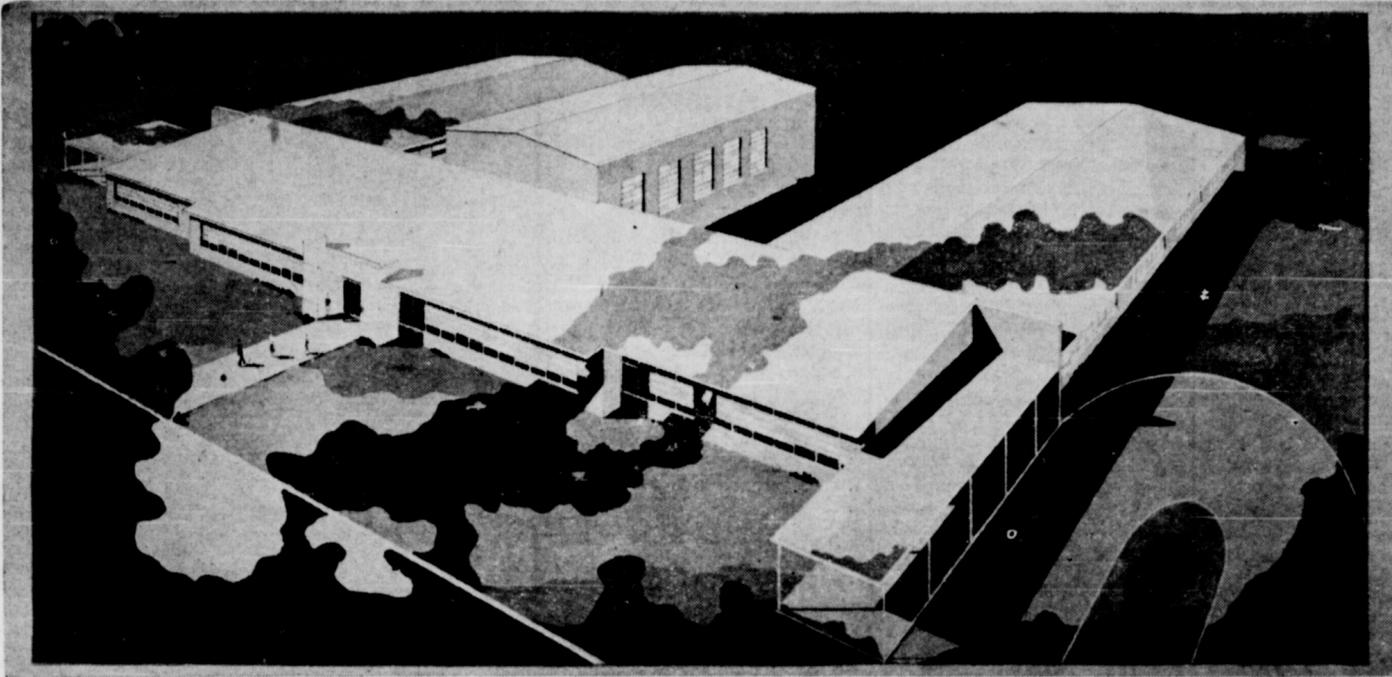


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Architect's Drawing of Proposed New Robert Lee School Building

NEW MODELS CHEVROLET OUT FRIDAY

Chevrolet introduces its 1954 model passenger cars Friday, Dec. 18 and Vaughan Chevrolet of Robert Lee will have two of the models in their showroom.

Mr. Vaughan invites the public to come in Friday and Saturday. There will be favors for men, women and children.

The showings come near the close of one of the company's most successful years. A statement by W. E. Fish, general sales manager, reported 1953 retail sales will be topped only by the record-breaking volume of 1950, once again out-selling all other automotive makes.

Fish described the new models as greatly improved and "fit successors to the cars that have led the industry in sales for 18 of the last 19 years."

The dealer exhibits will be held simultaneously across the country and follow the 1953 model pattern when two days rather than one were designated for "announcement showings."

County Judge Jeff Dean returned to his home here Tuesday night after being hospitalized since Thursday in San Angelo.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 10 — Carolyn Fuller admitted.

Dec. 11 — Carolyn Fuller dismissed.

Dec. 12 — Mrs. Boneita Robertson, Lalonie Jean Rountree, Lawrence Higgins admitted.

Dec. 13 — Son born to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Hurley. Lalonie Rountree, Lawrence Higgins dismissed.

Dec. 14 — Connie Dukes admitted.

Dec. 15 — Don Fields, J. C. Snead, Jr., admitted.

Dec. 16 — Mrs. Carlton Hurley and infant son and Don Fields, dismissed. E. C. Davis transferred to Veterans Hospital in Big Spring.

4-H CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thirty-two girls enjoyed a Christmas Party given them by the Women's Home Demonstration Council last Friday night at the Boy Scout Building in Robert Lee.

