparing favorably with that of similar institutions, not only in the total, but in the various items into which the per patient day cost may be subdivided. In the second place, the board members are responsible to the community for the quality of professional service rendered. They say who shall practice in the hospital and on what conditions physicians have that privilege. They should know the character of the professional work. Responsibility for the professional service rendered, being a matter of life and death, is a responsibility graver than that for proper business management, important as that is.

The hospital governing board for Coke County hospital has established a set of by-laws which meet generally accepted principles. They should be sufficient to enable the Board to direct the policies of the hospital. In this connection I am enclosing some information compiled from the State Law which outlines the authority of the Hospital Board of Managers. It is suggested that reference also be made to the statement furnished the County Judge on August 6, 1951, by Mr. Fulcher, Hospital Consultant, which was published in the local paper. The State Agency endorses the statement made by Mr. Fulcher.

If the present hospital administrator has satisfied the Board of her competence, it would appear that she should be given full authority in matters of hospital administration. The County has gone to considerable expense in providing a workshop for such doctors as may be attracted to the community. Such doctors should be expected to conform to the policies established by the hospital Board and should refrain from attempting to interfere with the hospital administrator who is

the representative of the Board. There are certain medical administrative responsibilities, such as those connected with the admission and discharge of patients, the keeping of adequate medical patient records, and preparation of the reports of professional work performed in the hospital, which devolve upon the members of the medical staff. If these are not properly carried out, the Board should be so informed by the hospital administrator. No matter how many doctors there may be on the medical staff, they should not be permitted to interfere with the responsibilities of the administrator in the employment or discharge of operating personnel.

If the hospital Board considers it advisable for the local doctor to continue to maintain his private office in the hospital, measures should be taken to control the use of hospital supplies in order that the use of such supplies may be confined to the care of hospital patients.

I am sure that the hospital Board will consider the above comments in the spirit in which they are offered. The State Agency desires to be helpful to all hospitals in our construction program; and we hope that you will not hesitate to call upon us when ever you feel the need for advice.

Yours very truly,  
Dean F. Winn, M. D.  
Director, Hospital Survey and Construction Division

### CONCERNING THE HOSPITAL BOARD OF MANAGERS

The present condition of the Coke County Memorial Hospital is due to misunderstanding.

In the hope of benefitting the Coke County Memorial Hospital, we urge the people of Coke Coun-

ty to consider the following facts:

1st-The Hospital is a public institution. The method of its operation and management is prescribed by law and regulations laid down by the Department of Public Health of the State of Texas. It cannot be turned over to private management without forfeiting Federal Aid.

2nd-The Hospital Board has performed their duty according to the regulations under which they had to perform.

3rd-In view of the situation prevailing here, they have had a problem in securing and keeping the prescribed qualified personnel for operation.

4th-The Board has rendered a valuable service without pay. There is not now before the Board, nor before the Commissioners Court and never has been one single complaint containing the facts constituting one single wrong on the part of this Hospital Board.

5th-Until some reliable witness comes forward with evidence of a probable wrong, justice and fairness compels us to sanction and approve the Board and its conduct.

6th-A misunderstanding has come about which is regrettable. We have checked with the State Health Department and other sources of authority and we find that the Hospital Board cannot do what has been demanded of it through the press. It must be remembered that the Hospital is presumed to be a public institution. It does not belong to, nor was it intended for any particular section of the County. Individual practitioners are supposed to have equal rights and privileges. They owe the Hospital their support and co-operation.

If any one has a complaint about the management or conduct of the Hospital; it is suggested that such complaint should be submitted to the Board.

7th-The Coke County Memo-

rial Hospital is an open target for malicious slander. No protection is provided for it. It is vulnerable to attacks from political aspirants and publicity seekers.

Being an institution for the treatment of the sick, such attacks cannot help but injure it.

It is respectfully suggested that you, the people, can render a real service to the Coke County Memorial Hospital by defending it against unwarranted attacks and by familiarizing yourselves with the duties and obligations of those managing it, and by using those facts for the basis of your consideration. You should demand corrections of any abuses wherever you find them.

