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RAYBURN HEADS CAMPAIGN FOR DEMOCRATS

Stevenson-Sparkman Clubs are being established throughout Texas to support the Democratic nominees in the November 4 election, according to Speaker Sam Rayburn, who is serving as chairman of the Stevenson-Sparkman Campaign Committee of Texas.

"Formation of these clubs has resulted from the fact that in this Presidential election year the voters of Texas are confronted with the fact that control of the organization machinery of both the Democratic and Republican parties is in the hands of the same political and economic interests," Mr. Rayburn declared.

The Stevenson-Sparkman Committee, which has headquarters in Dallas, is the coordinating and service agency of the National Democratic Committee in Texas.

Mr. Rayburn said an active campaign already is under way through out the state to "keep Texas democratic." The state is being organized on the basis of congressional districts, with a chairman in each district to coordinate activities of local clubs in the area.

The veteran Bonham Congressman, who has served longer as the Speaker of the House than any other man in history, said all "true and steadfast" Democrats are urged to join with other citizens of like political beliefs to insure the victory of the national ticket in Texas. "Never in our national history have so many Americans had so much, he asserted. "That, certainly, is a condition no sensible person wants to change. I do not believe Texans will ever vote for a return to the bad old days of 1932."

VARNADORE'S STATION SOLD TO PAUL BURNS

Paul Burns has purchased the filling station operated by Howard and Ernest Varnadore, and took over the business last Friday.

Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burns and has been engaged in the ranching business with his father southwest of Robert Lee. Because of the drouth he disposed of much of his livestock and has sold out the remainder of his ranch interests to his father.

Burns is a graduate of Robert Lee High School, as is his wife, the former Inez Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harmon. The Burns family will move to Robert Lee this week, having leased the Frank Smith house near the telephone office.

The new owner states the station will continue to feature Texaco products and Firestone tires.

Varnadores took over the station from Wilton Scott last spring and have handled a large volume of business. They have not announced their future plans, except that 'hey will continue to make their home in Robert Lee.

Coke County Hospital News

Sept. 25—R. E. Hornbeck admitted.
Sept. 26—Mrs. W. L. Clawson admitted.
Sept. 30—Jeff Blair admitted.
Oct. 1—Mrs. W. L. Clawson, R. E. Hornbeck dismissed.



DOUGLAS GILBERT
Picture Courtesy
Colorado City Record

RITEs HELD FOR DOUG GILBERT, POLIO VICTIM

Deep sorrow came to the Silver community last week by the death of Douglas Gilbert, 18, a victim of polio.

His passing occurred at 5 a. m. Thursday while the youth was confined to an iron lung in Lubbock Memorial Hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gilbert of Silver, were at his bedside.

The body was moved to Colorado City where services were held Friday morning at the First Baptist church. Final rites were held at Shreveport, La., and burial followed at Haynesville, La.

James Douglas Gilbert was born March 15, 1934, in Arcadia, La. He came to Silver with his parents about four years ago when Sun's gasoline plant was opened. His father is a plant foreman.

"Doug" attended high school at Colorado City where he graduated last spring. He was an outstanding member of the football team. Students and teachers described him as a favorite among the student body.

He was employed by Sun during the summer and enrolled as a freshman at Texas Tech in Lubbock on Sept. 15. His parents had gone to Lubbock to visit their son when he was stricken Saturday night, Sept. 20. He was placed in the Texas Tech infirmary overnight and removed to the hospital on Sunday. His condition seemed critical from the start and he was placed in an iron lung Tuesday.

Surviving are his parents and a sister, Betty, 8 years old. Also his grandparents, Mrs. J. L. Gilbert of Vivian, La., and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bryant of Haynesville, La.

The Gilberts returned Wednesday to their home in Silver. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

EX-STUDENTS TO MEET

All former students of Robert Lee High School who are interested in organizing an Ex-Students Association, are requested to meet at the High School next Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 P. M. Efforts will be made to get the organization started immediately to sponsor a Homecoming later this fall.

County Clerk Weldon Fikes and wife, accompanied by Glo Caraway and Billie Roberts, left Wednesday for McAllen where they will attend the state convention of County and District Clerks. They will return Sunday.