Games were directed by Mrs. Crowley Harmon, Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. and Mary Frances Wylie. After playing games of Get Acquainted, Musical Gift, and Santa's chimney.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served to the girls, mothers, club women and leaders.

Talk Improved Phone Service

E. F. Woullard, commercial manager of General Telephone Company of the Southwest, came over from San Angelo last Friday to confer with Robert Lee city officials and civic leaders.

Mr. Woullard brought the welcomed information that the company is formulating a very definite program to bring better telephone service to Coke County. Included in the plans are a new dial system, a possible dial exchange for Silver and new rural lines.

General Telephone Company recently purchased the San Angelo Telephone Company. General offices of the company have been moved from Dallas to San Angelo where a new office building is to be erected in the southwestern part of the city near San Angelo College.

Mr. Woullard and other representatives of his company are invited to come over often. This community has long suffered from its telephone service which failed to keep pace with the times.

Early Observer For Next Week

The Observer will be published one day earlier next week. Our annual Christmas Greetings edition will be printed Wednesday, so that subscribers all over the county will receive the paper Thursday morning, the day before Christmas.

BAND TO LEAD SANTA PARADE

Robert Lee's crack marching school band will lead a Santa Claus Parade here at 2 p. m. Saturday. The band is expected to play a concert downtown.

The occasion will give folks who don't attend football games an opportunity to see and hear the band which has been making fine progress the past year under the direction of Jack Gray.

Santa Claus will have candy gifts for all the boys and girls who are on hand to greet him Saturday.

In charge of the event for Robert Lee merchants are T. W. Farris, Curtis Walker and W. D. McAdams.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloane Boone and children, Peggy and Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glasgow and Travis, Amealia and Bill, and Mrs. May Boone went to El Paso recently to visit the newly-weds, Pvt. and Mrs. Vernon Castleman, and Richard Boone and family. Mrs. Castleman is the former Annie Lou Boone.

Jeff Dean Heads State Judges & Commissioners

High honors were awarded Coke County Judge Jeff Dean last week when he was elected president of the Texas Association of County Judges and Commissioners.

He was named at the conclusion of the association's annual convention held in the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. Judge Dean was secretary of the group the past year and helped arrange the Dallas convention program.

The Coke County Judge previously served as secretary and then president of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

Mrs. Dean attended the convention with her husband as did Coke County Commissioners Ditmore and Brock.

METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church presents 'White Christmas Vesper Service' this Sunday evening at 6:30 (Dec. 20) with "White Gifts" for the Waco Home.

This beautiful program will be given in "scenes, story and song" "telling the Story of the First Christmas" presented by our youth and adult choirs.

Mrs. R. C. Russell, Organist
Mrs. Jeff Dean, Director
Mrs. R. J. Boren, Reader
December 23 & 24 (7:00-8:00)
"Living Nativity Scenes" on the Church lawn; with "live" animals and "real" people — as near like the "First Christmas" as possible. We invite you to drive by and get the inspiration of "these living pictures." Register if you like.

BIRTHS

HURLEY — A son was born Dec. 13 at Coke County Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Hurley (Doris Davidson) of Robert Lee. Arriving at 5:12 a. m. Terry Paul weighed 5 pounds, 14½ ounces. He has a sister, Kathy Jean, two years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hurley and Mr. and Mrs. E. Bert Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shipman of Grand Prairie were weekend guests in the home of their son, the Rev. James C. Shipman, and family.



JEFF DEAN

SCHOOL BOND VOTE COMING UP SATURDAY

Voters of the Robert Lee Independent School District will vote Saturday on a \$295,000 bond issue for construction of a new school building.

The tax office in Robert Lee will be the only polling place in the district and polls will be open from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m.

The law provides that none but legally qualified electors of this State and of the School District and who own taxable property in the School District and who have duly rendered same for taxation shall be entitled to vote.

The architect's drawing above shows the proposed building. One wing would provide eight rooms for elementary grades and the other wing would be used by the high school. In between is an auditorium large enough to seat 500 people. The front of the building would be used for administrative offices, library, etc.

Plans drawn up thus far are only tentative and may be changed.

The Robert Lee district extends over an enormous area, running from the north end of the county to the south end and west to the Sterling County line.

With consolidation of outlying areas, the district now has a taxing valuation of more than 4½ million dollars. Five years ago it was less than one million.

School officials have announced that the bond issue can be paid off during a 25-year period without increasing taxes because of the increased valuation.

Bonds will draw 3¼ per cent interest. The entire issue would be optional for payment after 15 years. This could be possible with increased oil development.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon (Jiggs) Lofton and daughter, Jan, were here for a weekend visit with relatives and friends. Jiggs has a good position with a large industrial plant in Texas City. They stopped enroute in Menard with Mrs. Lofton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raphey Farris.