Jeff Dean  
Otis Smith  
T. R. Harmon  
Claude Ditmore

## Coke Youths Rate High in Gilt Show

Coke County 4-H boys with Sears' gilts exhibited their animals at the annual Sears Show in San Angelo Saturday, September 29. Kenneth Clark, Tenyson, showed the top gilt in Coke county, followed by Floyd and Lloyd Jones (twins with one pig.) Jerry Floyd Harmon, Jimmy Lee, Terry Frank Bryan, Jerrel Clint Harmon and Stanley Phillips. Kenneth Clark came back to win Reserve Champion gilt of the entire show.

### CONTEST WINNER

Marvin Simpson, Jr. of Robert Lee was one of the fourth place winners in the 1951 Texas Electric Contest. The contest, which is in its third year, is sponsored by 12 Texas Electric Service companies. The program teaches rural boys and girls the advantages of using electricity on the farm and in the home.

Big Bend National Park is one of the last great wilderness areas in Texas.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Noah of Houston visited Miss Minnie Weathers and other Robert Lee friends Sunday. Mrs. Noah is the former Vera Martin, who was in charge of the Farm Security office here a few years ago.

James Thomason and family have moved to El Paso where the former is engaged in construction work. They have leased their new home which they recently purchased from Arnold Samuelson.

Dear Editor: Enclosed is \$2 to pay for The Observer another year. I don't want to miss a copy as it is like a letter from home.--Cynthia Schooler, Box 9664, Odessa, Texas.

Sam Jay, city water superintendent left Friday night on a week's vacation. He stopped in Dallas to attend the State Fair and continued to Van Alstyne to visit his parents. During Mr. Jay's absence, his wife is looking after the water plant in addition to her duties as city secretary.

Robert Lewis Jay, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay, was a guest speaker at the North Side Church of Christ services Sunday morning. His subject was "The Power of Prayer." Robert Lewis is a sophomore student at Lake View high school. He transferred there in order to receive advanced training in band.

### BALL GAME OR BURLESQUE?

Dear Editor: For the benefit of any lovers of cheap vaudeville or burlesque shows who are not attending our football games, I want to say that you are missing some highly accomplished performances. A few years ago any parents who would deliberately permit a child to attend—much less take part in—a show like them would be completely disgraced.

I consider it a sad commentary on our football games that it is necessary to train our school girls to put on that kind of a show in order to get people to come to them.

FRED KILLAM.

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**'50,000 Miles No Wear'**  
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Ask Me About  
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**HEAVY DUTY OIL**

## Reunion Enjoyed By Allison Family

A reunion of the family of the late W. M. Allison occurred Sunday, Oct. 7, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Walls at Silver. Over 80 were in attendance.

The six surviving daughters and five sons-in-law were all present. They include Mr. and Mrs. Thad (Artie) Walls, Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Bessie) Walker of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Pearl) Mathers of Sierra Blanca, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Pallie) Phelan of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel (Nettie) Ellis of Coleman and Mrs. Jim (Susie) Clepper of Colorado City.

Others present were Mrs. J. C. Thorne and sons of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Walls and son of Robert Lee, Thad Wall, Jr. of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mathers and son of Midland, the Bruce McFerrin and Charlie Arnok families of Silver, Mrs. W. H. Nordine of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haliday of Ira.

Also the Garland and R. L. Emfinger families of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emfinger and Sherry of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blake and Patsy of Colorado City, Mrs. Willie Carboskas and Regina of Midland, Mrs. Virgie Walden of Colorado City, the Wesley Edwards family of Ballinger, Mary Ann Evans, Mrs. L. E. Higgins of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers of Silver.

And Mr. and Mrs. Randell McCutchen of Bronte, Mrs. D. W. Spicer of Big Lake, Bud Arnold of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Mathers and daughter of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Millican of Silver, Mrs. Jake Richardson of Robert Lee, Ima Anderson, Mrs. Viva Whitt, Mrs. Lou Benson, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jameson, Monte Wilkes of Silver and Butch Mathers of Sierra Blanca.

The group will hold its reunion next year in August at Sierra Blanca.