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11

PROCLAMATION

KNOW ALL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, the health, happiness, life and safety and general welfare of each citizen are dependent upon existing living conditions, and

WHEREAS, the lives and property of our people are endangered by fire caused by rubbish accumulations in homes, offices, stores, alleys and streets, and

WHEREAS, a city is judged by its general appearance, cleanliness and beauty, and

WHEREAS, fires to a very large degree are preventable by the proper application of education in fire prevention and fire protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. S. Ferrell, Mayor of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5th to 11th as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, during which week I most respectfully urge our civic and commercial organizations, our school officials and teachers, and our citizenship as a whole, to cooperate and work with the Fire Chief, Fire Marshall and other city officials in an effort to control this useless loss of life and property by fire. Every home, office and place of business should be inspected carefully and all fire hazards removed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name and affix the seal of the city on this the 29th day of September, A. D. 1952.

J. S. FERRELL,
Mayor, City of Robert Lee, Texas

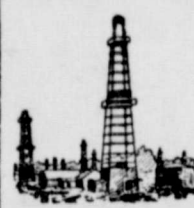
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Robert Lee will be sprayed by airplane within the next week or ten days. This is for your information.—The City Commission.

MORE HAY ARRIVES

A total of 32 carloads of government purchased hay under the drouth disaster program had arrived over the Santa Fe in Bronte up to Wednesday of this week. J. E. Quisenberry, county PMA executive, says most of the hay has been of good quality. Coke county farmers and ranchers have filed orders for about 75 carloads.



Notes From The Oil Field

F. Kirk Johnson No. 1 Blanks Estate, south of the river at Silver, was drilling Wednesday at 4-115 feet in shale. Contractors twisted off drill pipe and completed a 6-days fishing job early this week. Jimmie Davis is handling tools on the Gilchrist Drilling Co. rotary rig. The project is a farmout from J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls.

Sun No. 41 C. E. Mathers at Silver continued swabbing. During a 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. Wednesday the well swabbed and flowed 10.53 barrels of oil and 58.5 barrels of water. Tubing pressure was zero, and the casing pressure 850 pounds.

Sun No. 41 Mathers was drilling Wednesday at 4,115 feet in shale.

Sun No. 7 Central National Bank was in shale and lime at 3,068 feet.

OIL FIELD NOTES
American Republics has staked its No. 1 Eva Snowden, northwest of Silver, and La Gloria Corporation will drill a one-location west offset to Rich Oil Co. No. 1 A. E. Moore. It will be La Gloria's No. 1 Moore.

S. E. (Skinny) Adams and Lloyd Davidson have staked location for their No. 1 Pallie Phelan, southwest of the producer brought in on Phelan property by Southwest Natural Gas Co.

Kewanee No. 1 Wendland, 8 miles southeast of Robert Lee, was drilling Wednesday at 3,650 feet in lime and shale.

COUNTY TAXING VALUES REACH \$17 MILLIONS

Coke County's taxing valuation jumped more than 2 million dollars this year to bring the total up to \$17,064,720. In 1951 the total assessed value of the county was a few thousand under 15 million.

Practically all of the gain is due to expansion of the oil industry. Sun Oil Company alone accounted for 1½ million of the increase. Their 1951 assessed valuation of \$6,451,350 mounted to \$7,932,860 this year.

Records in the office of Sheriff Paul Good, who serves as county tax assessor and collector, show that oil properties were assessed at a total of \$12,023,670 this year, compared with \$10,002,230 in 1951.

Figured on a combined levy of 1.67 (72c for state and 95c for the county) the over all tax bill amounts to \$352,919.94. It is divided as follows:

State Tax.....	\$117,595.19
County Funds.....	162,118.35
Common Schools.....	73,206.40

Most all the school tax listed above goes to the Silver school district.

County tax rolls were returned last week from the office of the State Comptroller Robert S. Calvert, with the notation that "Your tax list has been figured correctly throughout." That is a fine record on the part of Sheriff Good and his assistants.

Jack Trimble Shows Great Improvement

After remaining unconscious for ten weeks following a highway accident, Jack Trimble, has been showing much improvement this week. He is a patient at Coke County Hospital here.

Dr. J. D. McDaniel, the attending physician, says his condition might be described as "semi-conscious." Trimble appears to understand when he is questioned and recognizes his wife and kinfolks. He talks some, and may speak several words in answering a question.

Jack, 40 year old oil field driller and rancher, was struck by a car on the Cowley Hill south of town July 17. He received serious head injuries and the impact affected his

STEERS UPSET DOPE WITH WIN OVER ELDORADO

Robert Lee's Steers showed plenty of offensive power to roll up four touchdowns in the fourth quarter and lick Class A Eldorado Eagles here Friday night by a score of 32 to 18.

The locals outfumbled Eldorado in the earlier part of the game and were behind 18 to 6 at the end of the third period.

The visitors recovered a fumble on the Steer 8-yard line late in the first quarter, and Halfback Pinkey Craig went over for a touchdown. Well along in the next period Craig got loose for a 28-yard run to the Robert Lee 10, and two plays later Frank Edmiston counted.