Planning For Election

(Ft. Worth Star-Telegram)

This is the season when plans are maturing for the political campaign in 1954, when congressional, state and local candidates will seek office in Texas. It may be observed, in passing, that a poll tax receipt as a qualification for voting will be valuable next year.

Under the direct primary system operative in Texas, it usually is the case that the man seeks the office. The office seeking the man is a desirable condition sought more than attained. Hence those public-spirited citizens and groups who would draft able, honorable candidates for office next year should realize that opportunity is passing by, not to be regained for another two years.

The heavy vote and outcome

in the last general election in 1952 were a gratifying manifestation of functioning democracy. But it first was necessary that both parties select able candidates and policies. Next year Texas will elect one United States senator, all its national representatives, and state and county officials from governor to constable. Many officials to seek re-election are highly competent and worthy of public trust. At the same time, it should be realized now that the caliber of representation in government is to be determined by the type of candidates to be chosen in the next few months.

Only recently, Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate in 1952, admonished his party to select candidates who would make able and effective officials, governed by honest policies. The advice should extend to all parties and factions who may draft men of ability and integrity to serve in public position in the future.



Notes

From The Oil Field

Coke County Gets Stepout, Two Outposts

Applications have been filed to drill a stepout and two outposts to production in Coke County fields.

Perkins-Prothro Co. will drill its 4-B W. C. Blanks 1/2-mile north and slightly east of the north side of the Jameson (Strawn) field, 18 miles northwest of Robert Lee.

Rotary drilling to 6,600 feet will begin after Jan. 1. Elevation is 1,995 feet.

Location, on a 578-acre tract, is 660 feet from the north and 467 feet from the west lines of S. J. Evans survey.

Perkins-Prothro Co. will drill its 2-B J. W. Johnson one location east and 3/8 mile northeast of production in the two well Fuller-Coke (Strawn) field, 20 miles northwest of Robert Lee.

Rotary drilling to 7,000 feet will begin after Jan. 1. Elevation is 2,151 feet.

Location, on a 1,461.23-acre tract, is 500 feet from the north and 524 feet from the west lines of 68-2-H&TC.

Perkins-Prothro Co. will also drill its 3-B J. W. Johnson, one location southeast of production in the two well Fuller-Coke (Strawn) field, 20 miles northwest of Robert Lee.

Rotary drilling to 7,000 feet will begin after Jan. 1. Elevation is 2,186 feet.

Location, on a 1,461.23 acre tract, is 3,301 feet from the north and 660 feet from the west lines of 68-2-H&TC.

Water Association Re-elects Mrs. Jay

R. W. Kannady of Big Lake, former Robert Lee resident, was elected president of the Ft. Concho Water and Sewage Association at the regular meeting of the organization Dec. 10 in San Angelo. Mr. Kannady is water superintendent at Big Lake.

H. H. Lancaster of San Angelo was named vice president, with J. C. Deal elected program chairman. Mrs. Virginia Jay, Robert Lee city secretary, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

There will be a short school beginning Dec. 31 in San Angelo for members who wish to obtain A or B licenses. Classes will be held once or twice a week, depending upon the wishes of the group. The State Department will conduct a short school either in January or February.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay attended the meeting last Thursday night.

Hayrick Lodge



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

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GIFTS for every member of the family.

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Robert Lee, Texas

FREE GIFT WRAPPING

Why Do We Need A New School Building in Robert Lee?

Our present buildings are small and in some instances overcrowded. They cannot be properly heated in winter or cooled in summer. Rest room facilities are very poor and other equipment is worn and out of date.

The roof leaks and the cost of adequate repairs would be enormous. These are just a few of the things that are wrong with our buildings. Anyone can see the deplorable condition of our school house for himself any day in the week, if he will take time to visit the school and look it over.

We owe it to the children of this community to keep in step with progress and give them the very best in educational opportunities that we can afford. Upon our children depends the future of this land and we must start now to help build that future.

Good buildings and modern equipment have a decided effect upon the mental attitude of school children. What child would not learn more in cheerful and comfortable surroundings where needed training aids are available? Also good buildings and equipment tend to attract better teachers.

We cannot offer our children the opportunities and advantages they deserve with our present school facilities.

Christianity and Education are the cornerstones upon which any successful community, state or nation is built. They must move forward with strong churches and good schools, or they will decay. There is no middle road, nor is there a stopping place. Advancing civilization will not let us stop and get away with it.

It is our moral duty as citizens of this community to keep pace with progress by always building and moving forward.

How can we get a new school building in Robert Lee? Simply by going to the polls Saturday, Dec. 19, and voting for the bond issue.

Voting for a new school building will not cost you any more in taxes than you are already paying. There will NOT be any increase in the tax rate or increase in property assessments.

The Robert Lee Independent District is in financial condition to retire the bonds as scheduled if the bond issue carries.