### DEATH OF D. A. McMINN

H. C. McMinn, Robert Lee cafe man, mourns the death of his father, D. A. McMinn, 86, who died Wednesday of last week at Midland where he had been visiting a daughter. He was born Aug. 11, 1865, in Alabama and came to Texas at the age of 15. The family home was in Childress County for many years. During the past 28 years he had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMinn. Surviving are two sons and four daughters. Funeral services and burial took place Friday at Kirkland. Grandchildren who visited in Robert Lee after attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. David McMinn and son, H. L. McMinn, Mrs. R. B. Thompson and Mrs. G. W. Williams and daughter, all of Corpus Christi, and James McMinn of Midland.

### HOME FROM SOUTH TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Russell and son, Byron, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wojtek returned early last week from an interesting trip to South Texas and Old Mexico. They carried Mrs. Russell's father, Mr. J. C. Hallmark, to Laredo where he was met by his daughter, Mrs. A. V. Crocker, of Riviera. Mr. Hallmark spent the summer in the Russell home. Later the Robert Lee folks continued to Sugar Lake in Old Mexico where they enjoyed some first class fishing. They brought a lot of fish home with them.

## NOTICE

### To Water Subscribers

By order of the City Commission of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, Volume 1, Page 367 of the Minutes of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, herein provides:

"Henceforth monthly accounts of the customer whose meter is found out of order at the regular monthly reading, which is the 25th of each month, shall be made on an average of the combined monthly accounts of the preceding year.

### Robert Lee City Commission

John D. Harvey  
Mayor

Mrs. Sam Jay  
City Secretary

### AIRMAN ON LEAVE

Pfc. Wallace Ross arrived last week for a 21-day pre-embarkation leave and is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross. He has been at Keesler Field near Biloxi, Miss., since Jan. 16 and was assigned to the Radio Intercept Operation USAF Security Service. He will report at Brooks AFB near San Antonio for nine weeks of advanced training before going overseas.

## Want Ads

FOR RENT---Unfurnished 2-room apartment, across from hospital. Mrs. Brandon. 1p

FOR SALE---Three black faced bucks. Fred McDonald, Jr.

Aermotor Windmills, woodrod, cylinders and all fittings necessary to complete your water job. Leeper Supply Co.

Cheap houses---Arnold Samuelson.

LOST---Parker 21 fountain pen, black barrel, silver top. Mrs. Viola Gramling.

Fishermen's Headquarters---From a 20-cent line to a 30-dollar casting outfit. See the new fibre glass casting rods. Leeper Supply Co.

Cotton Sacks and Duck at Roach's

10% DISCOUNT on Lawn Mowers and Ice Cream Freezers. Cotton Hoes \$1.05 each. LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

500 ACRES, 190 in cultivation, modern improvements, good water, 20 miles north of San Angelo. See Claude Anderson, 5 miles east of Veribest. Mailing address, Route 2, Miles, Texas. 15w4c

### NOTICE

My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission.

—Fred McDonald, Jr.

FOR RENT---2 bedroom house across from high school, available Oct. 1. Palmer Leeper.

MEN WANTED for Rawleigh business. Real opportunity. No experience needed to start. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXJ 1230-0. 1p

New rifles, shotguns pistols; all gauges of ammunition. Leeper Supply Co.

BUTANE GAS HEATERS, Dearborn and Hearth-Glo, radiant or circulating. \$11.95 and up. LOONEY'S.

Building Materials—Cement and Paint. The right materials at the right price. McDonald Lumber Co., Robert Lee, Texas

A MISTAKEN IDEA that all paint is the same. Paint is the smallest part of your job. How many years does it last? PITTSBURG QUALITY is the answer. Leeper Supply Co.

USED MAYTAG Washing Machine, with pump. Good condition. \$65. LOONEY'S.

FOOD and health are most of all of our basic problems; raise a garden; then can your own products. We have Presto canners and cookers.---Leeper Supply Co.

I HAVE all equipment for cleaning you septic tanks and cess pools. Call me at No. 8 in Bronte for this service. L. M. Jones.