The Steers pushed Eldorado back and took a punt on the Eagle 30. Duncan circled end for 18 yards and a first down on the 12. Then Ad Davis plunged to the 2-yard stripe. Donny Duncan went over for a touchdown just before the half ended, with the visitors leading 12-6.

After taking the 3rd quarter kickoff, Norman Roberts got away for a 37-yard run to the Eagle 25. Then Duncan made 10 more and a 1st on the 15. The Steers couldn't stand prosperity. A fumble was recovered by Eldorado and later they punted to the Steer 40. An exchange of fumbles followed with Robert Lee finally ending up with the ball on their 20. A bad pass from center went over Duncan's head and into the end zone where an Eldorado player fell on the ball for a touchdown. The Eagles failed to convert any extra points after touchdowns.

The last period opened with Roberts going over from the 3 yard line and Duncan converted with a line play.

Then Duncan counted from the 8 to push the Steers ahead 19-18.

Robert Lee recovered a fumble on the Eagle 46 and two plays later Duncan scampered 42 yards for another T. D. The try for extra point was good and the score was Eldorado 18, Robert Lee 25. A climax to the scoring spree followed shortly when Bill Havins intercepted an Eldorado pass and ran 35 yards to score. Duncan tossed a pass to Bill Carwile for the extra point.

Teh Divide Trojans were scheduled to invade the Steer domain on Thursday night of this week. Game was advanced from Friday in order that FFA boys may get off Friday to attend the State Fair in Dallas.

Divide has a pretty rugged looking starting line-up and could prove stubborn opposition. The Steers are said to be in good condition.

But the going will be tougher from now on. Next week the Steers journey to Hobbs where they will meet one of the strongest clubs in 5-B conference. Hobbs licked Trent last week 19-0.

BRONTE TO COAHOMA

Bronte's Longhorns won an easy 39-12 victory over Ira last week, but Coach Houston Jolley's lads can expect some stiff opposition when they travel to Coahoma this weekend.

County Judge Jeff Dean is back in his office after being absent two weeks because of a knee operation. He is getting around with the aid of a crutch. The operation is believed to have been highly successful.

brain. After being treated several weeks in San Angelo he was removed to the local hospital.

DRUGGIST FARRIS AND WIFE TELL OF THEIR TRIP TO PACIFIC NORTHWEST

T. W. Farris together with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farris left Sweetwater on the morning of Sept. 2 and picked up Mrs. T. W. Farris at Lubbock where she had been visiting her mother. From Lubbock, we went to Clovis, N. M., and from there to Albuquerque and spent the first night on the prairie between Albuquerque and Gallup. And what a night, we like to have frozen. We weren't half as tough as we thought and from that time on we spent nights in hotels or motels.

We crossed some hills that we thought were mountains between the two towns mentioned, but found out they were very insignificant compared to what we saw later. From Gallup we went through Grants Pass and here we found out where all the carrots are grown. They were using thousands of hands both men and women to gather and prepare the carrots for shipment.

From Gallup we passed through the Painted Desert and also the Petrified Forest. These were interesting to one who had never seen them.

We cross into Arizona and travel across the state to Kingman and spent the 2nd night. The most striking thing about Arizona was the curio shops, bars and gambling shops. The citizens along the highway think it is their duty to relieve the tourist of all the money he has.

From Kingman, we proceeded to the Hoover Dam. We were taken all through the dam and had explained to us some very interesting facts.

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The project cost \$173,900,000. It is not only self sustaining but is making money. It is the largest hydroelectric power plant in the world. Quite interesting is the fact that the late Franklin D. Roosevelt started the first generator by turning a golden key in Washington September 11, 1936.

From the Hoover Dam we proceeded through the Nevada desert the long way and if we ever go that way again it will be when the temperature is zero elsewhere. We saw nothing in the state worth mention except gold and silver mines. We were told that the mines produce as high as \$780 of gold and silver to the ton. We crossed into Oregon at Klamath Falls where was located the great rehabilitation and hospital for the marines during the second world war.

From Klamath Falls we went to the Crater Lake National Park, from there to Medford, Grants Pass and on to Roseburg, which is 30 miles inland from the Pacific ocean. Before reaching the mountains in this state we saw some of the most productive country in the world. In the mountains the chief occupation is the lumber business. This section of the state has the most and the finest timber left in the U. S. We were shown one pine log 20 feet long that was 7 feet in diameter and weighed 18 tons. The mill operator told us it would cut out about \$700 of lumber.