The undersigned interested citizens earnestly solicit your support of this effort to provide better school facilities for children of the Robert Lee Independent District.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek	Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Sheppard	Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powell
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr.	Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel	Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Austin
Mrs. Olene Snoddy	Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey	Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan	Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts	Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trimble	Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb	Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ivey	Kenneth Lackey	Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wojtek
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker	Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams	Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schooler	Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Shipman	Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wojtek, Jr.	Mrs. Zelma Milam	Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowley
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace	Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Copeland	Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell

Shall We Progress?

Saturday of this week people residing in the Robert Lee Independent School District will make an important decision. They will either support or reject a proposal to build a new school house.

Those favoring the project probably reason something like this: I want to have the best possible school for my children and although I may not have children of my own, I want to see every child get a good high school education. The present building isn't very good; the roof leaks and always has, it's cold in the winter, it's unsafe from fire and storms, it needs constant repairs. I believe this is the time to build while we have a big tax income from oil properties, and there is good chance that the oil play will spread to other sections of the district. It would seem that the enlarged Robert Lee district with a taxing valuation now of 4½ millions, could pay off the bond issue without a tax raise. A few years ago we operated on a valuation of only one million dollars. I believe school officials who say we can have a new school without increasing taxes, and I am going to expect that they live up to that agreement.

Persons opposing the new school might argue thusly: The present school building is good enough; let the kids rough it a little. Kids have it too easy nowadays. I know a guy who never went beyond the 4th grade and he's a millionaire. I guess it's true that children in the bigger towns have lots better school facilities, but we can't all live in the big cities. I ain't got no kids anyhow, so why should I dig up all that tax money.

And then we'd like to put in two-bits worth for The Observer: This community is at the crossroads in our opinion. Many of us are alarmed because of the vacant business buildings. It appears that 1954 may be a year when Robert Lee will again advance up the road of progress or continue to lose ground.

We have progressed greatly during the past few years. A fine water system and ample source of supply, new hospital, new highways and a considerable number of new homes are among our achievements. Construction of a new modern school building would be the most important project to be fitted in with the forward progress of this community.

We are all aware that the important foundation of any community is the home, church and school. We have welcomed people engaged in the oil business to come and live with us. They're good citizens and they help business. Yet they always inquire about what kind of a school do you have.

Oil is the thing that makes a new school building possible and we should take advantage of our opportunity. Those reef wells in

the west part of the district will be producing for 25 to 30 years at least, long enough to pay off a bond issue. And then there are a lot of smart people who think more oil will be discovered. If the operators didn't think there was more oil around here, they'd stop spending so much money prospecting.

Folks of this community have an opportunity to help themselves and their neighbors if they vote for the school bonds Saturday. We hope the proposition is given a one-sided victory.

SCHOOL NOTES

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Robert Lee schools will begin their Christmas Vacation Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22. Classes will not be resumed until Monday, Jan. 4.

BASKET BALL TOURNAY

Robert Lee boys and girls cage teams made good showings in the weekend. In the first round our Sterling City tournament last girls defeated Garden City 73 to 30, while the boys downed the same school 47 to 34.

The girls starting lineup included Carolyn McDaniel, Leslie Nell Wink, Jackie Sparks, guards and Melva Dean Gartman, Joyce Bagwell and Pat Robertson, forwards. Other players wear Susie Skipworth and LaRue Walker, guards, and Peggy Bilbo, Louise Meek, Sue Henson and Jo Clawson forwards.

Robertson led the scoring with 34 points, Bilbo registered 15, Gartman 18 and Henson 6.

Shirley Stewart is the team manager.

Robert Lee's girls were posed out 39 to 38 Friday by Forsan. The game was tied when Forsan sank a free throw in the last two seconds to win. Robertson again led the scorers with 21 points.

In the first boys game Lynn Davidson scored 23 points, Hollis Lloyd 14, Ben Bessent 6, John McDaniel 3 and Sherman Williams 1. J. C. Caston is manager of the boys team.

Robert Lee boys lost their second round game to Forsan 40-55. Forsan went into the finals where they lost to Bronte.

LOCAL NEWS

Preston Ross returned last week from a stay of several months at Anchorage, Alaska, where he drove a taxicab. Bill Higgins, another Robert Lee resident, remained there and is in the same business, having a cab of his own. Preston is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ross.

Lalonne Jean Rountree, 2½ year old Colorado City child, fell out of her parents auto Saturday while enroute to San Angelo. The accident occurred a few miles south of Robert Lee. The child was brought to Coke County Hospital for treatment over night. She suffered bad lacerations and bruises.



MRS. VERNON CASTLEMAN

Miss Boone Weds Pfc. Castleman

Miss Annie Lou Boone of Robert Lee and Pfc. Vernon Castleman of Houston were married Dec. 1, 1953, at Las Cruces, New Mex.

The bride wore a white nylon ballerina length dress with tiny

yellow flaked harder over white nylon taffeta and white shoes. She was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Richard C. Boone, who wore a grey suit.

The bridegroom was attended by Sgt. Richard C. Boone, brother of the bride.