### OPEN FORUM

#### AN OPEN LETTER TO COMMISSIONER HARMON

Dear Sir:

We can't figure you out. Your vote could have saved the hospital for your people. Your people need that hospital. They wanted it. They voted with Robert Lee against Bronte. You, on the other hand, have voted consistently with Bronte, against your own people and the people of Robert Lee to destroy it. Why?

Bronte couldn't get the votes at the polls to prevent us from building that hospital, but now with their commissioners and your support they are deliberately tearing it down. Your vote could have stopped the progress of public officials sabotaging a public institution. You could have called off the board members who have the hospital by the throat, hanging on to hear the death rattle.

Instead you joined two other commissioners in the dance of death, giving the hospital trustees a three to one vote of confidence for ousting the doctor and running the hospital into the ground. It showed they like the way things are going.

Except as a first aid station the hospital has been practically empty ever since the board went berserk. By patronizing the doctor but refusing to enter the hospital as patients, your own people have been giving the whole political setup a daily vote of no confidence. They even came to town to try to talk to you before the last commissioner's meeting. Why are you tied hand and foot to the other side?

Arnold Samuelson

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dean of Weatherford returned home yesterday after a few days visit with their children, Judge Jeff Dean and Mrs. Bobby Baker, and their families. Mr. Dean says it is dry in that section this fall.

### TURKEY SHOW AT DALLAS

Coke county 4-H boys and girls dominated the Turkey Show at the State Fair in Dallas this week, but they were unable to carry off top honors.

In final consideration for the consideration for the champion pen of hen turkeys was Tommy Jett Hood of Robert Lee, who narrowly missed the judge's nod.

Coke county exhibitors were awarded many red ribbons. County Agent Hicks remained with the exhibits until after they were sold Tuesday. A report of the sale will be published next week.

### FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Rev. Joe Chappell says there will be an old time fellowship meeting at the Pentecostal Church of God on Oct. 19. Sister Huffman, the Young Peoples President for the West Texas District, will preach Friday night. There will be dinner on the ground and everybody is invited to bring a covered dish and come out and enjoy the day.

Mrs. L. M. Jones of Bronte underwent major surgery at the Coke County Memorial Hospital here Tuesday night. Her condition is reported as satisfactory.

## ALAMO THEATRE

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Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:05

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with Robert Stack, Joy Page Also Cartoon

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FIGHTING COAST GUARD

with Brian Donlevy, Ella Raines Also Cartoon

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Carnation Milk 8 lge cans 99c

Pork & Beans Jack Sprat 10 cans 99c

TRELLIS PEAS 7 cans 99c

Grated Tuna Van Camp 4 cans 99c

PRESERVES, Pure Peach, 1 lb jars 4 for 99c

SLICED PEACHES, hvy syrup, 2½ can 3 for 99c

Our Value Cut Green Beans, No. 2 3 cans 99c

Kimbell Orange Juice, 46 oz cans 4 cans 99c

Kounty Kist Corn 6 cans 99c

SLICED BACON 2 lbs 99c

Pure Pork Sausage 2 Lb Bag 99c

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.



# Folger's Coffee

Vacuum Packed

**79c lb**

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NO. 1 QUALITY

In Mesh Bag

**Potatoes 10 lbs 39c**

CALIFORNIA

POUND

**Sunkist Oranges 10c**

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DOZEN

**Sunkist Lemons 29c**

**Tokay Grapes lb 10c**

70 Per Cent

Pint Bottle

**Rubbing ALCOHOL 19c**

Reg. 98c Size

**Modart Shampoo 65c**

**KLEENEX 200 Count 2 pkgs 35c**

SUN SWEET

Quart Bottle

**Prune JUICE 33c**

H-I-C

46 oz Can

**ORANGE JUICE 29c**

KIMBELL

12 oz Bottle

**Waffle Syrup 21c**

Foam Kist

White Meat

**GRATED TUNA 23c**

**Mackerel tall can 15c**



**CARNATION Milk**

**2 tall cans 27c**

Limit 4 cans

Case \$7.00

# CRISCO

3 Lb Tin

**89c**



Imperial Pure Cane

10 Lbs

**SUGAR 89c**

**Kounty Kist Corn 17c**

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