On our return trip from Oregon we came through Imperial Valley 780 miles over the Alaskan Central American highway. The valley is all irrigated and is the world's largest and finest fruit and vegetable garden. It was working alive with people trying to get their crops harvested. In the lower end of the valley we saw quite a bit of cotton. It is also irrigated and makes 2 bales per acre. I asked some of the people why they wanted to raise cotton when they could have so many and more valuable crops. They would look at my license plate and say that some dam fool Texan came over there and he thought he would starve if he didn't raise cotton.

We arrived back in Rober Lee the 15th. And we were glad to get back to Texas among God's chosen people who have a smile and a sympathetic hand shake.

We enjoyed the trip very much but would not care to make it again.
—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris.

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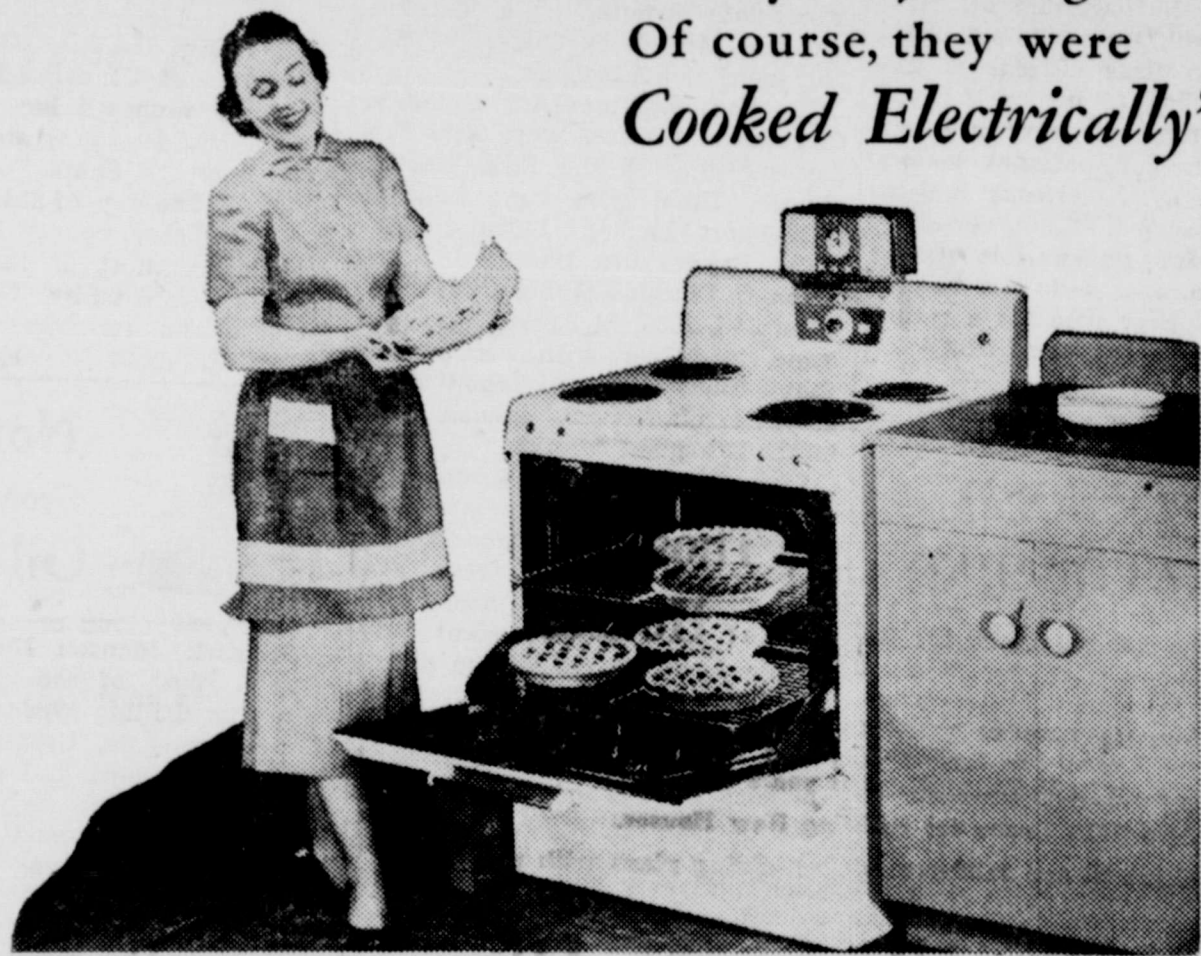
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Prison Rodeo To Open Next Sunday