Mrs. Castleman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone and graduated from Robert Lee High School with the class of 1953.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Castleman of Houston. He formerly was employed in Robert Lee by H & L Truck Co. and is now stationed at Fort Bliss.

Following the wedding the party returned to El Paso where a

reception was held in the home of Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Boone.

The couple will reside in El Paso until the bridegroom gets out of service next May.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman and children, Carla and Kyle, of Premont have been guests the past week in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. Mrs. Grubenman is the former Martha Smith. They will spend next week with Carl's parents at Henderson. A Sun Petroleum engineer, Mr. Grubenman was stationed at Silver before being transferred to South Texas a year ago.

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Silver Baptists Break Ground For A New Church

Rev. J. William Arnett, Missionary of District Eight, brought the message on Dec. 6 when the Silver Baptist Church held their ground breaking ceremony for their new \$15,000.00 building, consisting of an auditorium and four classrooms. This will take the place of the old auditorium.

The church already has an educational building with six classrooms, a kitchen, and an assembly room. The congregation hopes to move into its new building on the first Sunday in March, the pastor's fourth anniversary with the church. He is former pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church of San Angelo.

The building will be 40 by 70 feet, and of Haydite tile and hardwood floors. B. B. Camron of San Angelo is the general contractor.

Shown in the picture as taking part in the ceremony are:

From left to right: Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr., Training Union Director; Mrs. Claude Walker, Sunday School Supt.; Mrs. C. B. Jacobs, W. M. U. President; Mrs. T. W. Lyle, Church Clerk; C. B. Jacobs, Building Committee; Homer Jameson, Treasurer and member Building Committee; Ben McDougle, Building Committee; Rev. Ray Sparks, Pastor; Cecil Palmer, Finance Committee; Rev. Horace Bloodworth, Building Committee; Bill Holliman, Building Committee Chairman; Jesse D. Duplissey, Finance Committee.

A drive for funds was made among the church members Dec. 13, and \$4,300.00 was raised in cash and pledges. The Finance Committee is now contacting individuals for funds.

Workmen have the foundation laid, part of sub-floor down, and are beginning on the walls today (Monday), and hope to have them up by this Friday.

Ray M. Sparks, Pastor.

Mrs. Joe Ed Scott was over from Bronte Friday visiting among kinfolks and friends. She is the former Wilma Roberts.

You Are Invited To
Services at The

CHURCH OF CHRIST

In Robert Lee

SUNDAY SERVICES — Bible Study 10:15 to 10:55 a. m. Worship at 11:00 A. M. Young Peoples Class at 6:00 P. M. Evening Worship at 7:00.

Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7:00

OWEN COSGROVE, Minister

Silver News

A Christmas Pageant will be presented at the Silver Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitt have gone to Gulf Camp where they are staying with their daughter, Mrs. Thelma McCauley, and family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whitt are in poor health.

The Frank Mullican family spent the weekend with relatives and friends in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haigood, newly married couple, were honored with a gift shower last Thursday night at Sun Recreation Hall. Ladies of the Church of Christ sponsored the event.

Lee Weigel, engine operator at the Jameson gasoline plant, was hospitalized several days recently with pneumonia. He has returned to his home in Tubb camp from Colorado City but has not resumed work.

Ed Pace is chairman of the Christmas Party for Sun Gas Division employees and their families which takes place Sunday evening in the Rec Hall. There will be a program of movies, singing, etc., and a gift exchange.

Allen Jameson, Ramey Jameson and J. B. Walker, Jr., were deer hunting last week near San Saba. They brought home three nice bucks.

C. E. Mathers and his son-in-law, George Pennington, of Colorado City, returned Tuesday night from Seminole, Okla. The Penningtons purchased a 160-acre place near Seminole and Mr. Mathers added another quarter section to his holdings in that area. Upton Mathers is operating his father's place and handling considerable cattle. Upton and his family will go to Winslow, Ariz., for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Mathers' family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carr enjoyed a weekend trip to Uvalde where they visited their grandson, Wilbur Brown and John Fant, and families.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Windham and son, J. D., have returned from a vacation trip to points in East Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. Windham is a pumper for A. G. Hill and resides on the J. B. Walker, Jr. lease.

The Bill Allens of Sweetwater were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom. Mr. Allen is a brother of Mrs. Odom.

Sun Production Department's Christmas Party for the Kiddies will take place Tuesday night, Dec. 22, at the Rec Hall.

Charlie Smith, field clerk in the Sun Production office the past year, has resigned. He leaves the end of the week for Odessa where he has accepted a position with Pritchard & Abbott, evaluation engineers. The Smiths have been living in Colo-

rado City.

Rocky Ford, junior petroleum engineer with Sun, is vacationing with his wife in Houston where they have kinfolks.

C. C. Harty of the Dallas office was here on official business for Sun Oil Co. Wednesday. He was accompanied by C. W. Richardson and Walter Barklay of Philadelphia, who are with the Systems and Planning Division.

A big Christmas Dance for Sun folks and their friends will be held Friday night of this

week. Orchestra music will be provided.

Cotton Controls Favored 64 to 7

Coke County farmers voted 64 to 7 this week to retain controls of cotton acreage. The national referendum resulted in about 95 percent favoring controls. It means that acreage will be cut next year, but the price of cotton will get government support of 90 percent of parity.

SUN OIL NOTES

Sun 1 S. E. Adams, wildcat northeast of Sanco, failed to recover any oil on a drillstem test 6,560-69 feet. Operators report it was not a good test and Wednesday morning ordered to cut a 10-foot core below 6,556 feet.

Sun 12 Walker drilling Wednesday at 5,790 feet in shale and sand.

Sun 10 Victor McCabe north of Silver bottomed at 6,298 feet and running electrical survey.

Come One, Come All!

From now until Christmas will be a busy time in our shop. However, with Aline, Peaches and Olene all working, we will accommodate everyone.

Phone for appointment or come in and take your turn.

Olene's Beauty Shop

This Week's SPECIALS

Cello Bag
CARROTS 2 for 27c

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Tuxedo TUNA 4 cans \$1

SUNSHINE
FREESTONE PEACHES - 2 1/2 can 3 for \$1.00

LIBBY'S
FRUIT COCKTAIL - - - - - LGE. 2 1/2 CAN 39c

WHITE SWAN MILK - - - - - 2 tall cans 25c

PUMPKIN No. 300 can 2 for 35c

CHARMIN TISSUE - - - - - 4 rolls 39c

GRAPREFRUIT JUICE - - - - - 46 oz. can 29c

Sliced Bacon Swifts Premium lb 73c

Swifts Sausage 1 lb roll 43c

Seven Bone Steak lb 45c

Place Your Order for Your Christmas Hen or Turkey

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Demo Chairman Will Put Stop To Cross-Filing

DALLAS—The head of the Democratic party in Texas today told Republicans to forget about cross-filing candidates in a primary, that it's illegal and the Democrats will do what is necessary to stop it.

You mean court action? a reporter asked the speaker, Wallace Savage of Dallas, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

"If that is necessary, yes," replied Savage.

"But I don't think it will be necessary; I don't think they will try cross-filing once we make our position clear."

Republicans used cross-filing for the first time in Texas in 1952 by nominating many of the conservatives chosen in Democratic primaries as the GOP candidates in the general election.

GOP Primary Due

The Republicans did their nominating by convention last year. In 1954 they will have to do it by primaries—just like the Democrats—because they pulled so many votes for governor when they cross-filed Allan Shivers.

Savage said he'd done a lot of studying of Texas election laws since the Republican state executive group met Dec. 7. At that time the Republicans indicated they believed the laws would allow cross-filing in primaries.

The Republicans indicated they believed the law doesn't bar a candidate from being on both ballots.

They're all wrong, Savage declared.

He said the law specifically prohibits a person from participating in the Democratic primary and the Republican nominating convention on the same day and that according to the statute, convention is the same as a primary.

Candidate 'Participates'

He said a person "participates" in a primary by being a candidate for the nomination as well as by voting—and therefore, the law ruled out cross-filing in a primary.

Savage said the cross-filing law applied only to the general election.

Savage had a typed statement for the press, saying:

"If the Republicans want to build a two party state, let them do so by putting up qualified candidates of their own. Filing Democratic candidates constitutes an admission that they have none.

"Republican cross-filing of Democratic candidates is nothing more than an attempt to make the Republican party look good in total number of votes by drawing off strength from the Democratic party of Texas."

BOB HICKMAN WILDCAT

Plymouth Oil Company staked a 4,200-foot wildcat in Coke as No. 1-B R. E. Hickman, 3,313 feet northeast of northeast line of S. A. Maverick survey 960 and 467 feet northwest of northwest line of same survey, but in J. S. Davridge survey 967 1/2.

It is one mile north of the Wend-Kirk Swastika sand pool, but separated from it by a 6,724-foot failure. It is on the north side of the Colorado River.

Thrice Drilling Co. has the contract and spudded in last week.

Artificial pearls were first made in 1680, by Jacquin of Paris.

COUNTY AGENT COLUMN

BROILER BUSINESS. GOOD BUSINESS

Mr. M. A. Cox, Coke County rancher, has found a way to combat the drought. Last summer Mr. Cox installed a broiler plant capable of handling 3000 chicks. On his second lot of chicks received September 2, he started 2500 Arbor Acre White Rocks. He sold these chicks at nine weeks averaging 3.132 lbs. straight across. For each 100 pounds of feed Mr. Cox got 41.89 lbs. chicken, or a feed conversion rate of 2.387. At 28 cents per pound, Mr. Cox showed an average profit per chick of 23.27 cents or a labor profit per 1000 birds of \$232.71. It required 9 weeks to grow and market the chicks; then, three weeks to clean out and get ready for the next lot of chicks. In broiler production normally four lots are raised per year.