HUNTSVILLE, Oct. 2.—The most thrilling show staged in the entire Southwest will open just outside the walls of Texas State penitentiary here, next Sunday, October 5th. And, when the gates of the rodeo chutes in Prison Stadium arena swing open at 2 p. m. Texas' Annual Prison Rodeo will be on for the 21st year with four big Sunday afternoon performances, October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Convict cowboys, allegedly the most reckless in the nation, had a taste of what is in store for them at a try-out session in the big prison arena last Sunday. Their conclusion is that "somebody has done souped-up that bucking stock." Very little doubt remains in their minds that they will mount some of the buckiest critters ever seen in anybody's rodeo arena. And they are probably right, for the broncos and bulls, used only once a year in the four-Sunday series of shows, don't get used to contact with man enough to tame down like ordinary rodeo stock.

Featured guest attraction for the opening day performance will be the 130-piece University of Texas Longhorn Band and the "Texas Stars," the group of majorettes and twirlers featured with the band at football games.

PRICE MOVES CATTLE

Glenn Waldrop advised The Observer this week that Foster Sims Price has leased 14 sections, 13 miles west of Roswell, N. Mex., and is moving 250 head of cows there for pasture. Mr. Waldrop, who has been foreman of the Price ranch west of Edith, will move his family out to Roswell to look after the herd. Price plans to winter his sheep here and also his registered herd of Herefords on his Garden City ranch.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley returned Sunday from an enjoyable two weeks' vacation trip. They visited their son, Bobbie, at Wichita Falls and went north to Kansas, then over to Joplin and Springfield, Mo. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fields at Monet, Mo., and then traveled to western Oklahoma where they visited kinfolks, including the Henry Hatleys at Crawford, the Henry Porters and Lloyd Bartons at Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Trent at Hammon. Returning home the Robert Lee couple stopped at Higgins, Tex., for a visit with the Cleve Hughes family. During the Hatleys' absence the locker plant was in charge of Roy Braswell and Mrs. Howard Eaton.

Three hundred constitutes a perfect score in bowling.

Captain Kidd was an American shipmaster, commissioned by the British to capture pirates.

Want Ads

SCHOOL BUS FOR SALE

Bids will be received until Oct. 8, 1952, for the purchase of one 1947 International 42-passenger School Bus, with new motor.

This equipment may be inspected at the Silver Peak school grounds. File bids with O. L. Snyder, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Silver Peak School District, Silver, Texas.

WANTED—Baby sitting at night in your home. Call 66W. Mrs. Pearl Mayo. 1p

FOR SALE — Three-room house and furniture and 2 lots; nice cellar, 250-gal. butane tank, located 2 blocks east of court house. \$1,800.00. See C. E. McDonald or write J. D. Black, Rt. 5, Levelland, Tex.

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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.

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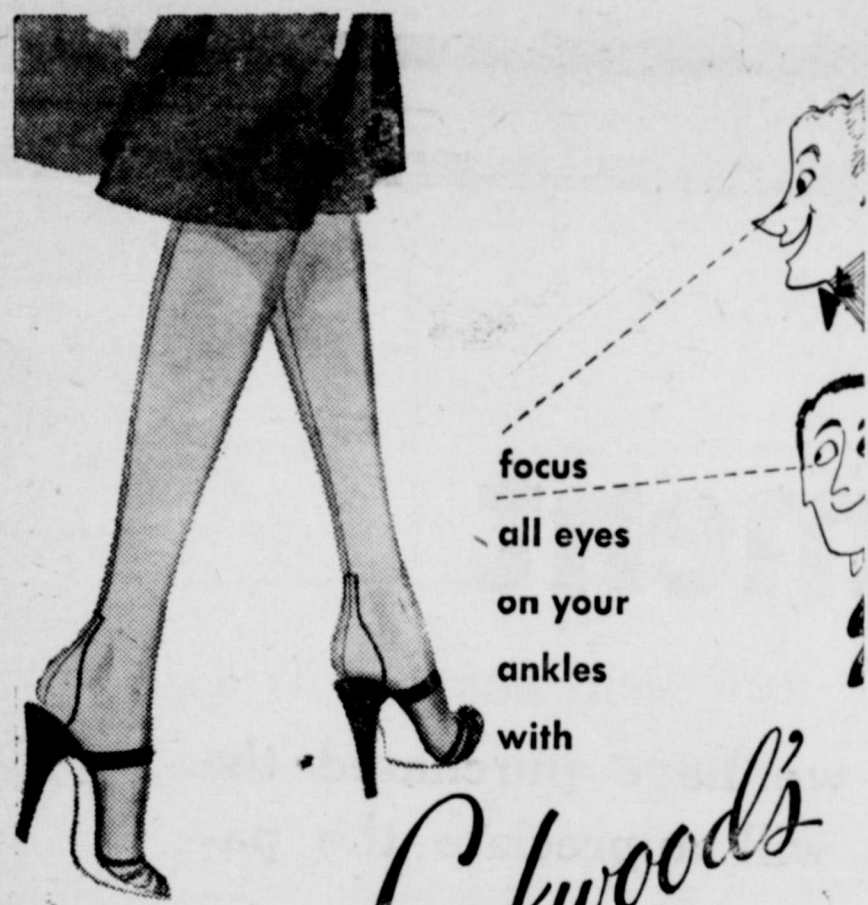
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FLOUR Red & White 25 lbs 1.79

Salad Dressing Sun Spun Pint 29c

Kraft Dinner 2 pkgs 25c

Foam Kist Tuna 2 cans 45c

PEANUT BUTTER, Swifts 20 oz jar 53c

BEANS, Kimbell Mexican Style can 10c

CATSUP, Red & White 2 ige bottles 45c

PORK CHOPS Lean & Tender lb 65c

ROUND STEAK lb 89c

SUN SPUN OLEO lb 20c

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GREEN MT. UPS SCHOOL TAX TO DOUBLE 1951

It's tax paying time, and of course every property owner knows about it because hundreds of tax notices were mailed out this week by the county, school districts and towns.

The county allows a discount of 3 per cent on taxes paid in October. Two per cent off is allowed on November payments and 1 per cent on December. No discounts are allowed by the schools and cities, but everyone has until Feb. 1 before the 1952 taxes become delinquent.

SCHOOL TAX DOUBLES

Taxes to be collected by the Robert Lee Independent School District this year are twice as much as in 1951. It's all on account of consolidation of Green Mountain with the Robert Lee district. Green Mountain has a big oil valuation, since Sun's Millican field and its 40 producing wells are included.

Some reduction in the assessment of real estate within the old Robert Lee district was made after Green Mountain came in.

H. S. Lewis, Sr., tax assessor-collector, mailed out notices some time ago and says collections have been good. School taxes are figured on a levy of \$1.50.

Following is a comparison of Robert Lee Independent School District valuations and taxes for this year and last:

	1952	1951
Real Est. Val.	1,426,792	1,369,901
Personal Prop. ...	381,535	332,008
Oil, Utilities	2,220,570	309,365

Total value	4,025,317	2,011,264
Total tax	\$60,379.75	30,108.26

SMALL CITY INCREASE

Only a small increase is noted in Robert Lee city taxes this year, according to Mrs. Sam Jay, City Secretary, who also serves as tax assessor and collector. Property valuations reached \$947,155, an increase of about \$45,000 over 1951.

Figured on a city levy of 75 cents, this brings the 1952 tax total to \$7,081.82, compared with \$6,839.72 last year.

City taxes are divided 55 cents for the general fund and 20 cents for interest and sinking. However, with some big payments coming up on old waterworks bonds most of the entire city tax will be required for the bond and interest payments during the next few years. Fortunately the water department is making money and the city's financial condition is in good shape.

P. E. Webb returned the first of the week to his duties as elementary principal in the Robert Lee schools. He made a fine recovery from a chest operation which he underwent a few weeks ago. During his absence from school Mrs. Harry Porter served as a substitute teacher in the grades.

Water occupies more space at 50 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, than at 50 degrees above.

U. S. Presidents who have died in office are Garfield, McKinley, Lincoln, Harrison, Taylor, Harding and Roosevelt.

State To Rebuild 2 Highway Bridges

Gage Brothers of San Antonio were low bidders at a recent letting in Austin for construction of two new bridges on Highway 208, south of Robert Lee. Their bid on the two structures was \$54,804.34. Work is due to start immediately.

One of the new bridges will be located 2½ miles south of town, where the old structure is in bad shape. Heavy loads are now required to by-pass the bridge. Engineers say the sharp curve may be reduced and the new bridge placed on a different angle.

The other bridge will be about 4 miles farther south. Both the new bridges will be of concrete with steel re-enforcing.

The project is being handled at state expense, except for about \$15,000. The latter figure was left over from Coke County's allotment of state funds for Farm to Market Roads during the past two years.

Maurice Cole To Open New Drive-In Theatre At Abilene

Maurice Cole was over from Abilene on business yesterday and advised The Observer that his new drive-in theatre would be ready to open within the next few days. It has been named the Key City Drive In Theatre.