This is just one more point in favor of a balanced farm program. Farmers need to think more about making a "living" than making a "killing" on some project that may be a long time paying off.

Robert Lee Youths Enter Steers In Houston Show

Milburn E. Wink of Robert Lee has entered two Hereford steers in the Junior Boys Steer Show of the 1954 Houston Fat Stock Show, Feb. 3 through 14.

Bill Simpson and Victor Collett are two other local youths who will have entries in the show. Bill will show an Angus and Victor a Hereford.

A bumper number of entries have been made in the fat steer classification, John Kuykendall, manager of the Livestock Department, said.

"Each youngster remembers that last year, 13 year old Johnny Wigley of Goldthwaite got \$18,800 when Bill Williams, Houston restaurant man, bought his bob-tailed Hereford," Mr. Kuykendall, said. "And they all want to show a champion."

Last year the farm youth of Texas benefited \$319,431.45 through Houston Fat Stock Show auction sales of livestock and poultry. Total premium cash awards offered in the boy's steer division this year will amount to \$3,196.

All fat steer entries must be in by January 31 because sifting will begin a day earlier this year

on February 1 to give the judges an extra day to pick the winners. The steers will be judged by John Burns, Livestock and Ranch consultant of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown and family spent the weekend at Hereford. They visited their daughters, Mrs. Clyde Wilson and Mrs. Johnny Cole, and families.

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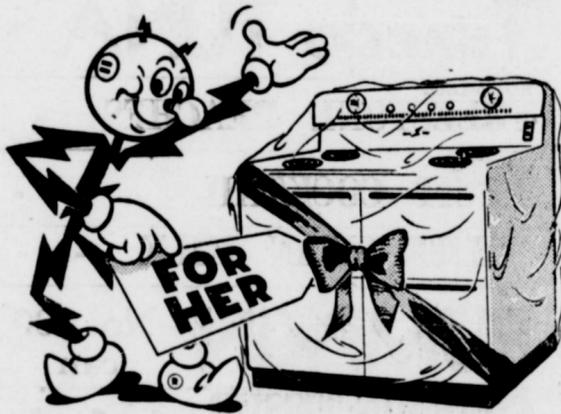
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Wallace Clift To Wed Austin Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warren Dalby of Austin announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Billie Jean, to Wallace Bruce Clift, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bruce Clift Sr. of Robert Lee. The wedding will take place Jan. 23 in the Tarrytown Methodist Church at Austin.

Both Miss Dalby and Mr. Clift are attorneys with the firm of Baker, Botts, Andrews and Parish in Houston. The bride-to-be received her B. A. and LL. B.

degrees from the University of Texas where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Orange jackets and the Mortar Board.

Mr. Clift was graduated from Robert Lee High School, the University of Texas and Harvard Law School.

Bridal Tea For Barbara Casey

A bridal tea honoring Miss Barbara Casey was held Saturday from 2 to 4 p. m. at the American Legion Hut. Hostesses were Mrs. Fagan Parker, Mrs. C. L. Hallmark and Donna Hall-

mark. Twenty-seven guests were present.

Miss Colleen Varnadore presided at the register. Johnibeth Snead and Jackie Sparks presided at the coffee table and Mrs. D. C. Harmon showed the gifts.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Bogart Watkins of Rankin and Mrs. D. B. Owsley of San Angelo.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey, Barbara will be married Dec. 19 to Buddy Millican, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones of Abilene were Sunday guests in the Roy Wyatt home. Mrs. Wyatt is their niece.

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Mrs. Della Freeman of Weatherford is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Sr.