Located at 17th and North Treadway, it is just a few blocks from the business section of Abilene and is between ACC and H-SU. It has a capacity of 600 autos and seating is provided for 300 persons in air-conditioned rooms behind plate glass. The 60-ft. screen, among the largest in the country, is on a 75-ft. tower. There is also a large concession booth.

Mr. Cole, former well known Robert Lee resident, has been very successful in the outdoor theatre business. He previously built and sold drive-ins at Wichita Falls, Corsicana and Fort Worth.

Thanks, Folks

Having sold our filling station to Paul Burns, we wish to thank the people of this community for the fine patronage they have given us.

It has been a pleasure to serve you, and we hope we have made many friendships which continue through the years.

We also wish Paul every success. He's a fine young man and we know he will treat you right and give you first class service at all times.

Varnadore Service Station

Howard & Ernest Varnadore

Announcement

We wish to announce that we have purchased the Varnadore Service Station, and will appreciate the patronage of old and new customers.

We will continue to feature TEXACO Gas and Oil products and FIRESTONE Tires and will offer a complete service, including Washing, Greasing and Tire Repairs.

We want to give you the best kind of service at all times and hope to merit a share of your business.

Burns Service Station

PAUL BURNS, Proprietor

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- ★ HOLSTEIN SHOW
- ★ FARM IMPLEMENTS
- ★ AUTOMOBILE SHOW
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Arlyn and Mildred Simpson visited home folks enroute to Hutchinson, Kan., from Corpus Christi, Texas, where he has been stationed for the past year. Mrs. Frank D. Bryan entertained for them with a buffet supper. Those present included his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Simpson, and aunt, Mrs. Annie McCabe, Annelle Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan. Out-

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8—Fire destroys Chicago, 1871.
9—American Revolution ends, 1781.
10—U.S. naval academy opened, 1845.
11—Edison obtains first patent, 1868.

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of-town guests, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Simpson, San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Simpson and family of Odessa.

Word has been received that they arrived safely and have a nice apartment. Their address is 719 East Ave. B., Hutchinson, Kansas.

Personals

A/2 William L. Coffey visited here a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coffey. He was being transferred from an air base at Bedford, Mass., to Alamogordo, N. Mex.

Mrs. Janet Bilbo Evans of Robert Lee was elected a Student Council Representative for the Junior Class in the first general class meeting of the year on Sept. 22. She is a student at Sul Ross College in Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Savage and Miss Lula Savage of Lovington, N. Mex., visited relatives and friends at Silver and Robert Lee a few days last week. They were overnight guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Whitt at Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brod and Betty Sue of Eldorado came up for the football game Friday night and spent the weekend with the Roy Walkers at Silver. Mr. Brod teaches in the Eldorado Public schools. His wife is the former Mary Jacobs.

Capt. Nathan Douthit and family visited the last of the week in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown. They were enroute from Harlingen AFB to Lubbock for a brief visit with kinfolks.

Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick arrived home Saturday after a six weeks' visit with relatives in northeastern Iowa. Her condition is good.

RUPTURE Shield Expert Here

H. M. SHEVNAN, widely known expert of Chicago, will personally be at the Cactus Hotel, San Angelo, Tuesday Only, October 7, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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STATE FAIR OPENS OCT. 4

The fair is in the air in Texas. And the tempo of preparations for the 67th annual exposition of the great State Fair of Texas in Dallas is beginning to speed up as the opening day, Saturday, Oct. 4, draws nearer.

Brilliantly re-decorated—for the first time since 1946—the magnificent 187-acre, \$35,000,000 fairgrounds glisten with a new color scheme: Hues of autumnal green and brown on major exhibit buildings, contrasting with bright circus colors on the re-furbished Midway.

Stephen Day set up the first printing press in the U. S. in 1638.

NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE

PURSUANT to an Order of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, passed on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1952, notice is hereby given that at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1952, in the Commissioners Court Room in Coke County Court House at Robert Lee, Texas, Jeff Dean, Special Commissioner appointed by said Court will hold and preside over a public auction and sale where in the following described land in Coke County, Texas, to-wit:

Being two tracts or parcels of land situated in Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, to-wit:

Part of lots 9 and 11 in Block 63 as shown by map or plat of said town on file in the deed records of Coke County, Texas. And being that part of said lots 9 and 11 of Block 63 not used or occupied by State Highway No. 208.

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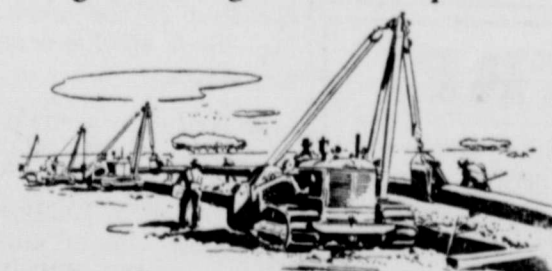
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MRS. FREDDIE W. HICKMAN

Freddie Hickman Weds Miss Bennett

The wedding of Miss Betty Carroll Bennett of Stanton and Freddie W. Hickman, of Robert Lee, was solemnized at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Stanton Church of Christ parsonage. Elmore Johnson, minister, officiated.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bennett of Stanton. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman of Robert Lee, is assistant football coach at Edison Junior High School in San Angelo.

Double-ring vows were read before an arch decorated with greenery and white gladioli. The bride wore a powder blue suit with contrasting blouse. Her shoes, bag, and gloves were of blue suede. She chose an off-the-face hat of blue plush enhanced with veil and seed pearls. She carried a white Bible topped with white orchid.

Miss Anita Shankle of Stanton was maid of honor. Best man was Hawley Fields of Midland.

The couple will live at 415 N. Jackson in San Angelo. Mrs. Hickman was graduated from the Stanton High School and attended Abilene Christian College and North Texas State College at Denton. She is a member of Zeta Pi Gamma Sorority.

Mr. Hickman, a graduate of Robert Lee High School, attended San Angelo College and received his

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BAND DELIGHTS GRIDIRON FANS

For their first home appearance the Robert Lee High School Band put on a fine exhibition between halves at the Steer-Eldorado game last Friday night.

The visitors were recognized by the band playing, "If I knew You Were Coming, I'd Have Baked A Cake." Tribute to the Steers was a lighted formation of a steer in blue and red as the school song was played and sang.

Officers of the band were introduced. Members of the band and the director, Jack Gray, appreciated the friendly reception from the audience. Other lighted performances will also be included on future half-time shows.

Officers of the band are: president, Barbara Casey; vice president, Butch Davis; secretary-treasurer, Byron Russell; reporter, Donna Hallmark; drum major, Jerry Hurley; majorettes, Leslie Nell Wink, Bennie Helen Wyatt, Marjorie Calvert, Betty Sue Mitchell, Donna Hallmark (alternate).

Band membership by sections:

Flutes—June McKinley.
Clarinets—Leslie Nell Wink, Jo Alice McDonald, Carolyn Simpson, Doris Sparks, Donna Hallmark, Bennie Helen Wyatt, Carol Geer, Judy Stephenson, Sue Goodwin, Diane Mitchell, Annice Gartman, Mariella Porter, Marta Geer, Mary B. Schooler, Bernice Selts, Shirley Strube, A. J. Summers, Dian Casey, Glenda Littlefield.

Saxophones—Freddie McDonald, Jack Dibrell, Morgan Russell.

Cornets—Byron Russell, Sam Ed Skipworth, Billy Mundell, Ronnie Snoddy, Jerry Sparks, Jerry Dean, W. H. Wyatt, Bobby Cowley, Joe Ross.

French Horns—Marjorie Calvert, Cecil Caffey.

Trombones—Jerry Hurley, Barbara Casey, Jackie Sparks, Monty Trimble.

Baritones—Ben Bessent, Larry Jack Rabb.

Basses—Butch Davis.
Drums—Joyce Bagwell, Carol Bagwell, Mary Vaughan, Betty Mitchell, Barbara Bowen, Lewis Porter.

SILVER NEWS

C. W. Cypert, employee of the Sun gasoline plant, has been promoted to operator 1st class and transferred to the Millican plant. He and his family will continue to live at Silver for the present. With enlargement of the Millican plant another operator was assigned to assist N. K. Cheatham, who has been the lone operator there the past year.

J. W. Fisher and H. W. Keener and their wives were here from Starr County last week visiting friends. They were transferred from Silver to South Texas a year ago.

B. J. Hargis, wife and baby of Grandfalls are here visiting the former's brother, Elma Hargis, and family.

Ben McDougal has returned to Silver as a production foreman, having been transferred from Odessa. Mr. McDougal lost a leg in an accident in New Mexico last year, but has made a good recovery. Silver folks are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. McDougal.

Personals

Nathan Geer was called to Kansas the first of the week after receiving word of the serious illness of his mother.

McNeil Wylie spent the weekend in Lubbock with his wife and his daughter, Jane. Mrs. Wylie is teaching English in Lubbock. She is absent from school duties this week because of the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Roy Spykes, 67, of Hermleigh, who is being treated in a Lubbock hospital.

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