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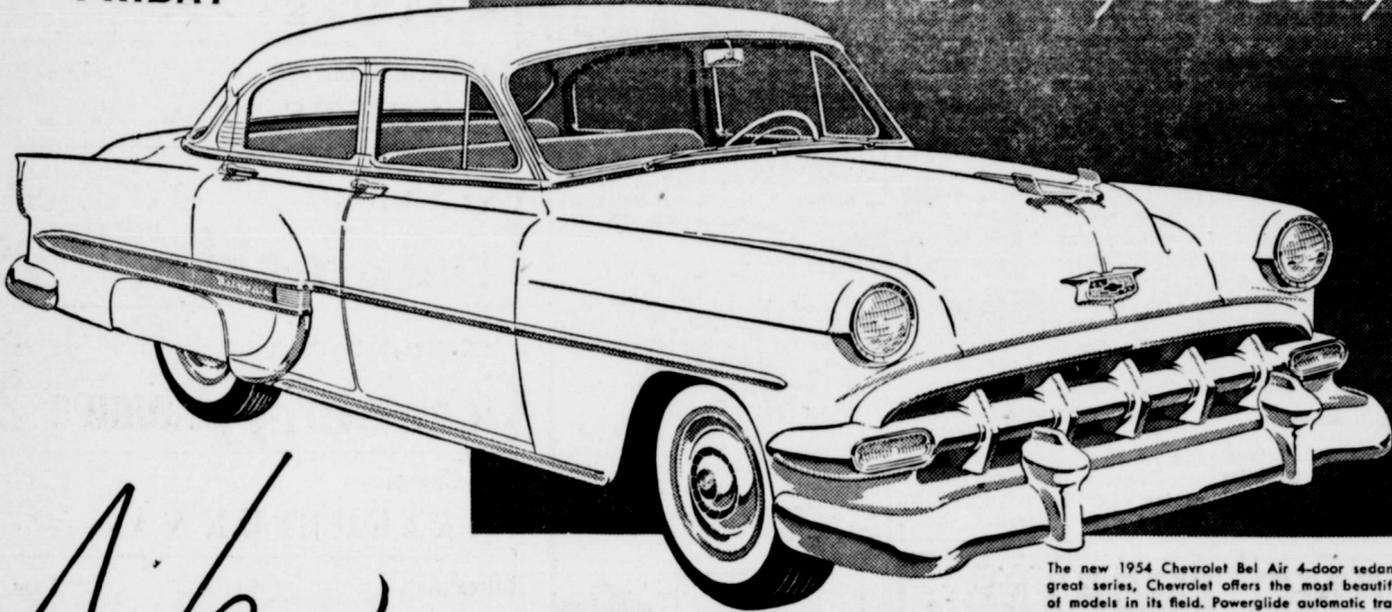
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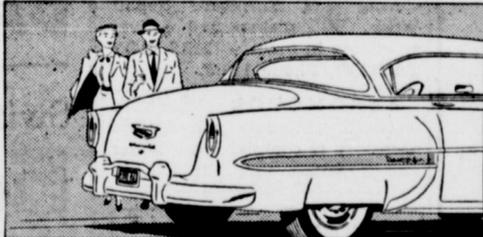
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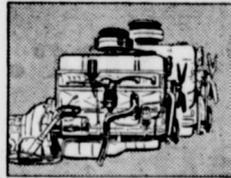
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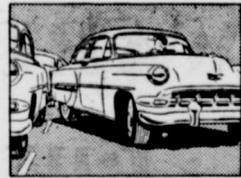
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Eastern Stars Honor Visit Of Deputy Matron

Robert Lee Chapter 187 Order of Eastern Star welcomed Miss Eunice Grayson on her official visit to the local chapter Thursday, Dec. 10. Miss Grayson, a resident of San Angelo, is deputy grand matron of District 5, Section 1.

A banquet was served to members and their friends at 5:30 p. m. at the school cafeteria. Christmas ham, cranberry salad and pecan pie featured the menu. Red predominated the table decorations with plate favors in the shape of Christmas trees which included the program and menu.

Invocation was given by Melvin Childress after which Mrs. Juanita Godwin presided as toastmistress. Carolyn Childress sang "Star of the East," and "Texas Christmas" was read by Mrs. Sam Powell. Then followed a vocal duet, "Winter Wonderland" by Annette Simpson and Carolyn Childress, with Barbara Casey as accompanist.

Out of town guests included

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Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams and Mrs. Tom Percifull of San Angelo.

A closed meeting of the Chapter opened at 7:30 when Miss Grayson made her official inspection. After the Chapter closed Christmas Carols were sung and gifts exchanged from the Christmas tree.

Visitors at the Chapter meeting included Mrs. Frank Austin of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gentry and Mrs. Bonnie McAulay of Bronte.

Gin Repairs Made After Fire Damage

A fire broke out last Thursday afternoon at the Robert Lee gin, causing a two-days shut down and damage estimated from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Flames were extinguished by a fog nozzle hose which is kept in readiness at the gin. The blaze was under control when the fire department arrived.

Fred McDonald, Jr. gin operator, says the dropper and fan were badly damaged. Temporary repairs were made working long hours and cotton was being processed again Saturday morning.

More than 400 bales of cotton have been ginned thus far, and another 100 bales is expected to be brought in.

Because of the nearness of Christmas, Tuesday is the only day the gin will operate next week.

The condition of Emory Davis has not improved satisfactorily and he was taken in the Cliff ambulance to Big Spring Wednesday where he will be treated at the Veterans Hospital.

PERSONALS

Johnnie I. Williams underwent a second abdominal operation Monday at Shannon Hospital. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

Mrs. Boneita Robertson has been a patient at the local hospital since last Thursday when she fell and fractured her left wrist.

J. C. Snead, Jr. was forced to return to the hospital for treatment Tuesday after being back at work in his barber shop for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Austin attended the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Rural Brown at Sterling City last Sunday Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCabe were in the receiving line. Mrs. McCabe being a sister of Mr. Brown.

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